

PEOPLE

THE 2040 COMMUNITY
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Traditional Owners

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may reside in the Moyne Shire.

INTRODUCTION

People are a big part of what makes Moyne a wonderful place to live. The happier and healthier the people of Moyne are, the better for our whole shire. People bring skills, knowledge, cultural variety, values and ideas that can enrich our lives and our communities.

Participants in the community engagement program (including surveys and pop-up events) said that creating a future Moyne that is inclusive of all, with services and opportunities for all ages to participate in community life, will allow Moyne Shire and its people to thrive and prosper into 2040.

The PEOPLE pillar includes the following themes and elements:

- › Children and young people.
- › Gender equity.
- › Mental and physical health and access to services.
- › Risk factors and behaviours that impact on health and community.
- › Community engagement, participation and volunteering.
- › Healthy lifestyles, happiness and wellbeing.

WHAT DO THE PEOPLE OF MOYNE LOOK LIKE TODAY?



17,178
people call Moyne Shire home[^]



54%
are of working age[^]



62%
of residents in 2016 were living in Moyne 2011[^]



81
years median life expectancy*

Our residents



26%
of residents are aged under 19 and 6% of these are aged under 4 years[^]



20%
are aged over 65 years[^]



10%
of residents speak a language other than English at home[^]



8%
of residents were born overseas and with 3.4% of these coming from north west Europe[^]

In 2021, approximately 17,200 people live in Moyne Shire. Our population has had an average annual growth rate of 0.8% (approx. 122 people) each year since 2011.

This growth rate is forecast to slow over the next 20 years. Much of the shire's growth to date has occurred in areas in the south of the shire.

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*Source: Populus Community Profile 2021

[^]Source: Estimated resident population 2021

[^]Source: ABS Census 2016

[^]Source: Moyne Youth Service Priorities 2020

WHAT DO THE PEOPLE OF MOYNE LOOK LIKE TODAY?

Our young people



58%

are keen to be involved in projects^ⁱ



89%

are involved in after school activities^ⁱ



63%

are involved in sporting clubs^ⁱ



16%

are involved in volunteering and special interest groups^ⁱ



21%

are involved in music, arts and cultural activities^ⁱ



55%

of young people said they do not have enough opportunities to participate in decision making and an **additional 22% were undecided**^ⁱ

^ⁱSource: Moyne Youth Service Priorities 2020



Our connections and wellbeing



32%

undertake voluntary activities in our community^ⁱ



24%

have a low / medium life satisfaction*



54%

feel valued by society*



42%

show insufficient physical activity*



5%

require assistance for their core activity needs^ⁱ



12%

provide unpaid assistance to family members or others^ⁱ



71%

can get help from neighbours*



40%

members of a sports group*



25%

are obese and 58% are overweight*



71%

low or very low exercise in previous week*



26%

diagnosed with anxiety / depression*



50%

have adequate fruit intake*



85%

can definitely access community services / resources*



46%

have private health insurance*



0.6

GPs service sites per 1000 residents*



0.8

Allied Health professionals servicesites per 1000 residents*

*Source: Populus Community Profile 2021

^ⁱSource: ABS Census 2016

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What does Moyne Shire look like compared to similar communities?

- Less children in Moyne are vulnerable when starting school.
- People in Moyne feel they are healthy (self-assessed health) but there is a higher rate of death from avoidable diseases and lower median life expectancy.
- Less Moyne residents are diagnosed with a mental illness, however more people report their mental health to be poor.
- Risk factors such as smoking and consuming sugary drinks are much lower in Moyne.
- More people eat enough fruit in Moyne.
- We have low rates of diversity – people with a disability, or who speak a language other than English.
- Rates of adults not doing adequate physical activity and being overweight are high in Moyne. This is comparable to other similar communities.
- A higher proportion of people in Moyne do not feel valued by society and a higher proportion of people are dissatisfied with their life.
- People's access to services which support health (GP and dental clinics, pharmacies) is lower in Moyne than in similar communities.

The following presents a snapshot of how the people of Moyne compare to other similar communities.

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Risk Factors



Early Years



Health Conditions



Access to Health Services



Mental Health



Disability



1

Leading

5

Average

10

Lagging

More details on these indicators and how Moyne is trending over time are provided in the separate **Community Profile** report.

