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An overview of Kororoit based on data from the 2006 Census.

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Kororoit State Electoral District – Snapshot

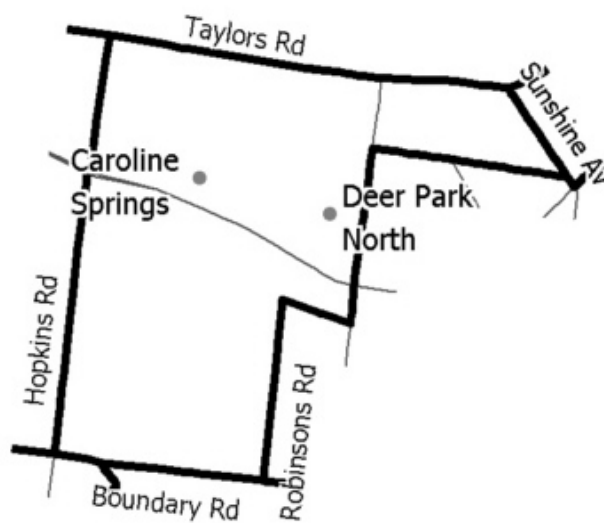
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1. Introduction

The resignation of former Minister Andre Haermeyer on June 2 2008 has prompted a by-election which will be held for the State Electoral District (SED) of Kororoit on Saturday, June 28 2008. Held by the ALP with a 25.6 % margin gained at the 2006 State election, Kororoit is one of the state's safest seats. While contested mid-term by-elections in safe seats have the potential to deliver a protest vote against a government, they have also alternatively resulted in greater support for a government.

Kororoit is situated approximately 13 kilometres west of Melbourne, and in addition to industrial and commercial development, is characterised by dynamic residential development. This D-Brief provides an overview of Kororoit based on data from the 2006 census.



2. 2006 Census Data Rankings

The 2006 census data provides some valuable insights into the resident population of Kororoit. The following data is drawn from the Library's Research Service publication 'Victoria State Electoral District Rankings – 2006 census'¹ and highlights where Kororoit ranks among the 88 state electoral districts for a range of socio-economic attributes. Please refer to appendix 1 for definitions of the attributes.

As can be seen from the data presented below, Kororoit is conspicuous for ranking among the top electorates and the bottom ten electorates for a variety of attributes.

Kororoit is among the top ten state electoral districts for:

- Persons aged under 5 years;
- Persons born overseas;
- Persons born in Southern & Eastern Europe;
- Persons born in South-East Asia;
- Persons born in Non-English speaking countries;
- Persons who speak a language other than English at home;
- Persons who are not fluent in English;
- Catholics;
- Buddhists;
- Muslims;
- Unemployed persons;
- Unemployed persons aged 15 to 19;
- Persons employed in manufacturing; and
- One parent families with dependent children.

It is among the bottom ten state electoral districts for:

- Persons born in the UK and Ireland;
- Persons of no religion;
- Employed persons;
- Women in the labour force;
- Managers and professionals;
- Unpaid volunteers;
- Couple families with no children; and
- Persons whose sole method of travel to work is by bicycle.

Kororoit 2006 census data

Population	Rank	Number	%
Total population	17	60,398	-
Population density (persons per sq. km)	50	662	-
Persons who changed address since 2001 census	58	19,352	32.0
Persons Aged 0 to 4 years	7	4,471	7.4
Persons aged between 5 and 14 years	38	8,401	13.9
Persons aged between 15 and 24 years	28	8,609	14.3
Persons aged between 25 and 64 years	13	33,344	55.2
Persons aged 65 years and over	75	5,574	9.2
Median Age	79	Age 33	-
Persons Who Need Assistance	31	2,829	4.7

¹ B. Lesman (2008) 'Victoria State Electoral District Rankings – 2006 Census', *Research Paper No. 1*, Melbourne, Parliamentary Library.

