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The District Council of Grant Community

**2016 Census and Demographic Profile**

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## Introduction to District Council of Grant

The District Council of Grant is located in the Limestone Coast Region of South Australia, about 450 kilometres south of the Adelaide CBD and 450 kilometres west of the Melbourne CBD. The District Council of Grant is bounded by the Wattle Range Council area in the north, the Victorian border in the east, and the Southern Ocean in the south and west. The District Council of Grant surrounds the City of Mount Gambier.

The Council is predominantly rural with a number of small townships: Allendale East, Blackfellows Caves, Burrungule (part), Canunda (part), Cape Douglas, Caroline, Carpenter Rocks, Caveton, Compton, Dismal Swamp, Donovans, Eight Mile Creek, German Creek, Glenburnie, Kongorong, Mil-Lel, Mingbool, Moorak, Mount Schank, Nene Valley, OB Flat, Pelican Point, Pleasant Park, Port MacDonnell, Racecourse Bay, Square Mile, Suttontown (part), Tarpeena, Wandilo, Wepar (part), Worrolong, Wye and Yahl.

Figure 1: Map of the District Council of Grant



## Key Planning and Strategies

There are numerous strategies and plans that impact on the District Council of Grant communities as listed below. In order to ensure high levels of community wellbeing, the underlying policy and strategic context of Council will provide the framework to addresses community needs into the future.

Figure 2: Key Strategic Documents

Strategy	Description	Effect
<b>District Council of Grant Strategic Plan 2016-2020</b>	Designed to help guide the District targeting goals and strategies and outcomes.	Overarching strategic plan to provide for the community into the future
<b>District Council of Grant Long Term Financial Plan 2016/17 – 2026/27</b>	The purpose of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is to guide the future direction of Council in a sustainable manner.	It is a guideline for future action and encourages Council to think about the future impact decisions made today have on Council's long-term sustainability.
<b>Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework and Masterplan</b>	The urban design framework and master plan will guide future development of public spaces within the township	Ensures that available money is spent in an efficient manner, enhancing public spaces and providing the greatest benefit for the community
<b>River and Coastal Urban Design Framework and Masterplan</b>	The urban design framework and master plan will guide future development of public spaces within the river and coastal areas of the District	Ensures that available money is spent in an efficient manner, enhancing public spaces and providing the greatest benefit for the community
<b>District Council of Grant Economic Development Framework</b>	Includes target dates and KPIs to deliver the desired economic development outcomes included in Council's Strategic Management Plan 2016-2020.	Provides a structured framework to guide economic development efforts and initiatives by Council over the next three years.
<b>Tarpeena Community Plan</b>	In 2013 Council met with the Tarpeena community with a view to establishing a community plan for the Tarpeena Township.	A compilation of the community's wishes for their township and surrounds.
<b>Regional Health Plan 2014 - 2017</b>	This is a five year plan aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of the region's residents.	Under the South Australian Public Health Act South Australian Councils have a statutory responsibility to develop a plan that seeks to protect, improve and promote public health and well-being within their Council area.

## Community Overview

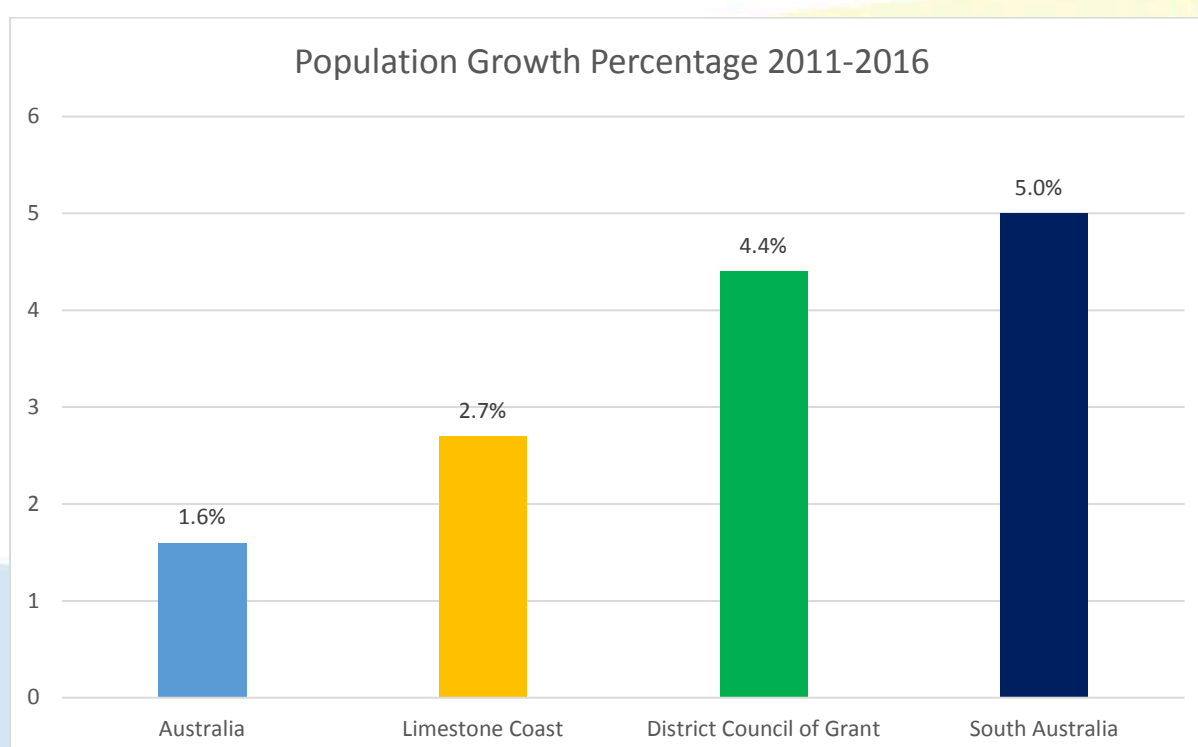
The source of information for this document is derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 Census release and can be found at [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

In October 2017 further detailed census data on employment, qualifications and population mobility, including journey to work and internal migration will be released and this document will be updated accordingly.

