

# SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL Spotlight on Foster



## 2016 Population

Foster 1,842  
Median Age 57  
South Gippsland 28,936



South Gippsland  
Shire Council



## Population by Gender



48%



52%



## Population Growth 1911 - 2036

Foster's population grew steadily from 1981 to 2006.

The population of Foster has experienced increased growth between 2011 to 2016.



## Employment

There are 684 people in the workforce in Foster with a higher proportion of people in full time work and a larger proportion of people working 40 hours or more.



## Diversity

234 Foster residents were born overseas with 14 arriving since 2011. Most recent overseas born residents come from the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Languages other than English are spoken in 64 households. The top languages are:

- Italian
- German
- Dutch
- Japanese
- Vietnam

People from Italy, The Netherlands and Germany moved to South Gippsland between 1946 and 2005 with many working on the land surrounding the town.

Most people moving to Foster in the past 5 years came from other parts of Victoria, including Casey, Frankston, Mornington Peninsula and Yarra Ranges.



## Education

A larger proportion of children attended government primary schools than Victoria.

23 percent of people in Foster attended an educational insitution in 2016.



## Car Ownership

7 percent of households in Foster do not own a motor vehicle.

37 percent of households have one motor vehicle.

35 percent of households have two motor vehicles.

17 percent of households have three or more motor vehicles.

## Income



The individual weekly income is lower than in South Gippsland.

Weekly rents are lower in Foster than South Gippsland.

A higher proportion of households in Foster earn between \$400-\$499 than in South Gippsland.

The proportion of older people in Foster influence the incomes of individuals and households.



## Care

156 people in Foster reported needing help in their day to day lives due to a disability.

13.3 percent of the population provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability.

A larger proportion of people aged 85 years and over require assistance with core activities.



## Key Points in History

1869 Alluvial gold was found in Stockyard Creek.

1894 Headquarters for South Gippsland Shire established.

## Housing



There are 980 dwellings in Foster with 79 percent occupied.

There are more couples without children in Foster than South Gippsland.

## TOP 5

The top five industries of employment include:

- Dairy Cattle Farming
- Supermarket and Grocery Stores
- Secondary Education
- Aged Care Residential Services
- Beef Cattle Farming