Wodonga is the 2nd most disadvantaged community in the Hume Region.

Key indicators of disadvantage include:
- Unemployment;
- Criminal conviction;
- Disability;
- Low educational attainment;
- Child maltreatment;
- Family violence; and,
- Psychiatric admissions.

11.4% of people in Wodonga felt they wouldn’t be able to get help from family and friends if needed.

Wodonga sits in the top 10% of incidence of child maltreatment.

10.4% Wodonga
8.1% Victoria

In Wodonga, 10.4 per cent of young people are not employed or engaged in education. This compares to 8.1 per cent Victoria wide.

One in five households in Wodonga are classified as low income.

4.37% of people in Wodonga are unemployed.

8.5% of people in Wodonga are under mortgage stress.

27% of people who rent in Wodonga experience rental stress.

Wodonga has the sixth highest incidence of juvenile convictions in Victoria.

Wodonga ranked 39th out of 666 postcodes in Victoria for the number of people who needed help paying their rent.


For more information please contact the Community Planning and Wellbeing team on (02) 6022 9300 or go to wodonga.vic.gov.au
WHAT COUNCIL IS DOING

Wodonga Council wants to see everyone in the community flourish and do well in their lives. To work toward this, the council is committed to playing its role in an effort to improve opportunities for our vulnerable populations and reducing disadvantage.

The council has developed key strategies and objectives to work toward leaving no one in Wodonga behind:

1. Work with community to create a safer, more inclusive and equitable Wodonga;
2. Undertake planning for the most vulnerable to improve access to services such as education, health and housing; and
3. Use the council planning, regulatory and policy mechanisms to decrease disadvantage in the community.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Although the council plays a role, it is up to everyone to work together to reduce levels of disadvantage in our community.

The council has identified key settings and partners where change can occur:

- **Workplaces** (Does your organisation support staff experiencing difficulty and prioritise their involvement in employment? Does your workplace offer family violence leave?)
- **Schools and early learning services** (How do you support children and families who are more vulnerable? Do you seek ways to increase participation and opportunities for vulnerable children?)
- **Community and sporting organisations** (Do you raise funds to support local families in need? Do you have a sponsorship program for low-income families who cannot afford membership fees or equipment?)
- **Communities** (Do you volunteer? Do you encourage your children to be inclusive of others, despite their background?)

*What else can you do?* There are many organisations working tirelessly in our community to help those in need. They are always looking for volunteers and welcome donations of clothes, food and essential items to pass on to those who need them.

To find out more phone Wodonga Council on (02) 6022 9300