Where is Moyne Shire leading, average and lagging?



Leading (Decile 1/2)
compared to other large rural shires

Early Years: less children are vulnerable on starting school.

Mental Health: low rate of Mental Health diagnoses.

Self Assessed Health: less people assessing their overall health as poor or moderate.

Risk Factors: smoking and consumption of sugary drinks are low; more people meeting fruit consumption guidelines.

Diversity: low proportion of people with severe or profound disability living in the community, low proportion of people who speak a language other than English.



Average
Performance is similar to others

Risk Factors: inadequate physical activity; proportion of overweight people; alcohol consumption rates (lagging in 2015 - has improved).

Health Prevention: childhood immunisation at 12-15mths.

Suicide Rate: slightly higher than peers (but has improved between 2015-2017).



Lagging (Decile 9/10)
compared to other large rural shires

Mental Health: people reporting their mental health as poor.

Feeling Valued: people who feel valued by society is low.

Health Conditions: high rates of avoidable mortality (deaths from preventable illness) and hospitalisation for cancer; lower median life expectancy.

Life Satisfaction: proportion of people who are dissatisfied with life.

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What our community had to say

The following provides a snapshot of some of the key feedback about people that we heard during the community engagement program. The full My Moyne, My Future **Community Engagement Summary** report provides further detail and community commentary.

We went out into the Moyne Shire community and asked people the following questions:

- › 'Thinking about the year 2040, what would you like Moyne to look, feel and be like?'
- › 'What do we need to start now, or change, to achieve the kind of community we want in the future?'
- › 'What do you value about the Moyne area and community?'
- › 'What is your biggest concern for Moyne's future?'

The top three priorities about People that arose were:

- › Children and Young People
- › Healthy Lifestyle
- › Physical Health (including Health Conditions)

Participants valued:

- › The willingness of residents to give their time to help others or a cause as volunteers in the community.
- › The natural landscape that provides endless opportunities for people to exercise and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- › The access to medical services and good quality general practitioners.
- › Feelings of happiness and wellbeing living in the Moyne Shire.



What did our community say was a people-based priority for 2040?

When we asked the community of Moyne Shire what their priorities were, 15.3% of responses fell under the People theme, making it the third highest priority pillar across the engagement responses.

15.3%

Most responses about a vision for Moyne Shire that were focused on People reflected aspirations for a happy, fit and healthy community.

Priorities to achieve a happy, fit and healthy future were:

- › Access to health services to ensure the community stays healthy.
- › Keeping our towns walkable to encourage people to stop and talk.
- › Making sure each township has activities and places where people can gather.
- › Keeping Moyne a place where everyone knows and looks out for each other.

4.8%

4.8% of the feedback during the community engagement phase related to Children and Young People.

Some of the key gaps in achieving our 2040 vision were identified:

- › A need for a more supported youth community in Moyne.
- › A need for population growth in the region to attract the facilities and community participation needed.
- › Increased access to doctors and other health providers to ensure the community stays healthy.
- › Increased recognition of the diversity of the area and its people, not just the heritage of our community.

Participants said we need to start:

- › Providing opportunities and employment options for young people to keep them living in the Moyne Shire.
- › Create events and activities for people of all ages to further enhance the wellbeing and connection of community members.
- › Providing better healthcare, by attracting more general practitioners, better emergency services and providing face-to-face mental health services rather than online.
- › Providing services and infrastructure that would improve the physical and mental health of the community, such as indoor pools and gym facilities.

