

# ALTONA – SEAHOLME

## Neighbourhood Profile



### Location

Altona-Seaholme is located towards the middle of the municipality, with Port Phillip Bay forming its southern boundary. Kororoit Creek, Cherry Lake and the Altona industrial precinct make up the northern border. Truganina Explosives Reserve and Koorringal Golf Course are at the neighbourhood's western edge.

### Living in Altona-Seaholme

Residents describe Altona-Seaholme as being "just like a big country town, basically everyone knows everyone." With its proximity to the coast, the beach has a major impact on how people live. "Our beach is our greatest attraction – no if, butts or maybes about that." Most residents enjoy living in the neighbourhood and the relaxed lifestyle it supports. However, among the things they would like to see improved are public transport, particularly the train service and the diversity of shops in Pier Street.

### Land uses

The predominant land use in Altona-Seaholme is zoned for residential development. The other main land uses include public park and recreation, and public conservation zones. Within these zones are a section of the Hobsons Bay Coastal Park and Truganina Explosives Reserve; the reserve is part of an important wetlands system for migratory and wading birds and Cherry Lake which provides important habitat for the

endangered Altona Skipper Butterfly. The neighbourhood also includes a popular public beach and a local dog beach.

Adjacent to the public beach is Pier Street which includes a mix of retail and commercial businesses. It hosts a weekly market and a number of events and activities throughout the year.

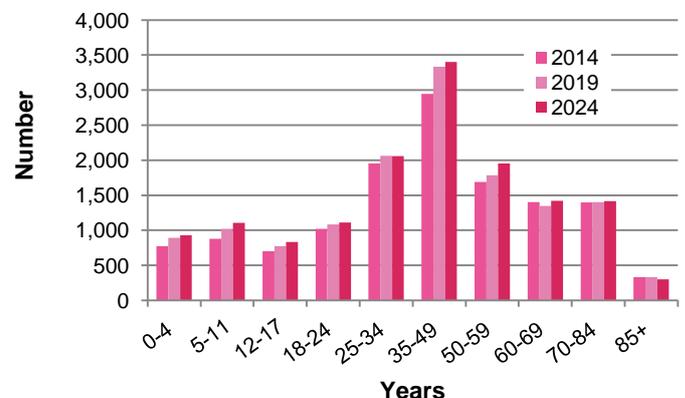
### Population

At the 2011 Census, Altona-Seaholme had a population of 11,779 residents which is 14 per cent of the Hobsons Bay population; the current population estimates indicate the population has risen to approximately 12,700. Over the next decade, it is forecast to increase by around 11 per cent to 14,500 residents.

### Age structure

Altona-Seaholme has an older population profile compared to Hobsons Bay, however due to infill developments and increased diversity in housing the neighbourhood has started to attract younger residents in the family forming age group. Population forecasts for the next decade indicate a continued increase in the number of families with young and school aged children, with the number of those aged 60 years and over expected to plateau.

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### Overseas born residents

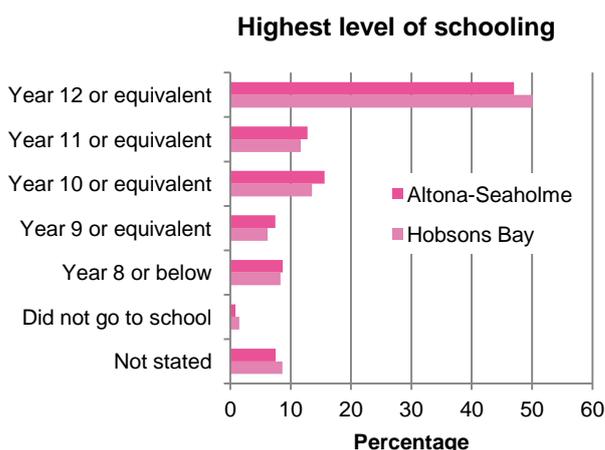
Approximately 30 per cent (5,416) of Altona-Seaholme residents were born overseas, on a par with the municipality. United Kingdom and Malta are the main birthplaces, however both decreasing. The next main countries of birth are India and New Zealand, with a noticeable rise in the number of Indian born residents since the 2006 Census. The neighbourhood has a lower proportion of residents who were born in non-English speaking countries compared to Hobsons Bay as a whole (18.8% and 23.1% respectively).

### Residents needing assistance

It is estimated that around 2,000 residents of Altona-Seaholme have a disability (17.1%). Of this group, approximately 600 residents (5.1%) need help with a core activity involving self-care, communication and mobility.

### Education

The neighbourhood has four primary schools, including two government schools and one Catholic. There is also a government prep to year 9 school and a Catholic secondary girls' school. There are no tertiary education facilities in the municipality. Overall, approximately 19 per cent of all people who live in Altona-Seaholme are enrolled in education which is a little lower than the participation rate for Hobsons Bay (22%), and likely influenced the neighbourhood's slightly older age profile. Forty per cent of residents have completed Year 12 or an equivalent, approximately three per cent below the municipal rate.



### Employment

At the 2011 Census, just over 94 per cent of residents who were in the labour force were employed; 5.6 per cent were unemployed. Both figures were on a par with those for the municipality. The majority of those who were unemployed and looking for work wanted a full-time job. The main change in employment between 2006 and 2011 was an increase in part-time jobs and this was trend was evident for Hobsons Bay as a whole. The main industries of employment for Altona-Seaholme residents are manufacturing; health care and social assistance; construction; and education and training.

### Income

At August 2011, the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimated the average gross weekly income in Victoria was \$976.10. This date is when the 2011 Census was conducted and at that time 6,615 Altona-Seaholme residents aged 15 years and over (66.0%) had a gross weekly income below \$999, marginally above the municipal rate (64.6%) (ABS, Cat 6302.0, Table 12b). A further 3,696 residents (36.9%) had incomes below \$400 per week, on a par with the municipal figure. With the poverty line set at \$459.83 for a single working person (September 2011), the incomes of more than one third of residents fell below this line.

### Housing

There are 5,524 private dwellings in Altona-Seaholme. Just over 70 per cent are separate houses, with the remainder being mostly medium density housing (26.7%). Around 42 per cent of households in Altona-Seaholme own their own home, 24 per cent have a mortgage and a further 28 per cent are renting. Compared to Hobsons Bay, a higher proportion of Altona-Seaholme households own their home and a lower proportion have a mortgage. While long term residents spoke about housing affordability being a major factor in their initial decision to live in Altona-Seaholme, in recent times house prices have jumped as people discover the prime location of the neighbourhood.

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### Proposed future development

Upcoming key developments for Altona-Seaholme include:

- feasibility study for the Altona Foreshore including master plan, revetment (coastal retaining wall) and access design
- planning for the Stage 4 of Pier Street works including playground and pathway upgrades at Logan Reserve
- ongoing implementation of the Altona Central Sports Precinct Master plan that accommodates multiple sporting and recreation activities including hockey, cricket, AFL, soccer, tennis, little athletics and dog obedience
- implementation of the Truganina Explosives Reserve Master Plan including restoration work on the residence at the reserve
- G.H Ransom Reserve play space and toilet upgrade

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