Aboriginal community profile series

WELLINGTON

Local Government Area

Cultural heritage



Aboriginal people have a deep and continuous connection to the place now called Victoria, evidenced by the number of statewide cultural heritage places.

Wellington LGA has 1077 registered cultural heritage places including Aboriginal historical places, burials, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, quarries, scarred trees, shell middens and stone features.

Publicly known cultural heritage places include Knob Reserve

Throughout this document the term "Aboriginal" is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Use of the terms "Koori", "Koorie" and "Indigenous" are retained in the names of programs and initiatives, and, unless noted otherwise, are inclusive of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Data sources other than the Australian Bureau of Statistics Consus

- 1. Maternal and Child Health Annual Report 2012-13, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- 2. Victorian Local Government Aboriginal Engagement and Reconciliation Survey 2012, Reconciliation Victoria

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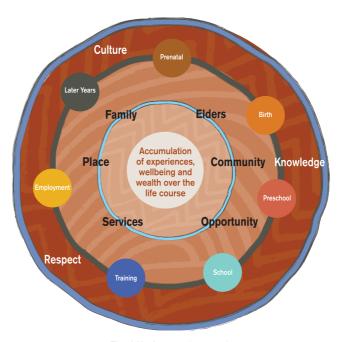
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Overview



The Life Course Approach to Aboriginal Affairs in Victoria

The Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework 2013-2018 is the Government's plan for closing the gap in Victoria by 2031, working in partnership with Aboriginal communities, service providers and the business sector.

This document provides a statistical profile of Aboriginal people within the Wellington Local Government Area (LGA). It acknowledges Aboriginal community organisations and identifies achievements and challenges relating to the Aboriginal community.

The profile is intended to support conversations between communities, service providers, governments and other key stakeholders. The information can help inform approaches and action at the local level to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people and deliver improved health, education, and employment outcomes.

Population in 2011

587

22

Aboriginal people

Median age

38,996

42

non-Aboriginal people

Median age

Aboriginal organisations

Key community organisations

Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation

Known Traditional Owners

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation#

Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation#

Key community groups

Sale Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

East Gippsland Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group

Gippsland Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

Gippsland Closing the Health Gap Advisory Committee

Sale Local Indigenous Network

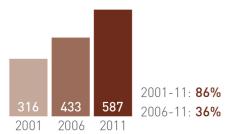
Please refer to "Victoria" profile for a list of statewide Aboriginal organisations, as these may be active in this LGA. Also note there may be other Aboriginal organisations and community groups which operate in this area.

*Registered Aboriginal Party covering a specific area within the LGA.

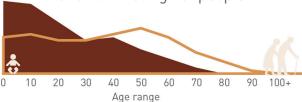


Community

Population increase rate



Age distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people



People who:

need assistance with a disability

7% 6%

provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability

18% 14%

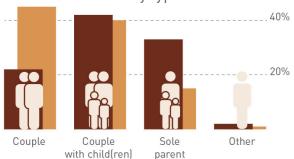
provide unpaid childcare

35% 30%

volunteer with an organisation

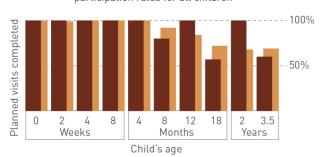
22% 26%

Family types



Maternal and child health visits¹

This graph shows Aboriginal participation rates compared with participation rates for all children



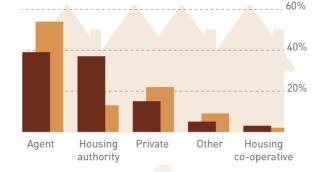
Housing and mobility

People whose home is:

Owned **48% 77%** Rented **52%** 21%

(Does not include rent-free arrangements and retirement communities)

Rental agreement types



Aboriginal people

whose home is: free-standing 93%

semi-detached 4%

a flat or unit 4%

mobile or temporary 0%

People who had moved prior to 2011, within:



Household internet access

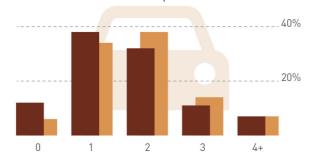
None 33% 27%

Broadband 61% 65%

Dial-up 1% 4%

Other **5% 4%**

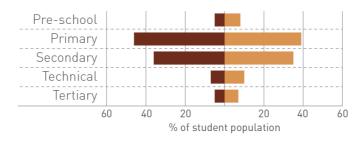
Number of cars per household



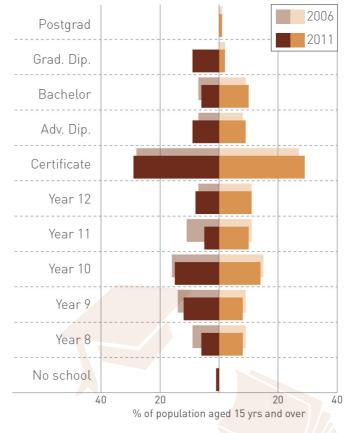
Education

Student distribution

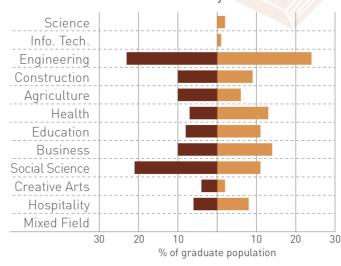
Total students 183 7,977



Highest level of education completed



Fields of study



Employment

Median weekly income

\$345 \$480

Employment rate 2006 2011 81% 85%

94% 95%

Weekly hours worked* <25 25-39 40+ 19% 30% 47% 23% 26% 47%

Employment status Full time Part time 25% 12%

34% 18%

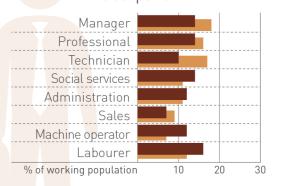
Unemployment rate

2006 2011 19% 15% 6% 5%

*Census week

Number of Aboriginal people employed by Wellington Shire Council²

Occupation



Industry