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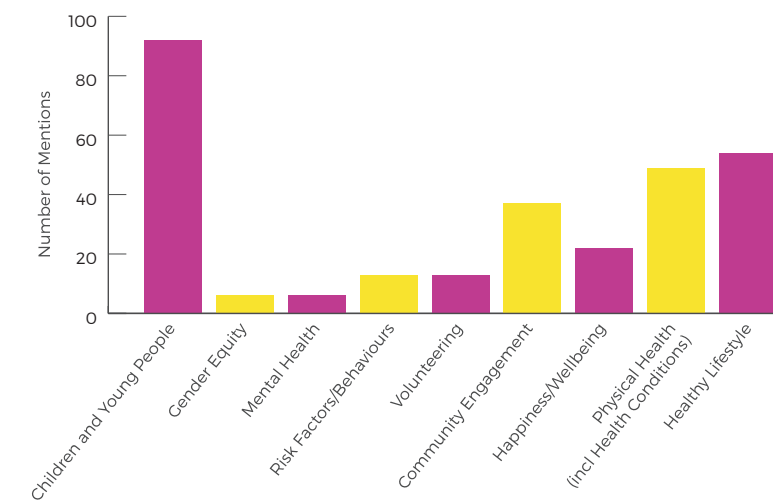
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What did our community say was a people-based priority for 2040?

Retaining young people in Moyne Shire was seen as a priority to many. Suggestions to retain young people were:

- Creating events, such as live music, movie nights, social events to provide young people with opportunities to connect with others and spend their time constructively.
- Organise a community bus to improve accessibility to information and services.
- Involving young people in volunteer opportunities in their areas of interest.
- Creating employment opportunities for young people and attracting larger employers to the shire.

Number of mentions about People across the community engagement



Community comments



"Community cohesion and mental health awareness."



"Appreciate and include the people with experience over the years. We need to communicate, consult and provide adequate information."



"Get a group of 16-29 year olds and ask them what they need, what could help, what barriers and supports."



"We need a bulk-billing doctor in Mortlake."



"Encourage health and well-being for all ages."



"We need a good health and wellbeing plan that addresses key family violence issues centred around alcohol use."



"Indoor facilities for health and fitness... our weather does not support outdoor activities for a majority of the year."



"The willingness of residents to give their time helping others."



"Get young people involved in volunteering by getting them involved through the issues they care about."

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What about our regional partners and agencies?

We also asked key organisations and services providers for our region what their priorities are for our community. These stakeholders will play an important part in supporting the 2040 Community Vision.

Partner agency people-based priorities include:

- Maintaining and enhancing liveability.
- Focussing on illness prevention to reduce rates of poor mental health, suicide and chronic diseases.
- Improving gender equity and reducing family violence.
- Minimising harm from alcohol and other drugs.
- Addressing inequity including supporting younger, older and other vulnerable people.
- Recognising good health requires access to education, housing, transport, jobs, economic security and social connection.



Drawing from a student at Hawkesdale P-12 College



More information on regional priorities and partner agencies are presented in the ***Strategic Community Profile Background*** report.

WHAT WILL OUR PEOPLE LOOK LIKE IN 2040?



18,456
call Moyne home –
increase of 1,278
residents (up 7.4%)



15%
decrease in people
aged under 19 years



34%
increase in people
aged over 65 years



14%

increase in the working age
population



53%

will be of working age
(compared to 54% in 2021)



22%

of residents will be aged under 19 and
5% of these are aged under 4 years
(compared to 26% and 6% in 2021)



25%

will be aged over 65 years
(compared to 20% in 2021)

What will we look like?

Preschool (0-4)	942 (5.1%)	-83 (down 8.1%)
School Age (5-19)	3,140 (17%)	-228 (down 6.8%)
Young workers (20-34)	2,521 (13.7%)	+183 (up 7.8%)
Workers (35-49)	3,320 (18%)	-35 (down 1%)
Empty Nesters (50-64)	3,879 (21.%)	+258 (up 7.1%)
Retirement (65-79)	3,069 (16.6%)	+364 (up 13.5%)
Elderly (80+)	1,585 (8.6%)	+819 (up 107%)
Aged over 65	4,654 (25.2%)	+1,183 (up 34.1%)

Source: Estimated resident population 2021

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Some topics that arose from our community members and our regional partners include:

- For young males and teens in Moyne, there were not enough jobs and not enough to do aside from sport.
- Limited healthcare options may impede people wanting to retire in Moyne, or older people staying on in the area.
- The social, economic or cultural implications for townships from an ageing population.
- Population attraction and the support services needed and connecting people to services.
- Building the capacity of people with disability and vulnerable families to reach their potential and empower people to have meaningful connections to their communities.
- Increased access to high quality prevention and early intervention focused allied health services.
- Changes in the service needs of our changing population.



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