



As a new year begins Yarriambiack Shire is looking forward to some exciting developments:

The Murra Warra Windfarm is taking shape; local pulse processors are finding ways to add value; and tourism numbers are building through the Silo Art Trail and new initiatives of Wimmera Mallee Tourism. This Yarriambiack Economic Update is a snapshot of the latest in local economic data and trends.

Socio-Economic Advantage and Disadvantage

The Australian Bureau of Statistics uses data from its five yearly Censuses of Population and Housing to calculate "Socio-Economic Indices for Areas" (known as SEIFA indices). These indices provide summary measures of a combination of Census results, rather than looking at individual items. The indices rank geographic areas across Victoria and Australia in terms of their relative socio-economic advantage and disadvantage. For each index, every geographic area in Australia is given a SEIFA score which measures how relatively 'advantaged' or 'disadvantaged' that area is compared with other areas. Relative socioeconomic advantage and disadvantage is broadly defined in terms of people's access to material and social resources, and their ability to participate in society. There were 2,672 state suburbs in Victoria. A score of 1,000 or above tends to indicate an area which is relatively advantaged, and a score below 1,000 is an area which is relatively disadvantaged. All of Yarriambiack's towns had high levels of socio-economic disadvantage in 2016:

Warracknabeal is the most disadvantaged, ranking 122nd of all 2,672 'suburbs' in the State.

Minyip ranks 167th

Woomelang ranks 171st

Murtoa ranks 250th

Hopetoun ranks 335th

Beulah ranks 408th

Rupanyup ranks 561st

Patchewollock ranks 903rd

Brim ranks 1,104th

Source: ABS Socio-Economic Indexes for Australian (SEIFA) 2016.

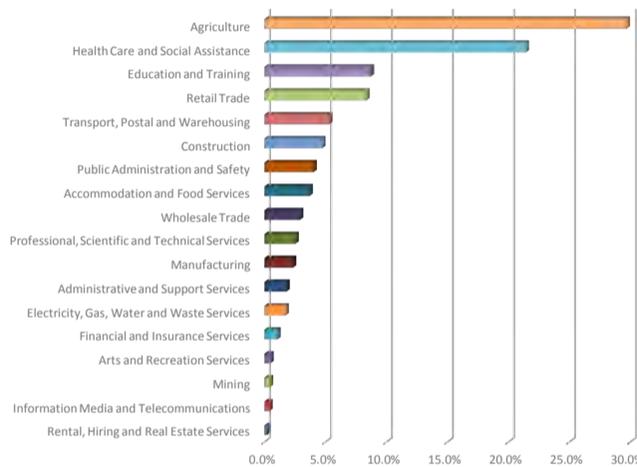
Economic Development to the Fore

Yarriambiack Shire has a new Economic and Planning Development Officer, Adam Moar, who brings a sound knowledge of the region and a wealth of experience in statutory planning to this important role. By combining planning and economic development responsibilities the new position recognises that regional planning, economic and community development are all closely linked, and it reflects Yarriambiack Shire's commitment to a whole-of-Council/multidisciplinary approach to facilitating and delivering economic development projects.

Adam is looking forward to working with existing businesses and new investors across all industry sectors throughout the Shire.

Adam can be contacted by telephone on 5398 0124 or 0448 390 658 or you can contact by emailing amoar@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au.

Industry of Employment in Yarriambiack Shire



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2016

Small Business Bus

The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus provides free mentoring and face-to-face assistance to help you start or build your small business. The Small Business Bus is visiting all regions of Victoria in 2019.

The Bus will be in Beulah on 13 March 2019 and Rupanyup on 14 March 2019.

Book in now for your free one-on-one mentoring session to get your business moving.

<http://www.business.vic.gov.au/events/small-business-bus>

Planning support program for small-scale pig and poultry producers

The Victorian Government has established a planning support program to assist small-scale pig and poultry producers obtain a land use planning permit according to the 2018 planning reforms for animal industries.