The District Council of Grant has had a fairly stable population increase over the last five years since the 2011 census from 7856 to 8203 persons, representing a 4.41% growth.

This growth rate is higher than the Limestone Coast at 2.7% with a 2016 population of (64,788 persons) and slightly lower than South Australia at 5.01% (1.6M persons).

Figure 3: Population Growth Percentage 2011-2016



It is worth noting however, that in 2010 a boundary change was undertaken whereby land was sold to The City of Mount Gambier. This activity may have affected the 2011 District Council of Grant census data.

There are still more males than females living in the District, and the typical person is a 44 year old male, born in Australia who speaks English. He most likely married, living in a separate house with three bedrooms and will also have 2 registered motor vehicles and accesses the internet from his dwelling.

The typical Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is also most likely to be male, with a median age of 35, higher than the state and national median age of 23.

Persons born overseas come from (in descending order) England, New Zealand, The Netherlands, Scotland, Italy and The Philippines.

Figure 4: The 'Typical' District Council of Grant Resident

<b>Median Age</b>	44
<b>Sex</b>	Male
<b>Language Spoken at Home</b>	English
<b>Country of Birth of Person</b>	Australia
<b>Relationship in Household</b>	Husband in a registered marriage
<b>Highest Year of School Completed</b>	Year 12 or equivalent
<b>Number of Motor Vehicles</b>	2
<b>Number of Bedrooms in Private Dwelling</b>	3 bedrooms
<b>Personal Weekly Income</b>	\$1,000-\$1,249
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>	No religion
<b>Unpaid Domestic Work</b>	5-14 Hours

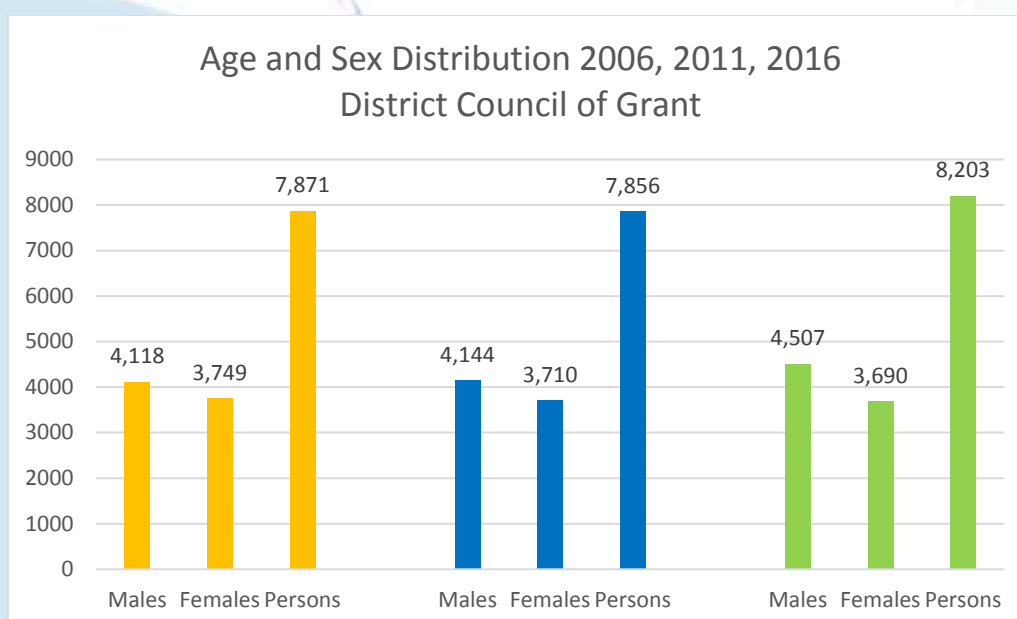
## Demographics

### Age and Sex

The Census usual resident population of The District Council of Grant in 2016 was 8,203 persons, living in 2715 occupied dwellings with an average household size of 2.6 persons per household.

Of those persons 55% were male and 45% female, which is representative of the Limestone Coast region, whereby 50.7% are male and 49.3% are female. Nationally, the number of females is slightly higher than that of males being 50.7% and 49.3% respectively.

Figure 5: District Council of Grant Age and Sex Distribution 2006, 2011, 2016



The median age has risen in the Council area over the past ten years (2006-2016) from 39 to 44. This median age is higher than the Australian median age of 38 and the South Australian of 40. A rise in

