# Moreland Community – key statistics

#### POPULATION

188,762 number of residents<sup>1</sup>
23% projected population growth by 2036<sup>2</sup>
42,700 additional residents by 2036<sup>2</sup>
2.5 average household size<sup>3</sup>
49% male<sup>4</sup>
51% female<sup>4</sup>
28% aged 0-24<sup>4</sup>
59% aged 25-64<sup>4</sup>
13% aged 65+<sup>4</sup>
810 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people<sup>3</sup>
6% have a disability<sup>3</sup>
1,686 same sex couple households<sup>3</sup>

#### DIVERSITY

34% people born overseas<sup>3</sup>
100 different countries of birth<sup>3</sup>
28% speak a language other than English<sup>3</sup>
140 different languages spoken<sup>3</sup>
Italian, Arabic, & Greek most common languages spoken at home<sup>3</sup>
60% identify as religious<sup>3</sup>

## ENVIRONMENT

11% tree canopy cover<sup>5</sup>
82% dwellings within 400m of public open space<sup>6</sup>
221m average distance to public transport<sup>7</sup>
25% take public transport to work<sup>3</sup>
8% walk or cycle to work<sup>3</sup>

## SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

17% volunteer<sup>3</sup>
9,500 households don't have access to the Internet<sup>3</sup>
92% feel safe during the day<sup>8</sup>
72% feel safe at night<sup>8</sup>
54% participate in community groups<sup>8</sup>

## HOUSING

24% live alone<sup>3</sup>
9% live in share houses<sup>3</sup>
56% own their homes (fully or mortgage)<sup>3</sup>
36% rent their homes<sup>3</sup>
44% live in townhouses & apartments<sup>9</sup>
768 estimated people experiencing homelessness<sup>10</sup>
51% people experience stress around their rental and housing payments<sup>11</sup>

# WORK AND EDUCATION

64% Year 12 completion<sup>3</sup> 34% Bachelor or higher degree qualification<sup>3</sup> 8.1 unemployment rate<sup>12</sup> 8,900 unemployed residents<sup>12</sup> 109,700 labour force<sup>12</sup> 14,821 local businesses<sup>13</sup> 48,271 local jobs<sup>13</sup> \$6.45 billion Gross Regional Product<sup>13</sup> 15% employed people live and work in Moreland<sup>7</sup>

## Covid-19 Pandemic

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak a global pandemic<sup>14</sup>. Since then, the Moreland community has faced extraordinary challenges. The pandemic has affected businesses<sup>15</sup>, led to a rise in unemployment, and has increased demand for food relief in the community<sup>16</sup>. It has also revealed great resilience across Moreland and a strong sense of community. Community facilities, services, and local centres will continue to be important in the face of the pandemic. While we do not yet know the long-term impacts of Covid-19, we know that Moreland will continue to feel the effects of the pandemic for many years.