



# HORSHAM RURAL CITY

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Demographic Snapshot

**Horsham Rural City sits on the country of the First Nations people. The Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia & Jupagalk Peoples (Wotjobaluk Nations) being the Traditional Owners of this area, have a deep and continuous connection to the lands.**

Many townships have names whose origins are from the traditional Wergaia language and there are significant surviving places such as Dyurrite (Mt Arapiles) and Burrunj (Black Range, west) and Wopet bungandilar – an important part of the Tchingal Story and the birthplace of emus.

The Wotjobaluk Peoples were the first in the South East of Australia to be recognised with positive Native Title, through a consent determination under the Native Title Act, in 2005.

Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) is the Federally recognised authority to speak on behalf of the Wotjobaluk Peoples and as a Registered Aboriginal Party is also the only body in the region with the legislative authority to make decisions about (Wotjobaluk) cultural heritage.

Wotjobaluk people have been at the forefront of the Victorian Treaty journey with their cultural knowledge, cultural lore and cultural connection to their Country. Wotjobaluk people were also at the forefront of the State and National discussions around Constitutional Reform, and participated in the creation of the Uluru Statement From the Heart.

### OVERVIEW

This document provides a statistical profile of Aboriginal people within the Horsham Local Government Area (LGA). 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.



**Horsham Rural City**  
Council urban rural balance



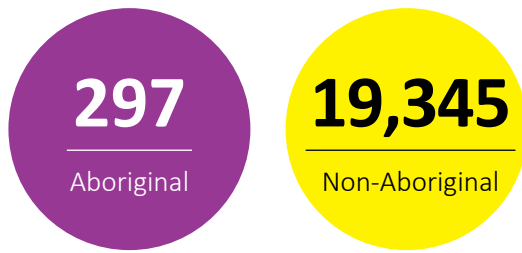
**Barengi Gadjin**  
LAND COUNCIL  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC



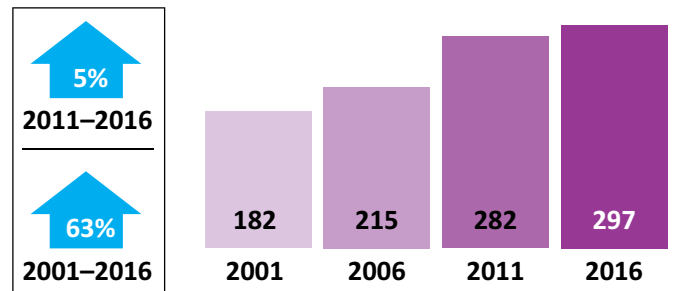
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ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE

# COMMUNITY

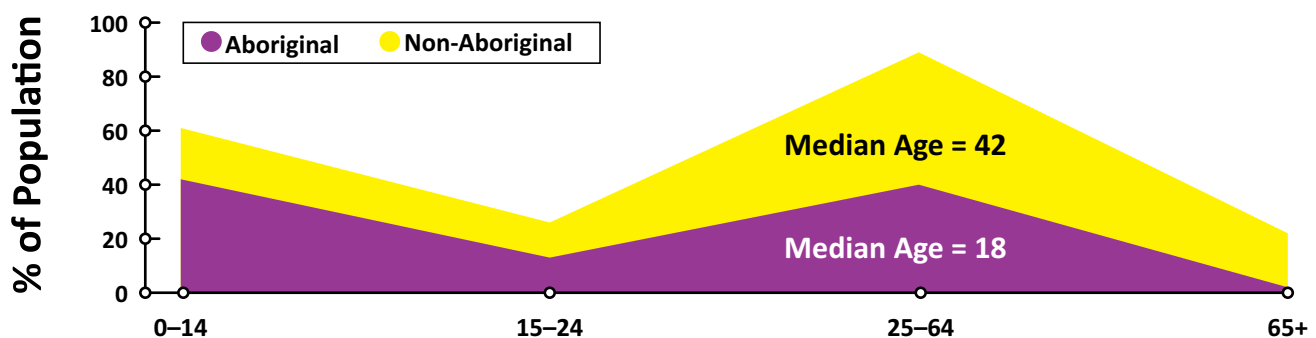
## 2016 POPULATION <sup>1</sup>



## POPULATION INCREASE RATE <sup>1</sup>

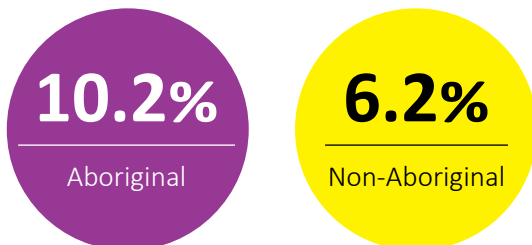


## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL PEOPLE <sup>2</sup>



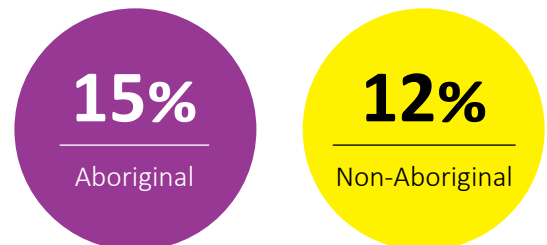
## PEOPLE WHO: <sup>2</sup>

Have a prevalence of severe or profound disability (any age):