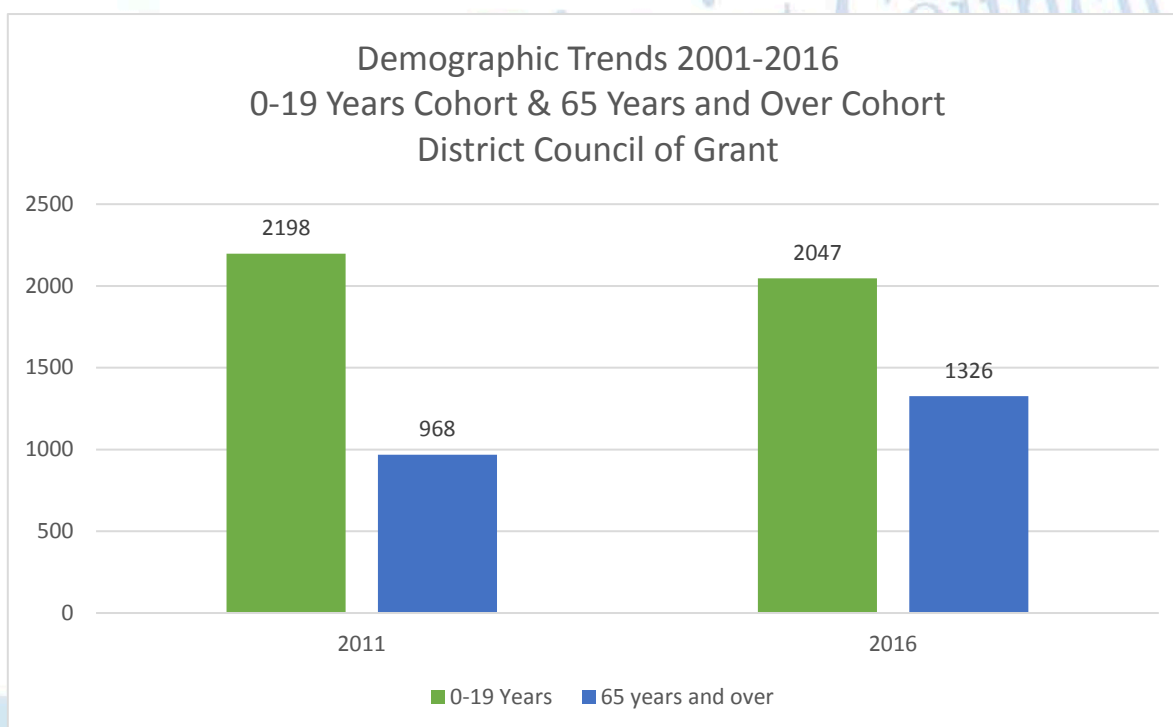
median age is similar across the Limestone Coast whereby it has risen from 38 years in 2006 to 42 years in 2016.

A rise in median age can be due to both greater life expectancy and/or declining fertility rates.

The District has 2047 persons aged 0-19 making up 24.8% of the population, however this cohort is declining in numbers from 2198 persons (2011) to 2047 persons (2016).

In comparison the 65 years and over cohort makes up 15.8% of the population, and is growing its share increasing from 968 persons (2011) to 1326 persons (2016) or a 63.3% increase.

Figure 6: Demographic Trends 0-19 & 65 years and over cohorts



Currently there are 111 people aged 85 years or older residing in the District, but projections based on the 2016 census data, will see this cohort increase significantly over the next five years.

Nationally, women are living longer than men, and of those people aged 65 or older, 54% are women and 46% are men and of those people aged 85 and older, 63% are women and 37% are men.

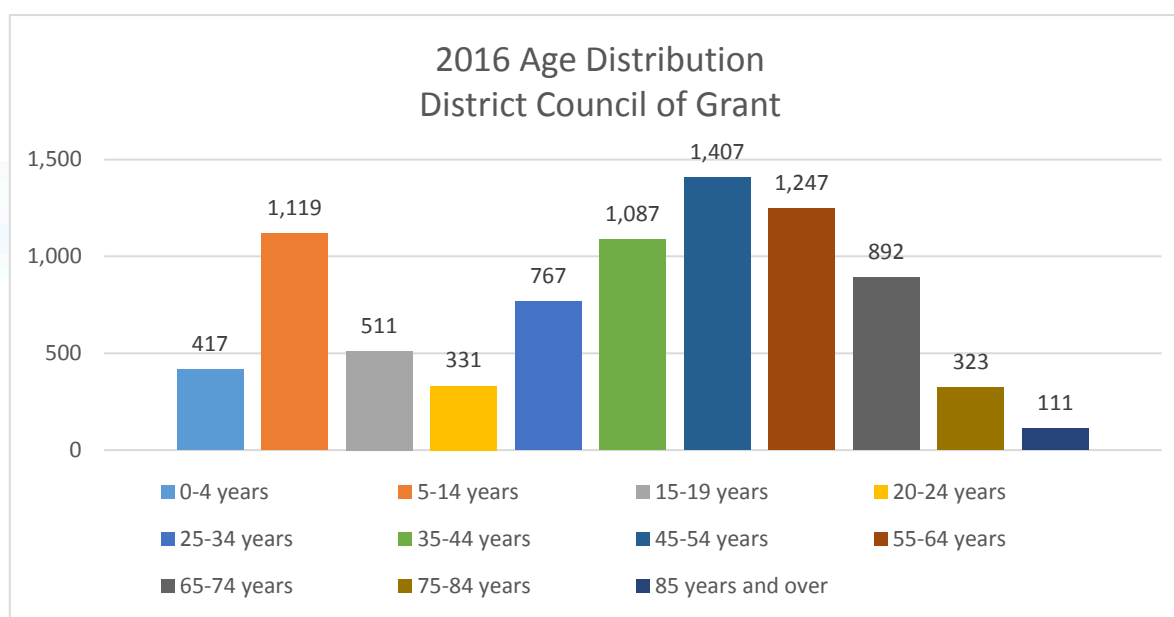
In The District Council of Grant of those people aged 65 years or older 55.3% are males and 44.7% are females. However in the cohort of people aged 85 years and older there are more females 61.26% to males 38.74%, which is a reflection of the national average.

The District has also seen consistency across the 5-14 years cohort, which has only reduced by 110 children over the last 10 years from 1229 to 1119 persons.

Since the 2006 census there has also been a decline in the average household size from 2.7 to 2.6; similar to that of the Limestone Coast which has decreased from 2.5 to 2.4.



Figure 7: 2016 Age Distribution District Council of Grant



### Educational Institution Attending

In the District Council of Grant 32.8% of people were attending an educational institution and of these 30.4% were in primary school, 19.0% in secondary school.

Only 8.2% are enrolled in a University or Technical Institution and this differs significantly to Australia as a benchmark where 22% are attending.

More females (1171) than males (839) have achieved Year 12 or equivalent as the highest year of school.

Since the 2006 Census the area has seen a slight decline in the number of persons attending pre-school and primary school and a slight growth in the number of persons attending secondary school.

