

Wellington Shire Council Economic Development and Transport

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Introduction

Wellington Shire is the third largest municipality in Victoria covering 10,924 km²

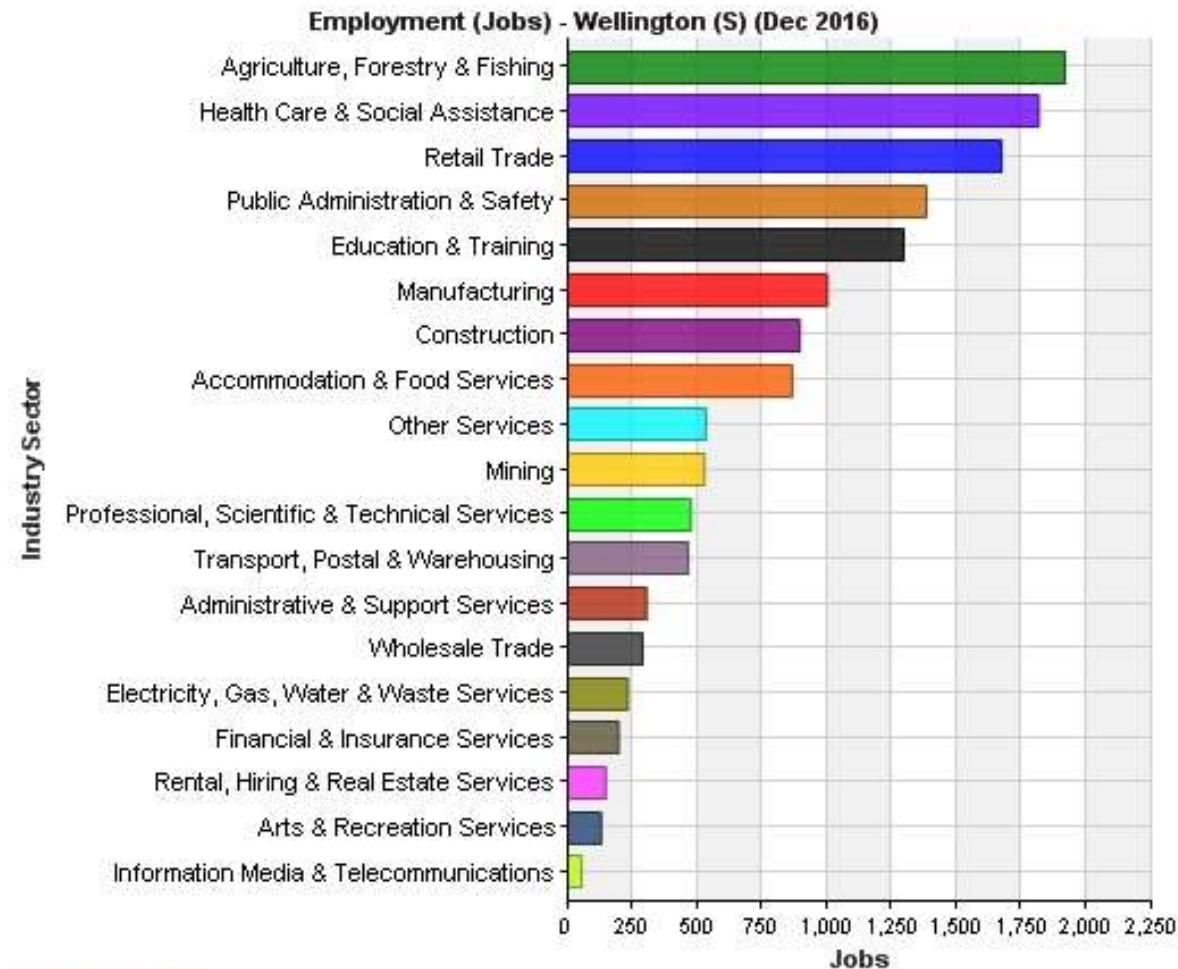
Salisbury is located 215 kilometres east of Melbourne with a flying time to Melbourne of under one hour, or a two and a half hour drive