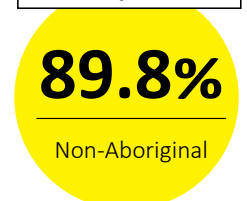
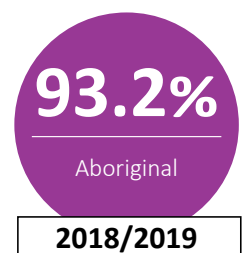
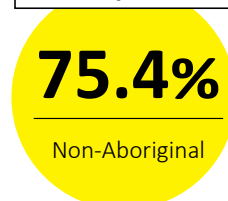
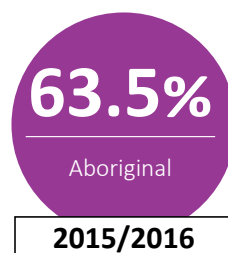
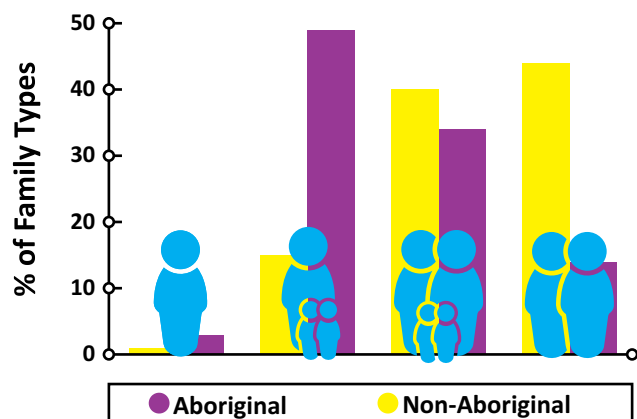


The Aboriginal figure is over five times the figure of non-Aboriginal people when looking at people aged 25-64.

Provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability: <sup>1</sup>

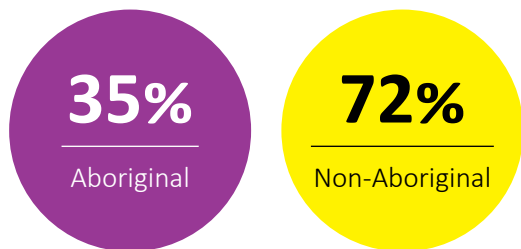


**Maternal and child health<sup>5</sup>** Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in Maternal Child & Health (number who attended the service at least once).

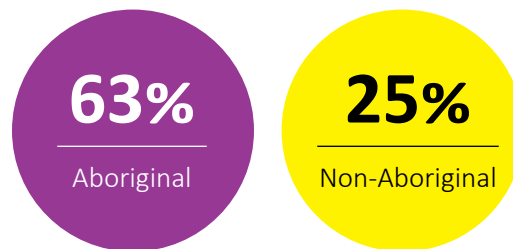


# HOUSING AND MOBILITY

## HOUSING <sup>2</sup> | Owned or being purchased



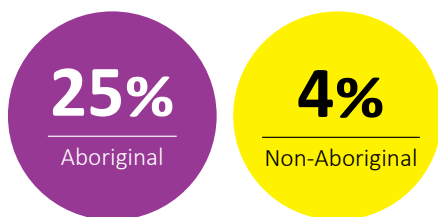
## All rented dwellings



The figure for Aboriginal people owning their own home has increased slightly (2.6%) since 2006<sup>2</sup> however still remains less than half of the non-Aboriginal figure.

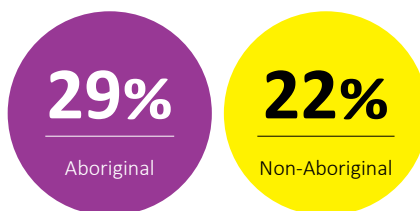
## RENTAL AGREEMENT TYPES <sup>2</sup>

Dwellings rented from the government, housing co-ops, or government



## HOUSEHOLD INTERNET ACCESS <sup>2</sup>

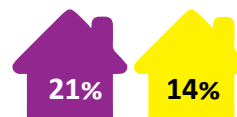
Households not connected to the internet



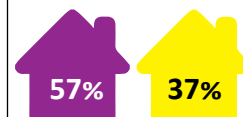
This Aboriginal figure has decreased by 10% since 2011<sup>4</sup> highlighting more people are now connected to the internet.