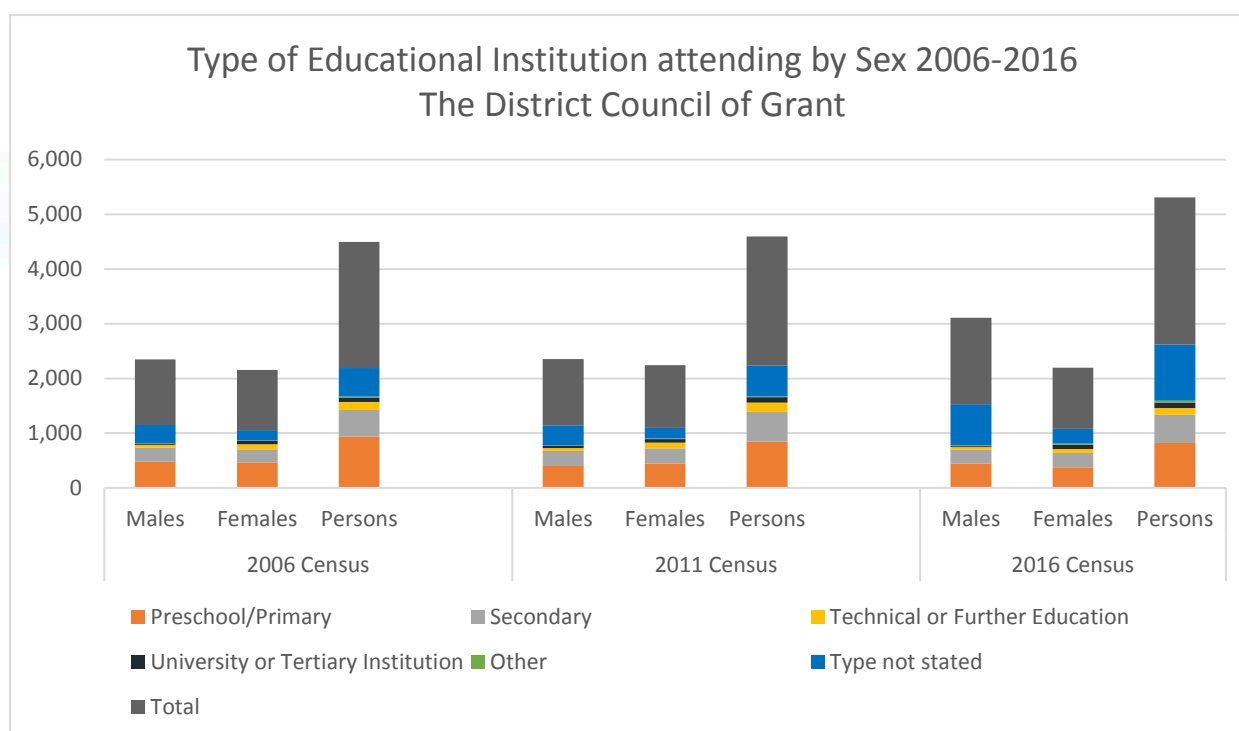
Technical or Further Educational Institutions has seen decline in numbers also, however University has seen a growth, particularly amongst females where 76.8% were attending University in 2016 compared to only 23.2% of males.

Collectively however, females are attending further educational and training facilities and courses across the board more than their male counterparts.

Figure 8: Type of Educational Institution attending by Sex 2006-2016 (Table)

	2006 Census			2011 Census			2016 Census		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Preschool/Primary	483	462	941	401	444	842	445	378	822
Secondary	249	241	484	271	275	547	251	262	513
Technical or Further Education	53	93	146	58	107	167	50	72	126
University or Tertiary Institution	26	64	82	38	63	99	19	73	95
Other	6	10	15	7	15	23	10	23	36
Type not stated	329	184	520	369	190	559	753	273	1,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>2,693</b>

Figure 9: Type of Educational Institution attending by Sex 2006-2016 (Chart)



### Internet Connection

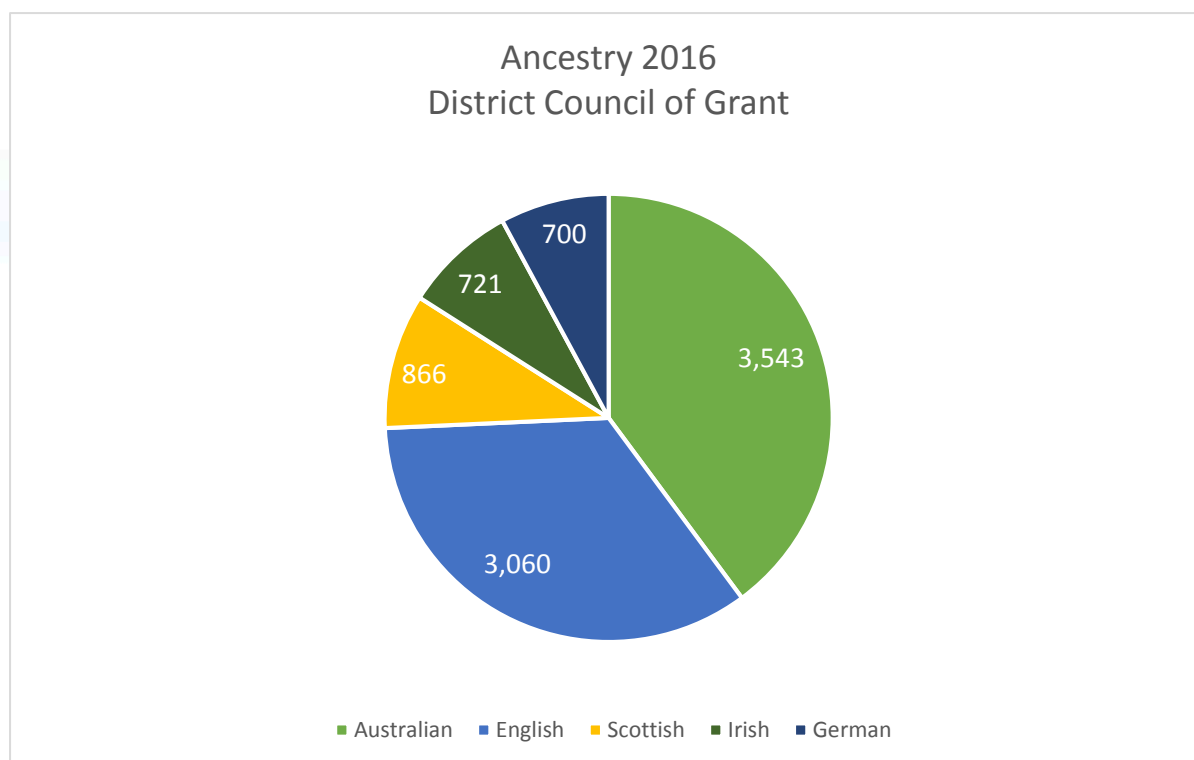
In the District Council of Grant 80.9% of households had at least one person access the internet from the dwelling. This could have been through a desktop/laptop computer, mobile or smart phone, tablet, music or video player, gaming console, smart TV or any other device.

