

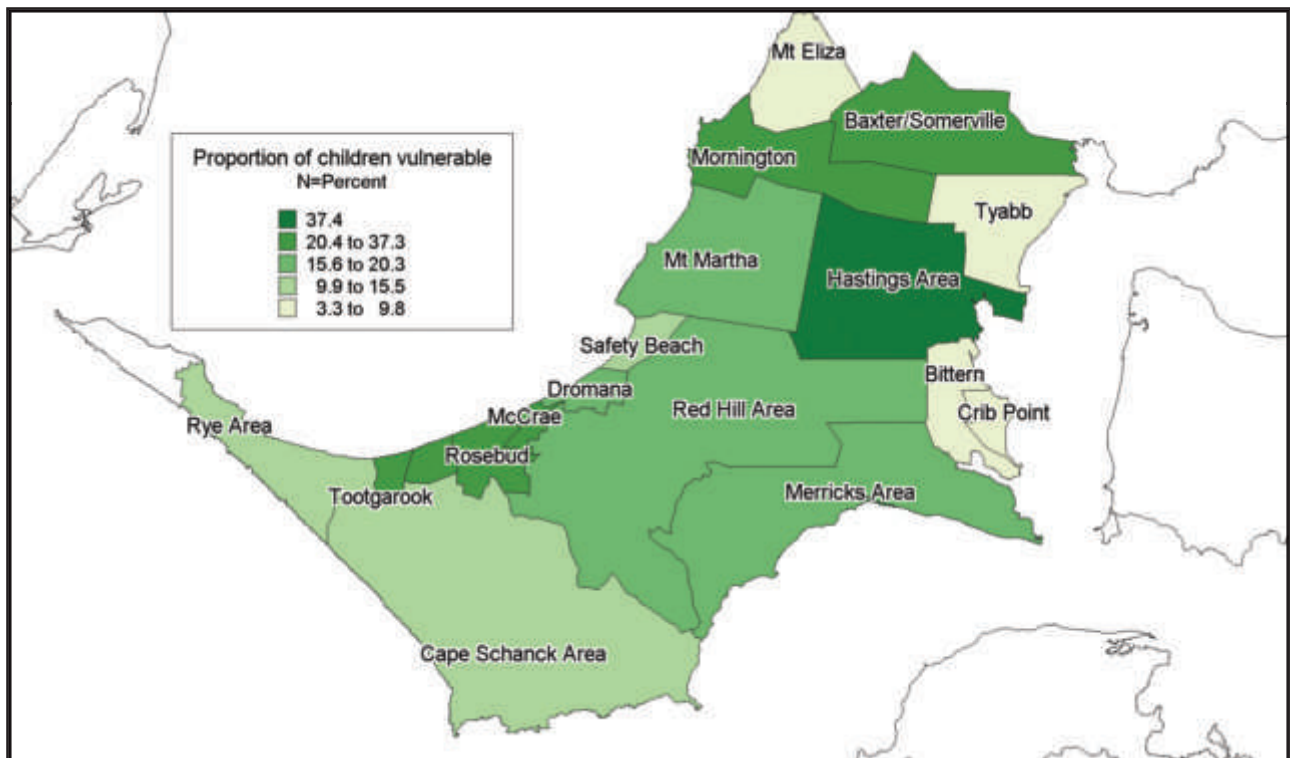
# Mornington Peninsula Shire VIC

## Background information

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is located approximately 50 kilometres south east of the central business district of Melbourne. The Shire covers an area of 720 square kilometres and is a mixture of urban areas, resort towns, tourist development and rural land. The residential population of the area is 140,000 and increases to 200,000 in peak season. The population of children aged 0-6 years who live in the Shire is 11,158. AEDI data were collected across the entire municipality. The leadership and coordination for the AEDI Project was undertaken by the Mornington Peninsula Shire. The following table provides summary information about the AEDI in the Mornington Peninsula area.

Mornington Peninsula Shire			
Number of schools participating	31	Proportion of eligible schools	94%
Number of participating teachers	72	Number of participating children	1,428
Proportion of children with English as a second language	0.6%	Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	0.6%

## Proportion of children developmentally vulnerable on one or more domains of the AEDI



Source: AEDI Communities Data 2004 and 2005

## Summary of AEDI findings

<p><b>Physical health and wellbeing domain:</b> (Child is healthy, independent, ready each day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.2% of the children are considered <b>developmentally vulnerable</b>. The highest proportion of developmentally vulnerable children are in McCrae (12%) and there are a number of areas with no vulnerable children.</li> <li>• There are 45.9% of children <b>performing well</b>. The highest proportion of children performing well are in the Rye area (66.2%) and the lowest proportion are in the Hastings area (25.3%).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social competence and wellbeing domain:</b> (Child plays, gets along with others and shares, is self-confident)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.9% of the children are considered <b>developmentally vulnerable</b>. The highest proportion of developmentally vulnerable children are in the Hastings area (19.8%) and there are a number of areas with no vulnerable children.</li> <li>• There are 35.4% of children <b>performing well</b>. The highest proportion of children performing well are in Bittern (56.8%) and the lowest proportion are in the Hastings area (22%).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Emotional maturity domain:</b> (Child is able to concentrate, help others, is patient, not aggressive or angry)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.2% of the children are considered <b>developmentally vulnerable</b>. The highest proportion of developmentally vulnerable children are in the Hastings area (15.4%) and there are a number of areas with no vulnerable children.</li> <li>• There are 27.6% of children <b>performing well</b>. The highest proportion of children performing well are in Bittern (51.4%) and the lowest proportion are in Baxter/Somerville (16.4%).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Language and cognitive skills domain:</b> (Child is interested in reading and writing, can count and recognise numbers, shapes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.2% of the children are considered <b>developmentally vulnerable</b>. The highest proportion of developmentally vulnerable children are in the Hastings area (16.5%) and there are a number of areas with no vulnerable children.</li> <li>• There are 38.2% of children <b>performing well</b>. The highest proportion of children performing well are in the Red Hill area (62.5%) and the lowest proportion are in Bittern (13.5%).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communication skills and general knowledge domain:</b> (Child can tell a story, communicate with adults and children)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.5% of the children are considered <b>developmentally vulnerable</b>. The highest proportion of developmentally vulnerable children are in Tootgarook (16.7%) and the lowest proportion are in Mt Eliza (0%).</li> <li>• There are 47.1% of children <b>performing well</b>. The highest proportion of children performing well are in Mt Eliza (73.3%) and the lowest proportion are in the Merricks area (25%).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vulnerable on one or more domain</b> (Children who are below the AEDI cut off on one or more domains)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall there are 17.5% of children vulnerable on one or more domains.</li> <li>• The highest proportion of children vulnerable are in the Hastings area (37.4%) and the lowest proportion are in Crib Point (3.3%).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Performing well on one or more domain</b> (Children who are in the top 25%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall there are 71.4% of children performing well on one or more domains.</li> <li>• The highest proportion of children performing well are in Mt Eliza (87%) and the lowest proportion are in the Hastings area (48.4%).</li> </ul>