Ethnicity	Rank	Number	%
Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders	48	255	0.4
Persons born overseas	7	26,731	44.3
Recent Arrivals	20	3,644	6.0
Persons born in UK and Ireland	81	1,160	1.9
Persons born in Southern & Eastern Europe	3	10,366	17.2
Persons born in Africa	11	1,365	2.3
Persons born in the Middle East	19	742	1.2
Persons born in North-East Asia	41	594	1.0
Persons born in South East Asia	6	7,579	12.5
Persons born in non-English speaking countries	6	24,691	40.9
Persons who speak a language other than English at home	5	32,044	53.1
Persons not fluent in English	6	6,085	10.1
Religion			
Christians of all denominations	36	37,829	62.6
Catholics	7	23,180	38.4
Buddhists	5	6,033	10.0
Muslims	7	3,357	5.6
Persons of no religion	84	5,949	9.8
Education			
Persons attending infant, primary or secondary school	54	8,743	14.5
Persons attending Private infant, primary or secondary school	52	2,951	33.8
Persons attending a tertiary education institution	57	2,837	4.7
Persons with highest level of school completed			
Year 10 or below	41	15,805	33.3
Households with an Internet connection	70	10,284	52.8
Households with a Broadband connection	62	6,451	33.1
Persons with tertiary level qualifications	76	6,884	14.5
Persons with trade qualifications	55	6,578	13.8
Labour Force			
Employed persons ranked by the employment ratio	81	23,682	49.8
Unemployed persons ranked by the unemployment rate	5	2,412	9.3
Unemployed persons Aged 15-19	7	298	19.9
Labour Force ranked by the participation rate	79	26,093	54.9
Women in the labour force	83	11,339	43.5
Persons Employed in Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	46	79	0.3
Persons Employed in Manufacturing	8	4,783	20.2
Managers and Professionals	82	4,270	18.0
Technicians and Trades Workers	34	3,737	15.8
Unpaid Volunteers	85	3,803	8.0
Dwellings			
Fully owned dwellings	57	6,625	34.0
Dwellings being purchased	23	7,909	40.6
Rented dwellings	59	3,886	20.0

Dwellings continued	Rank	Number	%
Median monthly housing loan repayment	48	\$1,250	-
Median weekly rent	57	\$ 173	-
Flat, unit or apartment dwellings	67	943	4.8
Persons residing in non-private dwellings	69	671	1.1

Income

Families with a weekly income below \$650	15	4,697	28.8
Families with a weekly income of \$2,000 or more	70	1,789	11.0
Median weekly family income	77	\$1,008	-

Families

Couple families with dependent children	38	6,173	37.9
Couple families with no children	81	4,426	27.2
One parent families with dependent children	8	2,246	13.8
Lone person households	77	3,344	17.2
Persons who spend time doing unpaid child care	62	12,247	25.8

Transport

Persons using public transport to travel to work	33	25,822	7.8
Persons whose sole method of travel to work is by bicycle	84	49	0.2
Dwellings with two or more vehicles	55	10,272	52.8

3. 2006 Census Top 20 Birthplace Classifications**Kororoit - 2006 Census of Population and Housing**

	Males	Females	Persons	%
1 Australia	14,353	14,559	28,912	47.9
2 Viet Nam	2,213	2,446	4,659	7.7
3 Malta	1,226	1,187	2,413	4.0
4 Philippines	873	1,087	1,960	3.2
5 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	688	676	1,364	2.3
6 Croatia	533	536	1,069	1.8
7 Bosnia and Herzegovina	481	475	956	1.6
8 Italy	493	447	940	1.6
9 India	509	406	915	1.5
10 England	397	388	785	1.3
11 New Zealand	352	355	707	1.2
12 Greece	344	351	695	1.2
13 Cyprus	259	287	546	0.9
14 South Eastern Europe, nfd(c)	261	274	535	0.9
15 Poland	246	276	522	0.9
16 Germany	248	268	516	0.9
17 Chile	234	252	486	0.8
18 Serbia (excludes Montenegro)(b)	226	228	454	0.8
19 Sudan	223	197	420	0.7
20 East Timor	189	185	374	0.6

4. Election Results 2006 and 2002²

Election Results 2006

Kororoit			Enrolled 38,186
Candidate	Party	Votes	Per cent
First Preference Votes			
Walters, T	Family First	4,218	13.01
Kozlowski, A	CEC*	702	2.17
Haermeyer, A	ALP	19,978	61.62
Alexander, M	Liberal	5,177	15.97
Power, M	Greens	2,346	7.24
Two-Party Preferred			
Haermeyer, A	ALP	24,482	75.56
Alexander, M	Liberal	7,920	24.44
Formal		32,421	92.19
Informal		2,745	7.81
Turnout		35,166	92.09