## MIGRATION <sup>3</sup>

Different address 1 year ago



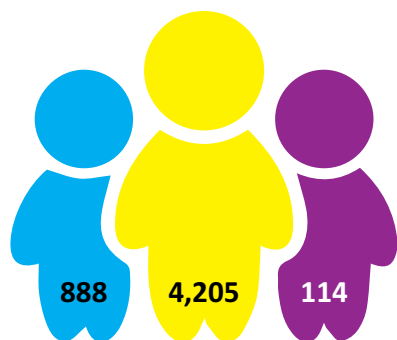
Different address 5 years ago



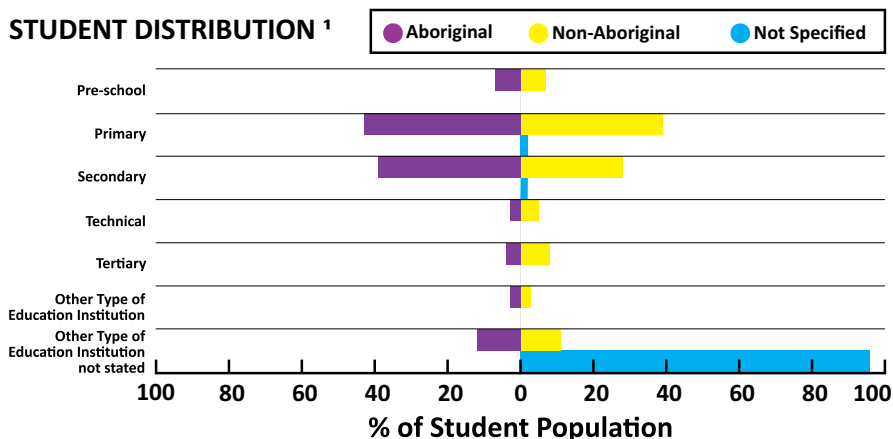
These figures remain similar to that of 2011 figures <sup>4</sup> for both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal.

# EDUCATION

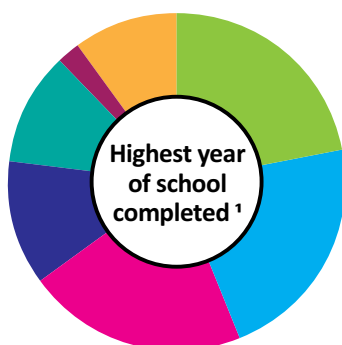
## Student distribution (number)



## STUDENT DISTRIBUTION <sup>1</sup>

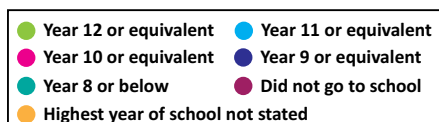


## HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED <sup>1</sup>

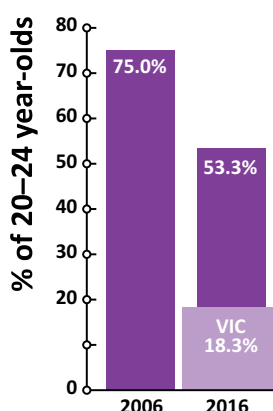


\*count of persons aged 15+ who are no longer attending school

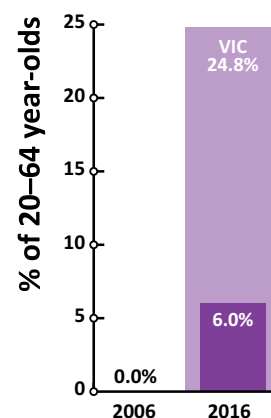
\*does not include data for "Indigenous status not stated"



Early School Leaving: Percent of 20-24 year olds who had left school before completing year 11 <sup>2</sup>



Tertiary Education: People aged 25-44 years who hold a degree or higher qualification <sup>2</sup>