We maintain and manage infrastructure with a total value of \$790,645,000 for our 42,266 residents*

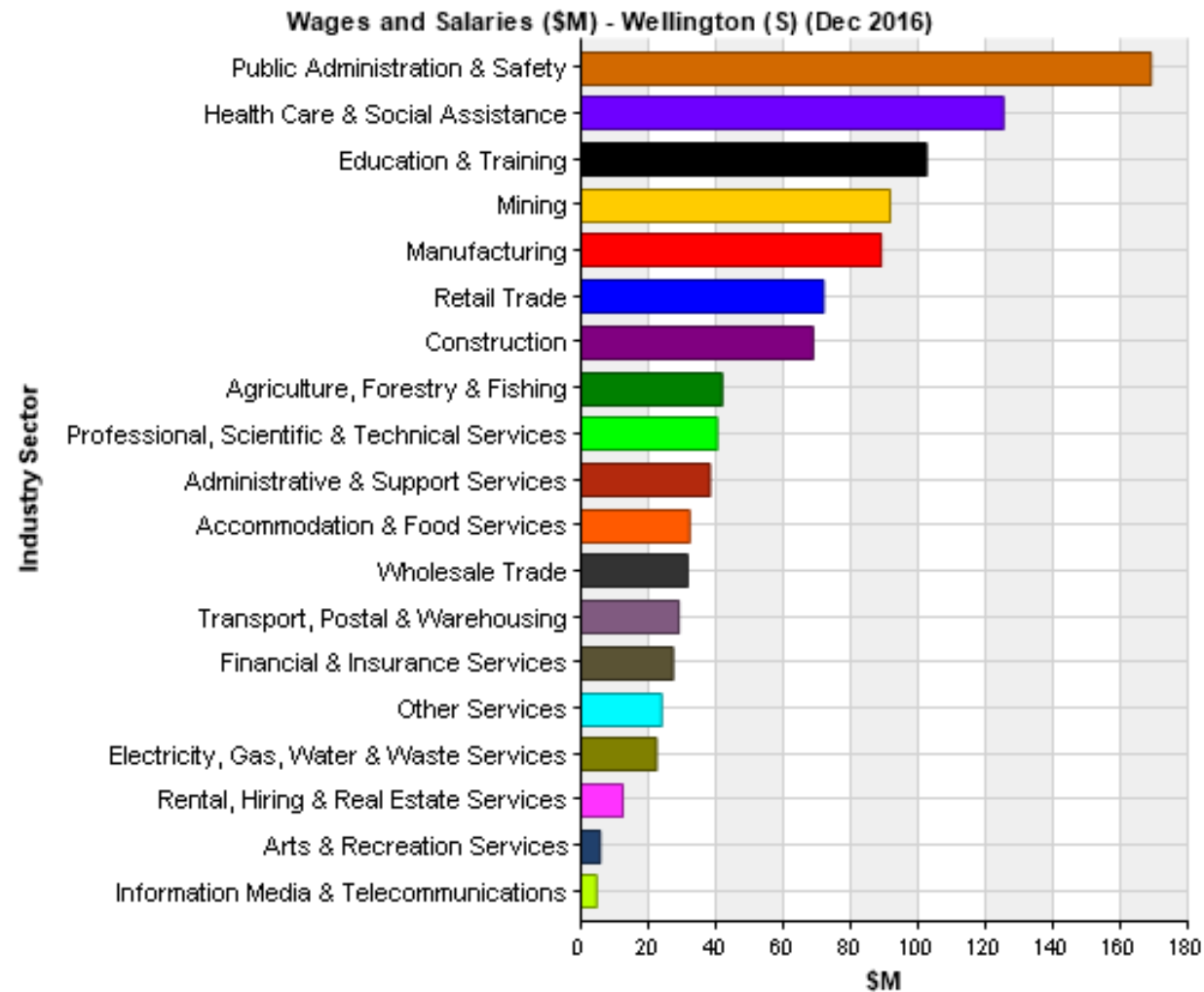