### Language and Cultural Diversity

Most people had both parents born in Australia (71.6%) and only 9.1% had both parents born overseas. The top five ancestries are Australian, English, Scottish, Irish and German and these five ancestries have remained the most common over the last 10 years since the 2006 census. English is the most common language spoken at home amongst 86.9% of households.

The District has also seen increased numbers in people speaking languages whereby the top languages other than English were Italian, German, Afrikaans, Russian and Greek. Afrikaans and Australian Indigenous Languages being spoken at home were not identified in the 2006 census.

Figure 10: Ancestry 2016 District Council of Grant



### Religious Affiliation

The most common responses for religion were: No religion 34.1%, Catholic 18.2%, Not stated 14.0%, Anglican 9.8% and Uniting Church 7.4%. Christianity was the largest religious group in the District with an overall 59.2% of persons.

A growth in “No religious beliefs” is a growing trend across Australia where the proportion of people reporting “No religion, including people with secular and other spiritual beliefs” increased to 30% in 2016 – up from 22% five years ago.

The District Council of Grant has followed this trend also with an increase of 41.5% of people identifying as having “no religion, including people with secular and other spiritual beliefs” over the past 10 years since the 2006 census.

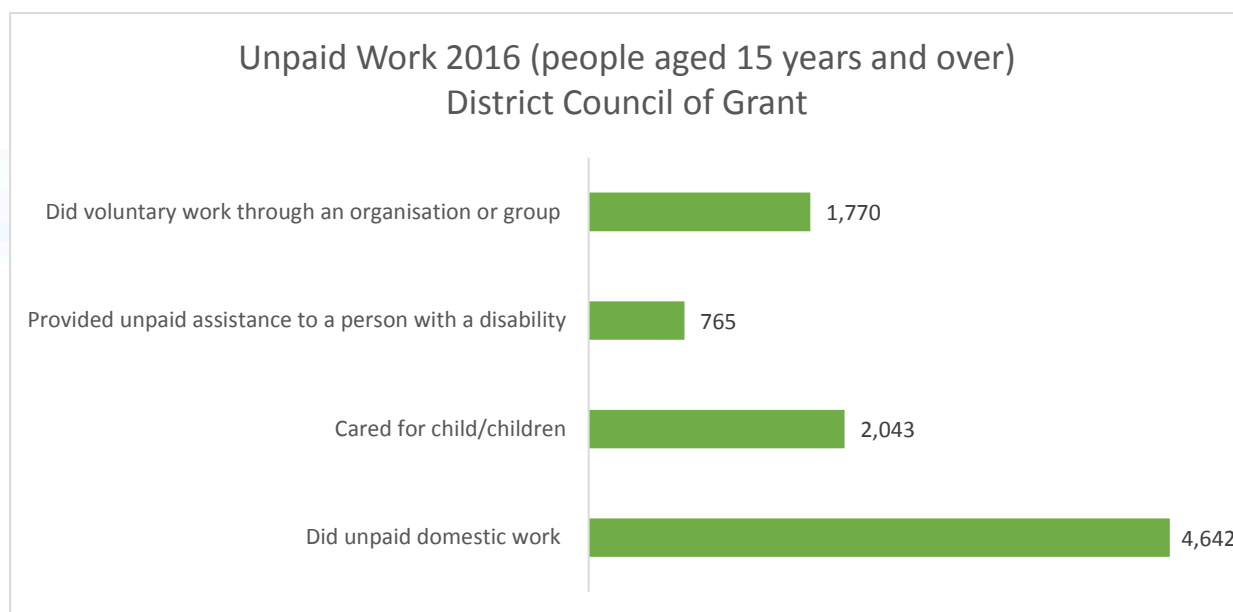
According to the Australian Bureau of Statistic part of the decline in religious affiliation is a general move away from the traditional Christian denominations.

### Volunteering

More females than males volunteer in the District, with a total number of 1770 (26%) persons volunteering. Across both males and female most volunteers are aged between 45-55 years old.

Other forms of unpaid work include domestic work, caring for children and providing assistance to a person with a disability.

