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.

Swan Hill LGA has 1,712 registered cultural heritage places including Aboriginal historical places, burials, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, scarred trees and shell middens.

Publicly known cultural heritage places include Bumbang Island Historic Reserve, Lake Boga, Tyntynder Homestead, Nyah-Vinifera and Pyambie State Forest.

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

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## Aboriginal community profile series

# SWAN HILL Local Government Area

### 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 Swan Hill 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

885

Aboriginal people

Median age

19

18,492 non-Aboriginal people

40 Median age

Aboriginal organisations

Mallee District Aboriginal Services

#### Known Traditional Owners

Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation

Munatunga Elders Aboriginal Corporation

Tati Tati Aboriginal Corporation

Tati Tati, Wadi Wadi, Barapa Barapa, Latji Latji Mumthelang Aboriginal Corporation

Wadi Wadi, Wemba Wemba, Barapa Barapa First Nations Corporation

### Key community groups

Robinvale Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Swan Hill Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Northern Loddon Mallee Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group

Loddon Mallee Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory

Robinvale Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committee

Swan Hill Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committee

Loddon Mallee Closing the Gap Health Advisory Committee

Robinvale Local Indigenous Network

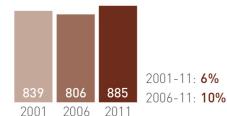
Swan Hill Local Indigenous Network

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.

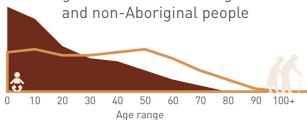


## Community

## Population increase rate



## Age distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people



### People who:

need assistance with a disability

6% 6%

provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability

18% 13%

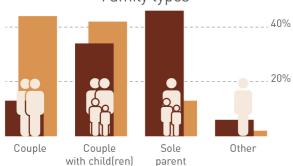
provide unpaid childcare

37% 30%

volunteer with an organisation

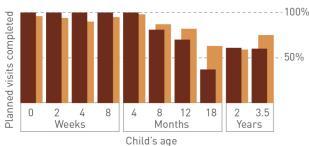
17% 29%

## Family types



## Maternal and child health visits<sup>1</sup>

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



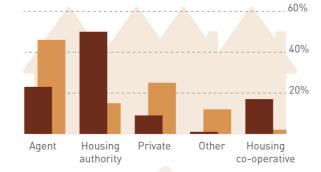
## Housing and mobility

### People whose home is:

Owned **26%** 71% Rented 69% 27%

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

## Rental agreement types



## Aboriginal people whose home is:

free-standing 85%

semi-detached 4%

a flat or unit 10%

mobile or temporary 0%

## People who had moved prior to 2011, within:



#### Household internet access

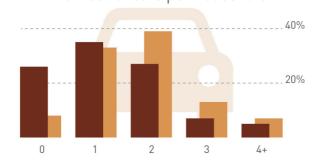
None 48% 33%

Broadband 42% 60%

Dial-up 3% 4%

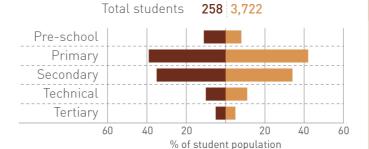
Other **7% 4%** 

### Number of cars per household

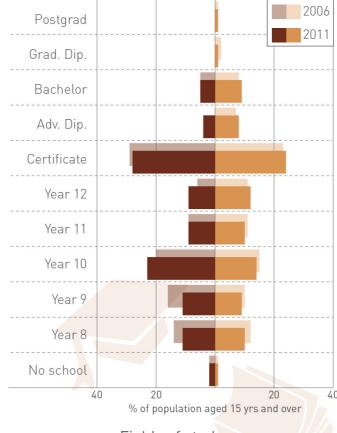


## Education

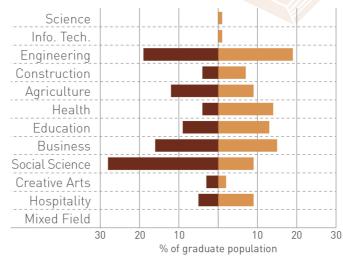
#### Student distribution



## Highest level of education completed



## Fields of study



## Employment

## Median weekly income

\$359 \$486

Employment rate 2006 2011

82% 85% 96% 95%

Weekly hours worked\*

<25 25-39 40+ 21% 49% 23% **27**% 50%

\*Census week

Employment status Full time Part time 19% 13%

39% 17%

Unemployment rate

2006 2011 18% 15%

4% 5%

Number of Aboriginal people employed by Swan Hill Rural City Council<sup>2</sup>

# Occupation



## Industry

