



Buloke (control) community

These community profiles are a preliminary part of the work we are doing to analyse the reasons for social and economic changes that Basin communities have experienced over the last 15 years. We are releasing this preliminary and foundational work now to give people the opportunity to examine the data for themselves, and so we can be confident about the data we are using to inform our socio-economic analysis.

We have captured data for 40 irrigation-dependent communities, and five that are not dependent on irrigation. These five 'control' communities have been included as a point of comparison to help us assess the impact of the Basin Plan's water recovery Profiles for the townships of Deniliquin and Shepparton-Mooroopna are also included in the study. While there is no irrigated production in these communities, there will be flow on effects due to water recovery in the surrounding areas.

This information should be read in conjunction with *Understanding change in Basin communities* on the Southern Basin community profiles page at mdba.gov.au.

Limited irrigated production, no Basin Plan water recovery.

Trends in social and economic conditions

AREA POPULATION

Decreased from 6,981 to 6,201 persons (11.2%) between 2001 and 2016

- Mostly between 2006 and 2011

WORKFORCE

Total area workforce

Decreased from 2,465 to 2,278 FTE (7.6%) between 2001 and 2016

- Decreasing 11.7% between 2001 and 2011, increasing 4.1% between 2011 and 2016
- Workforce participation rose from 35.3 to 36.7 FTE per 100 persons

Agricultural workforce

Decreased 33.2% (426 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Two-thirds of the decrease occurred between 2001 and 2006
- Employment in irrigated production was less than 20 FTE

Non-agriculture private workforce

Decreased 2.4% (16 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Increasing and decreasing across time

Government services workforce

Increased 42.1% (187 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Increasing more than 20% between 2001 and 2006, and between 2011 and 2016

ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

Percentage FTE in key sectors:

- **2001:** 52% agriculture, 28% non-agriculture private, 18% government services
- **2016:** 38% agriculture, 29% non-agriculture private, 28% government services

TOWN POPULATION

Remained around 2,350 people between 2001 and 2016

- Increasing 6.4% between 2001 and 2006, decreasing 7.8% between 2006 and 2011

62% of the town population was 45 and over in 2016, up from 52% in 2001

- 19% increase in 45 years and over, 21% decrease in under 45s

EMPLOYMENT

Full-time employment

20% of town population in 2016
down from 26% in 2001

Part-time employment

Constant around 13% of town
population

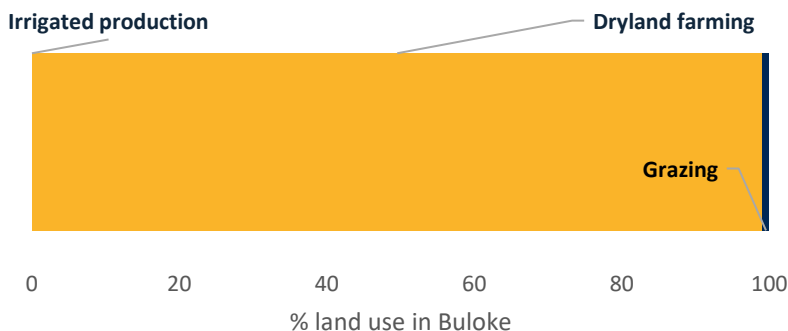
Unemployment in the town

Increased from 2% of town
population in 2001 to 3% in
2016

SEIFA FOR TOWN: (DECILE RANKINGS, CHARLTON/DONALD)

- **2001:** disadvantage = 8, advantage/disadvantage = 6/5, wealth = 4/3, education = 7/5
- **2016:** disadvantage = 5, advantage/disadvantage = 5, wealth = 3, education = 6

Land use



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