

Alcohol and Drugs

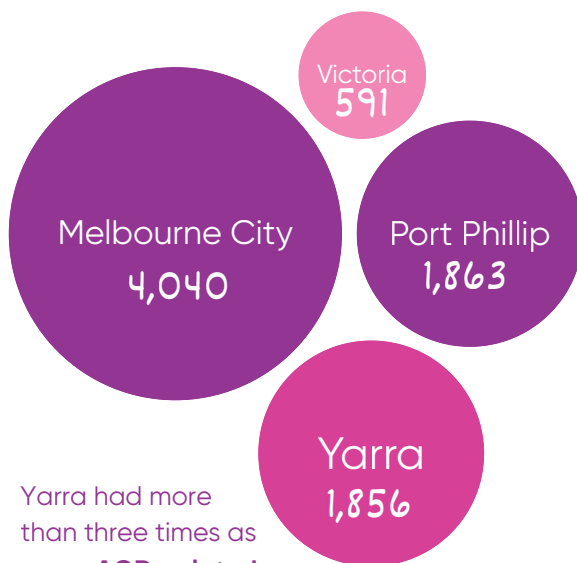
Why is it important?

Alcohol and other drugs (AOD) have significant health, social and economic impacts in communities, and are a major risk factor for preventable disease, illness and death.

What is the story in Yarra?

Alcohol outlets are a part of the tourism, social and cultural fabric of the community. However, there is a very high rate of risky drinking behaviour in Yarra, with 20% of residents at a lifetime risk of alcohol-related harm. There is also a high level of drug-related offenses in Yarra. In Yarra, there are high rates of AOD-related social harms and AOD-related health service use.

AOD related assaults:



Yarra had more than three times as many **AOD-related assaults** per 100,000 residents as Victoria, but **comparable rates to Port Phillip and Melbourne City**, which also have night time economies.

19% of Yarra residents engage in 'binge' drinking at least once a week

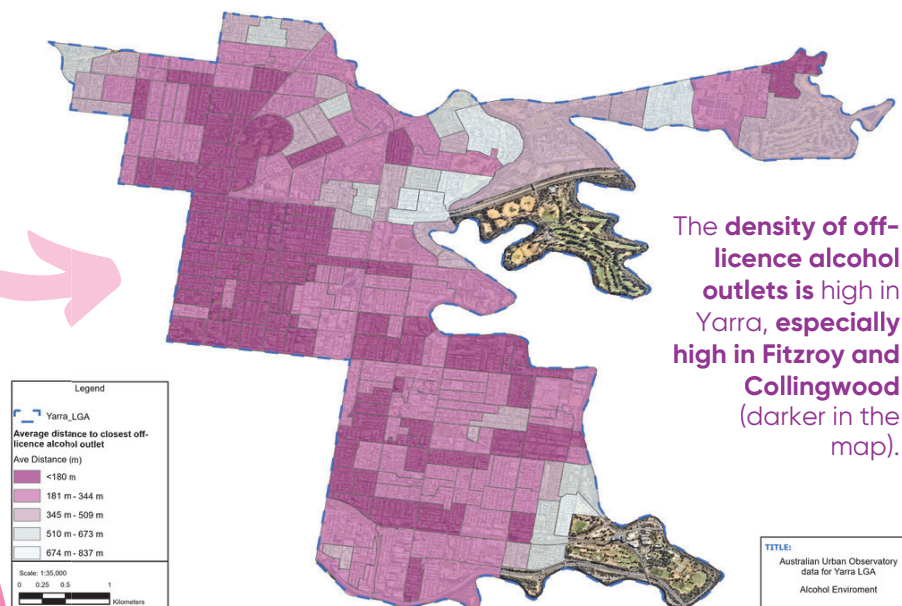


Yarra's rate of **AOD-related ambulance attendances** were lower than Melbourne City, and comparable to Port Phillip



The rate of **AOD-related ambulance attendances** is high, but there is a downward trend in Yarra in the last 3-4 years

Map: Density of off-licence alcohol outlets



The **density of off-licence alcohol outlets** is high in Yarra, **especially high in Fitzroy and Collingwood** (darker in the map).

Groups at higher risk of alcohol harm:

- Significantly more young people report binge drinking
- Significantly more men report daily drinking

Alcohol outlet density is related to greater alcohol harm, with Fitzroy, Collingwood and Carlton North having greater density.