The support program includes workshops and grants. The workshops will help producers prepare their planning permit application and identify on-farm works, advice and other activities that may be required to support the application. The workshops will also provide producers with information on how to manage environmental, amenity and biosecurity risks.

The grants will help producers with costs related to obtaining a land use planning permit. Producers must attend a workshop to be eligible for a grant.

WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

The program is for small-scale pig and poultry producers who are seeking a land use planning permit.

Small-scale pig farms have:

less than or equal to 150 sows or 1,000 Standard Pig Units (SPU).

Small-scale poultry farms have:

less than or equal to 5,000 poultry (eggs) or 10,000 poultry (meat).

WORKSHOPS

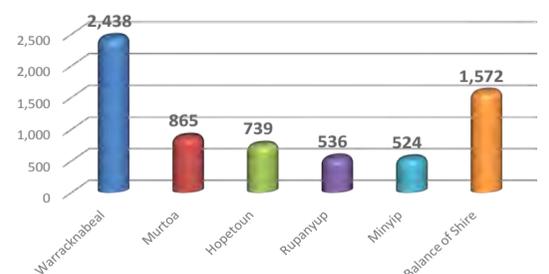
Workshops will be run across the State from 11 February 2019. The Bendigo workshop will be on 21 February and Horsham on 6 March. Bookings are required.

More information regarding the program and the workshops can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website at <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/2018-planning-reform/planning-support-program-for-small-scale-pig-and-poultry-producers>.



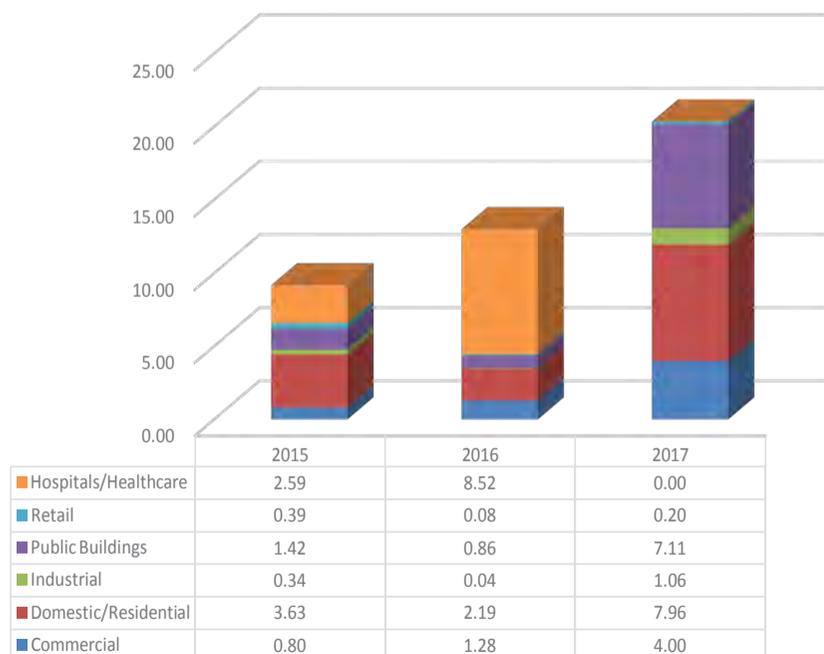
Yarriambiack Resident Populations

Yarriambiack Shire's Resident Population in 2017 was 6,684 persons. Warracknabeal remains the largest town in the Shire and the 3rd largest in the Wimmera region (after Horsham and Stawell). The Shire's second tier towns (Murtoa, Hopetoun, Rupanyup and Minyip) all maintain good population levels albeit with ageing communities. All the towns face some economic challenges with the changing structure of agriculture, retail and business and personal services.



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 'State Suburb' (SSC) Populations

Yarriambiack Shire: Value of Building Approvals \$million



Source: Victorian Building Authority Building Permit Activity Data

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