Election Results 2002

Kororoit			Enrolled 35,235
Candidate	Party	Votes	Per cent
First Preference Votes			
Fenech, J	LP	5,439	17.90
Haermeyer, A	ALP	20,894	68.75
George, A	IND	2,384	7.84
Reilly, B	IND	1,637	5.51
Two-Party Preferred			
Fenech, J	LP	6,973	22.95
Haermeyer, A	ALP	23,415	77.05
Formal		30,390	94.05
Informal		1,924	5.95
Turnout		32,314	91.71

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² Victorian Electoral Commission (2007) 'State Election 2006: Kororoit District' and 'State Election 2002: Kororoit District', viewed 6 June 2008 <http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/state2006resultKororoitDistrict.html>

*Citizens Electoral Council (Victorian Division)

Appendix 1 - Definitions

Median age is the 'middle' point of the age spectrum, where there are an equal number of persons older and younger.

'Persons who need assistance' are defined as needing help or assistance with self-care, mobility or communication because of a disability, long term health condition (lasting six months or more) or old age.

Recent arrivals - persons born overseas arriving in Australia on, or after January 1, 2001.

Southern and Eastern Europe is defined as including: Albania, Andorra, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Gibraltar, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and the Ukraine.

Africa is defined as including the countries within Central and West Africa, North Africa and Southern and East Africa.

The Middle East is defined as including the countries of Bahrain, Gaza and West Bank, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

North-East Asia is defined as including: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea – Democratic People's Republic of (North), Korea – Republic of (South), Macau, Mongolia and Taiwan.

South-East Asia is defined as including: Burma (Myanmar), Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Non-English speaking countries - defined as persons who were born overseas, excluding the English speaking countries of: Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Persons who are not fluent in English - persons born overseas who stated on the census form that they either did not speak English or did not speak it well.

The total Christian religion is defined as including: Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Uniting Church and Other Christian.

No religion is defined as including 'No religion no further details (nfd)', 'Agnosticism', 'Atheism', 'Humanism' and 'Rationalism'.

Persons attending an infant, primary or secondary school – the number of school students at all levels as a proportion of the total population.

Persons attending Private infant, primary or secondary schools - the number of private school students at all levels as a proportion of total students attending infant, primary or secondary schools.

Tertiary education is defined as either a TAFE college, CAE or University.

Employment ratio - the number of employed persons as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over.

Unemployment rate - the number of unemployed as a percentage of the labour force.

Unemployment rate 15-19 years - the number of unemployed 15-19 years as a percentage of the labour force 15-19 years.

Participation rate - the labour force as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over.

Voluntary workers - the number of people aged 15 years and over, who spent time doing unpaid voluntary work through an organisation or group in the twelve months prior to census night.

Median monthly housing loan repayment is the mid point in the distribution of repayments at which there are an equal number of dwellings with repayments above and below that level.

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Median weekly rent is the mid point in the distribution of rental payments at which there are an equal number of dwellings with rents above and below that level.

'Non-private dwellings' are defined as providing a communal or transitory type of accommodation. They include: hotels, motels, nurses' and other staff quarters, boarding houses, boarding schools, residential colleges, nursing homes, prisons, religious and charitable institutions, hospitals and other communal dwellings (but excluding self-care units in accommodation for the retired or aged).

Gross weekly income below \$650 equates to a gross annual income below \$33,800.

Families with a gross weekly income of \$2,000 or more equates to a gross annual income of \$104,000 or more.

Median weekly family income is the mid point at which there are an equal number of families with incomes above and below that level.

Couple families with dependent children are defined as including: couples with children under 15 years with or without other dependent children, couples with dependent students 15-24 with or without other dependent children and couples with children under 15 years and dependent students 15-24 years. They are ranked as a proportion of total families.

Dwellings with two or more registered motor vehicles - which were owned or used by members of a household, and which were garaged or parked near the occupied private dwelling on census night. Vans and company vehicles kept at home are included, but motor bikes, scooters and tractors are not.

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