Figure 11: Unpaid Work 2016 District Council of Grant

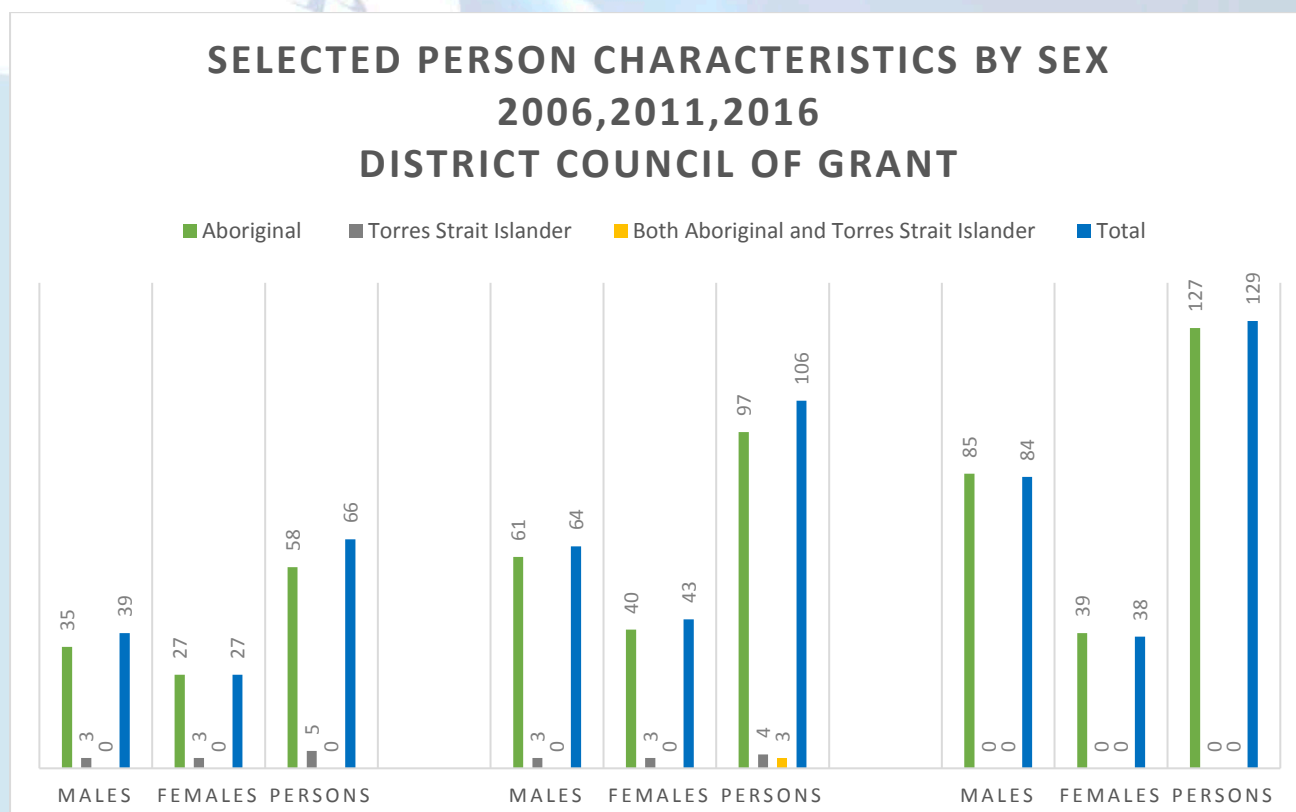


### Indigenous

The District has seen an increase of almost double in the number of people identifying as Aboriginal from 66 in 2006 to 129 in 2016. This equates to 1.6% of the population which is less than the national average where Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples represented 2.8% of Australia’s 2016 Census population.

Of these 129 people, 68.9% are male and 31.1% are female with a median age of 35.

Figure 12: District Council of Grant Selected Person Characteristics by Sex 2006-2016



## Housing

### Dwelling Mix and Tenure

There are 2715 occupied private dwellings and 802 unoccupied private dwellings in the District Council of Grant and 98.1% of the dwelling structures were separate houses (2663).

Although the census indicates that this number has remained stable over the last ten years, Council's data indicates that there were 222 new dwellings approved between 2011 – 2016.

Of those 2663 separate houses identified in the 2016 census, 1103 were owned outright and 1138 were owned with a mortgage.

A total of 409 (14.7%) people rent in the District which is well below the national average of 30.9%

The median monthly mortgage repayments are \$1,300 and the median weekly rent payment are \$160.

### Housing Composition and Size

The 2016 census shows that the average household in the District is 2.6 persons per household, which is larger than the Limestone Coast average of 2.4. The dwelling characteristics of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander households have slightly more people per household at 3.2.

More broadly the housing composition of the District largely follows that of the Limestone Coast whereby most people are a husband or wife in a registered marriage and have a child under the age of 15 living at home. There are 2143 families residing in the District, and of these 45.5% were couple families with children, 45.2% were couple families without children and 8.5% were one parent families.

