Aboriginal community profile series

WHITTLESEA

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.

Whittlesea LGA has 709 registered cultural heritage places including a burial, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, quarries, scarred trees, a shell midden and stone features.

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 Canaus

- 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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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 Whittlesea 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

1,125

21

Aboriginal people

Median age

146,917

34

non-Aboriginal people

Median age

Aboriginal organisations

Key community organisations

Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Inc

Known Traditional Owners

Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation#

Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc#

Key community groups

Melbourne Northern Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Northern Metropolitan Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group

Northern Metropolitan Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

North and West Metropolitan Closing the Health Gap Advisory Committee

Whittlesea Local Indigenous Network

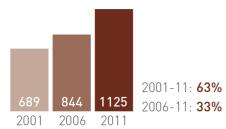
Please refer to "Victoria" profile for a list of statewide Aboriginal organisations, as these may be active in this LGA. Also note there may be other Aboriginal organisations and community groups which operate in this area.

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

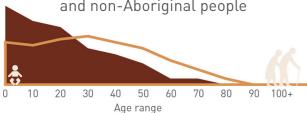


Community

Population increase rate



Age distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people



People who:

need assistance with a disability

5% 5%

provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability

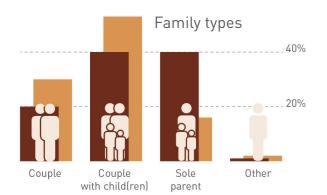
12% 12%

provide unpaid childcare

37% 31%

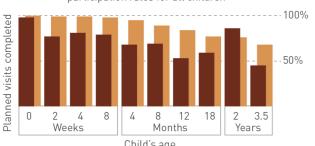
volunteer with an organisation

15% 11%



Maternal and child health visits¹

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



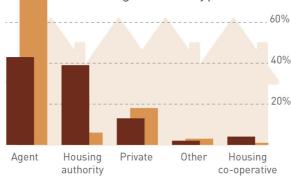
Housing and mobility

People whose home is:

Owned 48% 80% Rented **52% 19%**

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

Rental agreement types



Aboriginal people whose home is:

free-standing 88%

semi-detached 6%

a flat or unit 6%

mobile or temporary 0%

People who had moved prior to 2011, within:

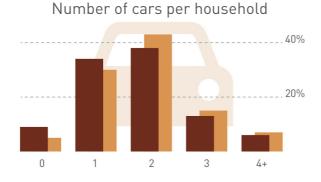


Household internet access

None 23% 21%

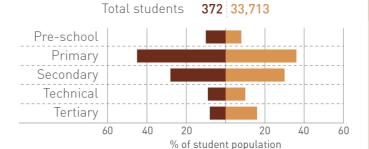
Broadband 66% 72%

Dial-up 4% 3% Other **6% 4%**

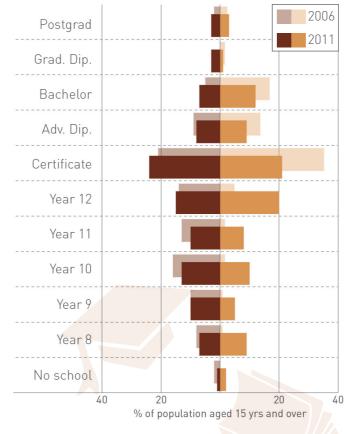


Education

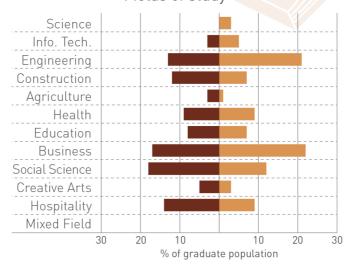
Student distribution



Highest level of education completed



Fields of study



Employment

Median weekly income



Employment rate Employment status 2006 2011 Full time Part time 38% 15% 88% 92% 94% 94% 40% 18%

Weekly hours worked* Unemployment rate

0	<25	25-39	40+
5%	16%	39%	40%
4%	19%	33%	44%
	*Census week		

2006 2011

12% 8% 6% 6%

Number of Aboriginal people employed by Whittlesea City Council²

Occupation



Industry

