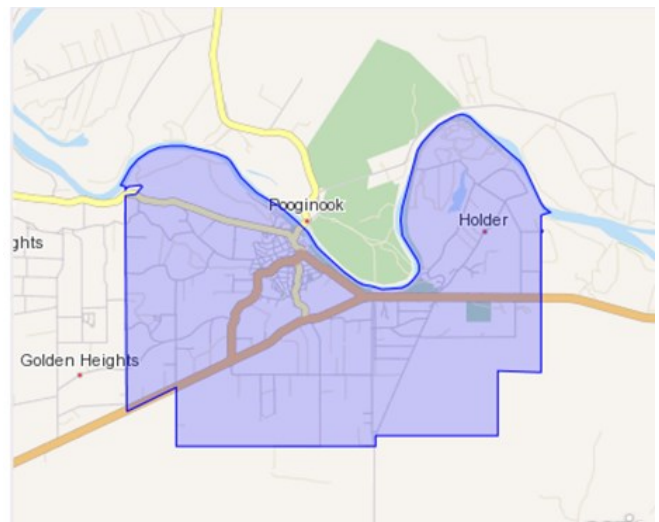


Waikerie is situated on the banks of the beautiful Murray River within the Riverland region and is only 175 kilometres from Adelaide.

The name Waikerie is said to mean 'many wings', after a moth called 'wei kari', the name given by the local indigenous community.

Waikerie was established in 1894 when its first settlers arrived by paddle steamer. The township offers a wide variety of restaurants, accommodation, hospitality and shopping.

Population	2,684
Male	1,317
Female	1,373
Median Age	49



Age Profile				
Age Group	Male	Female	Total	%
0-4 years	87	59	145	6.2
5-14 years	149	147	303	12.0
15-19 years	68	85	146	6.4
20-24 years	58	54	108	5.0
25-34 years	118	112	234	9.3
35-44 years	136	142	273	11.6
45-54 years	163	174	343	12.9
55-64 years	203	201	403	14.6
65-74 years	187	197	380	10.1
75-84 years	98	122	223	7.6
85 years +	56	73	135	4.4
Total	1,317	1,373	2,684	100

In Waikerie 81.5% of people were born in Australia. The other more common countries of birth were; England 3.5%, India 1.7%, Afghanistan 0.8%, Malaysia 0.6% and Germany 0.6%. The common ancestries in Waikerie were; Australian 32.7%, English 27.6%, German 13.3%, Scottish 5.0% and Irish 4.4%.

There were 1,100 people who reported being in the labour force, of these 53.3% worked full time, 36.5% worked part time and 6.3% were unemployed.

Of those employed in the town; 5.8% worked in grape growing, 5.4% in Citrus Fruit Growing, 5.4% in primary education, 5.2% in supermarkets and grocery stores and 4.2% in hospitals.

Of all households 66.6% were family households, 31.5% were single person households and 1.9% were group households.

Of occupied private dwellings 38.4% were owned outright, 25.5% were owned with a mortgage and 29.9% were rented.

The strong community spirit of the town is identified by 28.1% of people doing voluntary work through an organisation or a group.

Families	746
Average Children per family	1.8

Selected Statistics

All private dwellings	1,350
Average people per household	2.2
Median weekly individual income	\$504
Median weekly household income	\$869
Median weekly family income	\$1,159
Median monthly mortgage payments	\$953
Median weekly rent	\$170
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	1.8