Figure 13: District Council of Grant Family Composition 2016

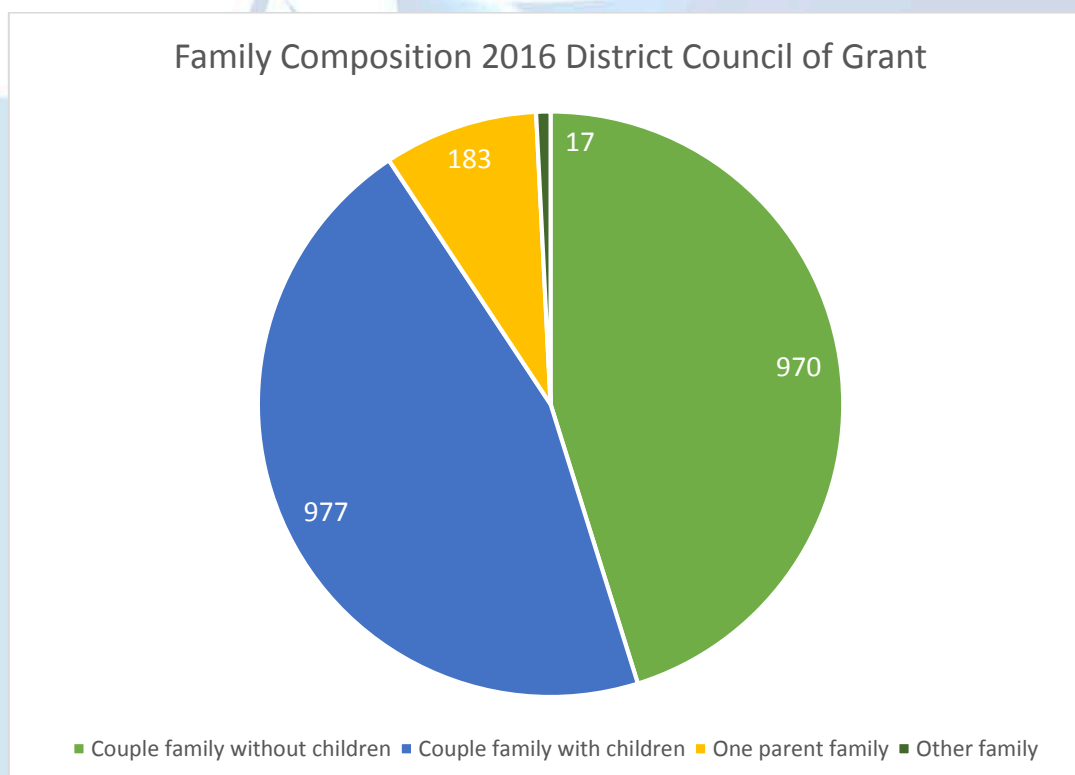
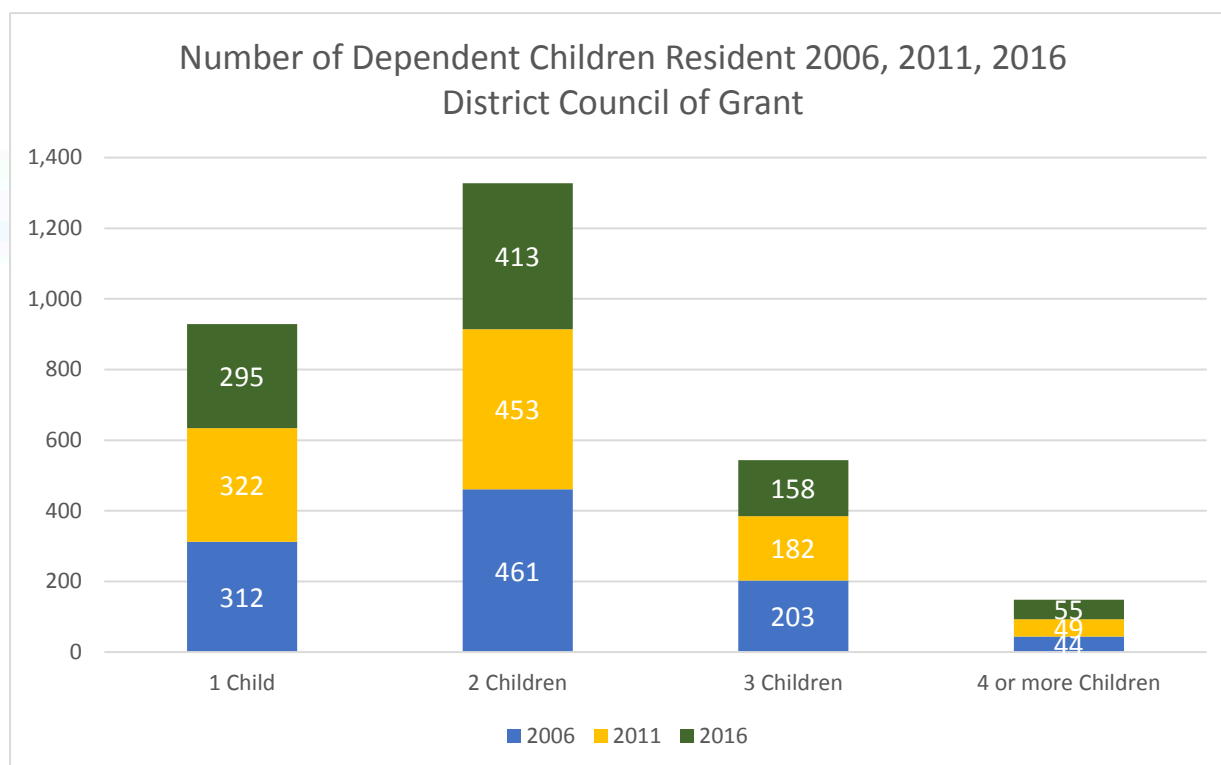


Figure 14: Number of Children Resident 2006-2016



### Median Mortgage and Rent

The median rent in the District is \$160 per week and 96.8% of households indicate their rent payments are less than 30% of their household income.

Similarly 93.2% persons paying a mortgage state that their monthly mortgage payment also less than 30% of their household income.