# EMPLOYMENT

Median Total Weekly Income <sup>1</sup>

PERSONAL

**\$452**

Aboriginal

**\$619**

Non-Aboriginal

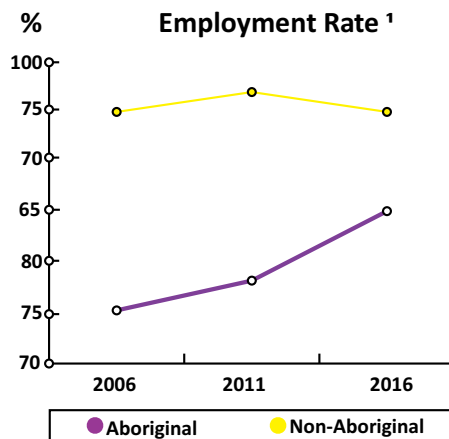
HOUSEHOLD

**\$871**

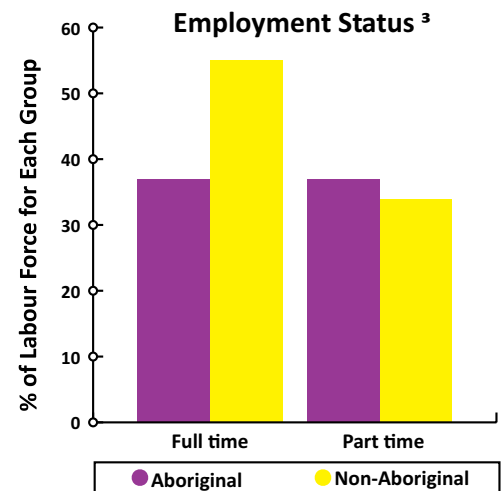
Aboriginal

**\$1,116**

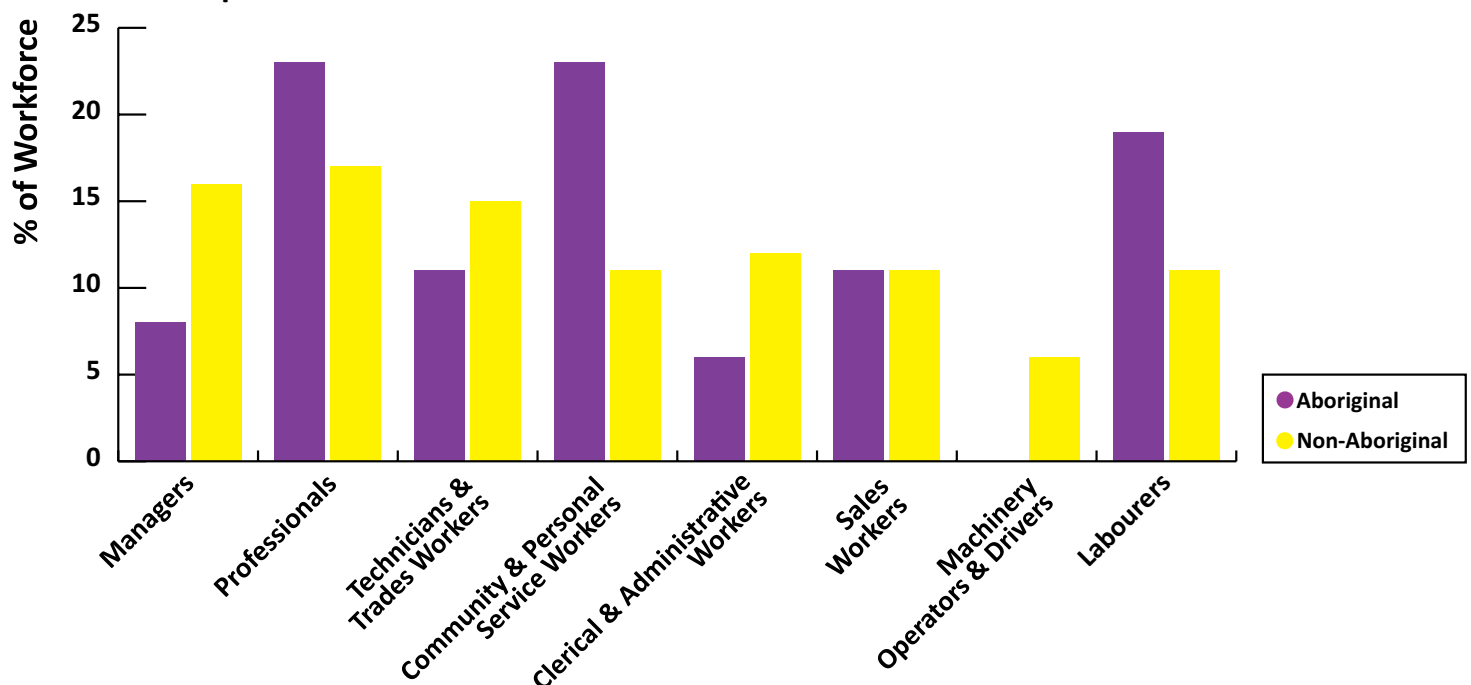
Non-Aboriginal



The Aboriginal employment rate has steadily increased over the years.



**Occupation <sup>2</sup>**



## DEFINITIONS

Throughout this document the term "Aboriginal" is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

## Data Source

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