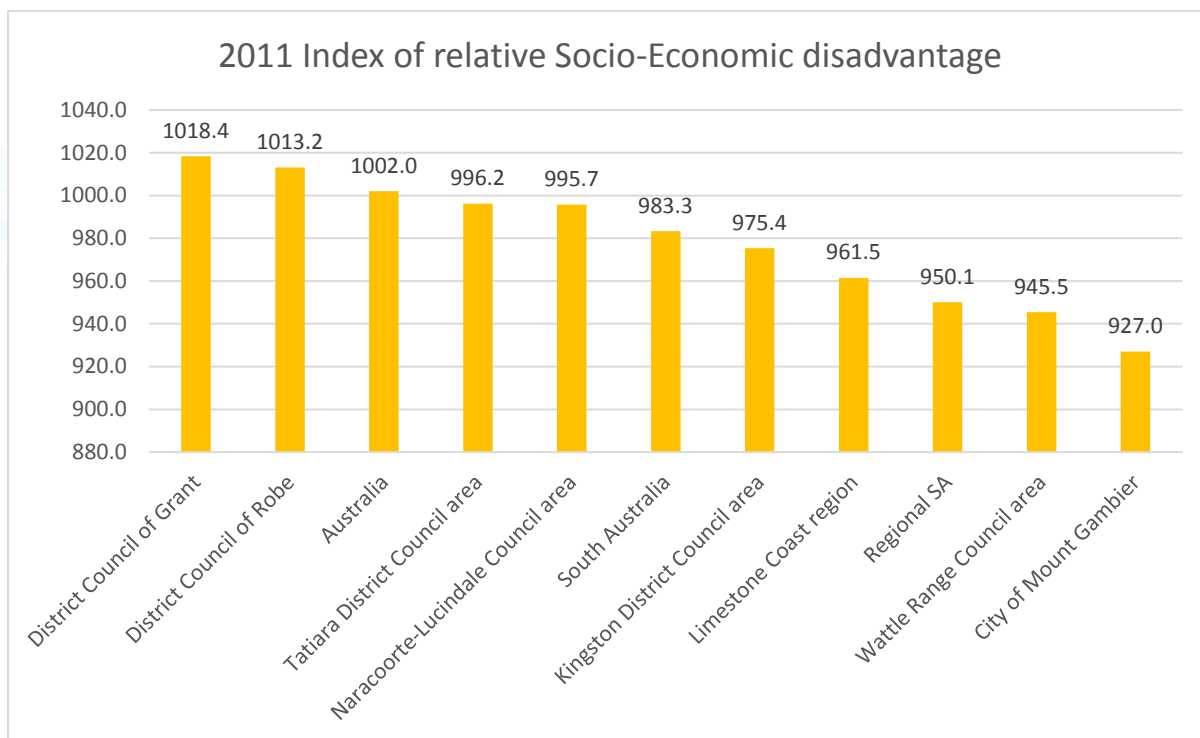
### Socio-Economic Conditions

The 2016 Socio Economic Index of Advantage and Disadvantage (SEIFA) for the District Council of Grant has yet to be updated however based on the 2011 figures the District Council of Grant had a lower level of disadvantage than the remainder local government areas in the Limestone Coast region, and in fact Regional South Australia as a benchmark.

The index is derived from attributes that reflect disadvantage such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations.

The 2011 SEIFA index for the District was 1002.6 with a percentile of 53, meaning than 53% of local government areas have a SEIFA index *lower* than the District Council of Grant, making them more disadvantaged.

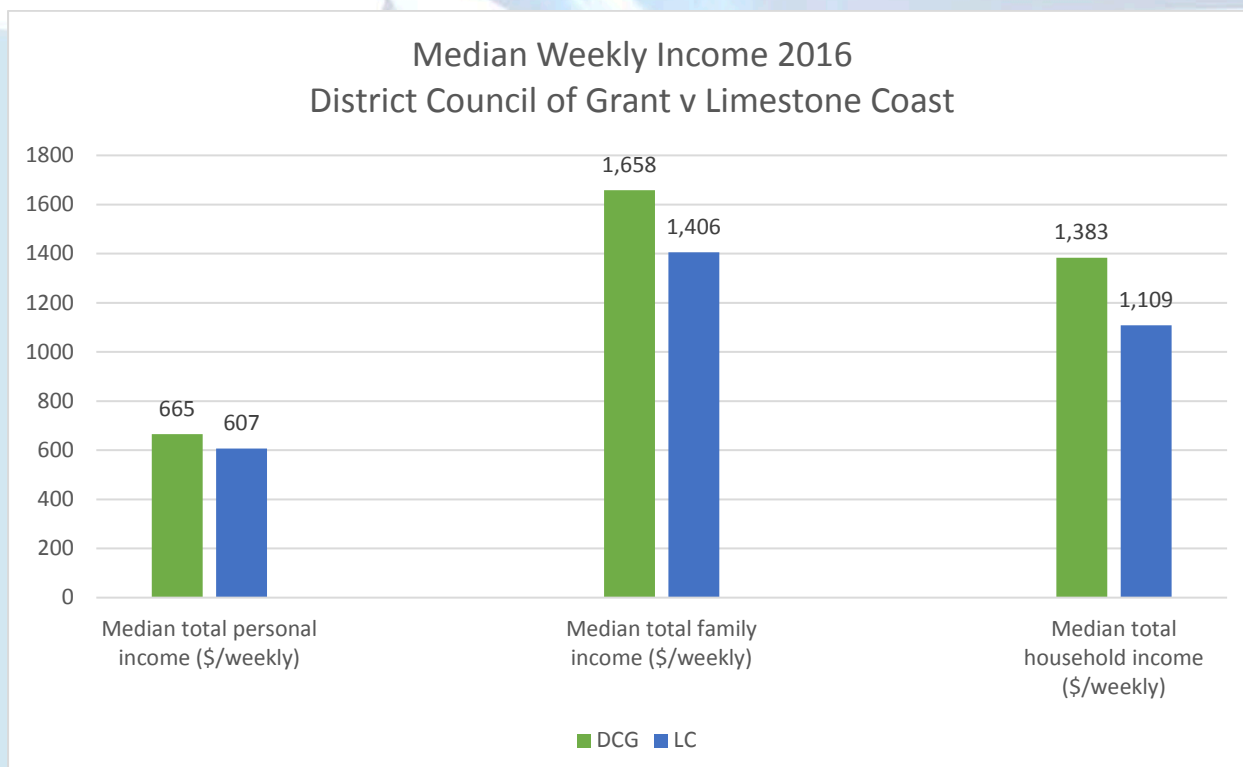
Figure 15: 2011 Index of Socio-Economic disadvantage



Analysis of the 2016 median and averages for personal income shows that The District Council of Grant residents have a higher total household income median of \$1,383 compared to \$1,109 median of the Limestone Coast than that of the Limestone Coast.

In Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander households weekly income is \$1,357.

Figure 16: Median Income District Council of Grant v Limestone Coast



**8,203**

people



45%



55%

**4.4%**

population growth



**2**

per household

**2,715**

dwellings



**59.2%**

Christianity



**2.6**

persons per household

**44**

Median Age

**32.8%**



in education

**1.6%**

Indigenous Population

**\$1,383**

Median Household Weekly Income

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