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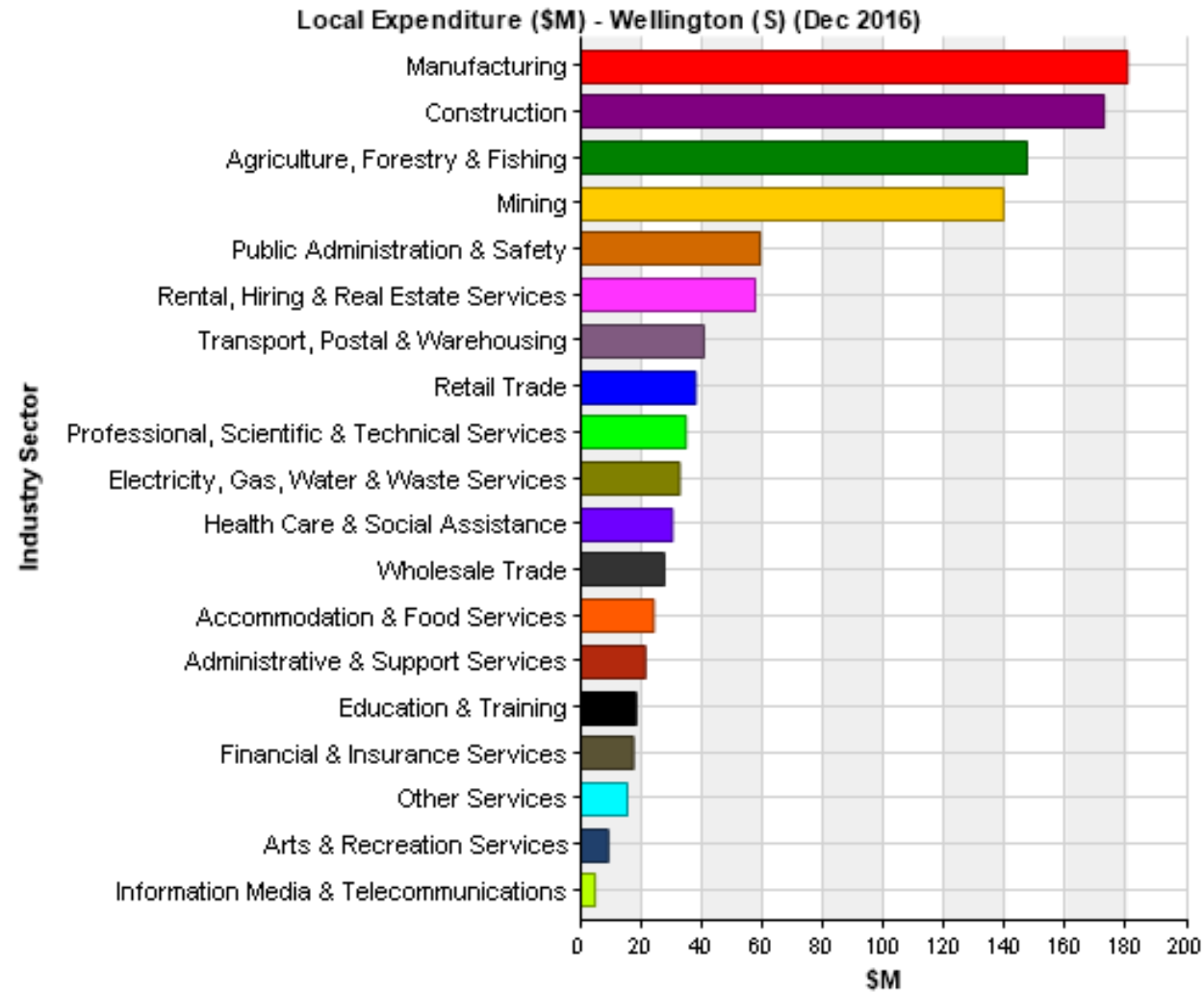
Employment by industry



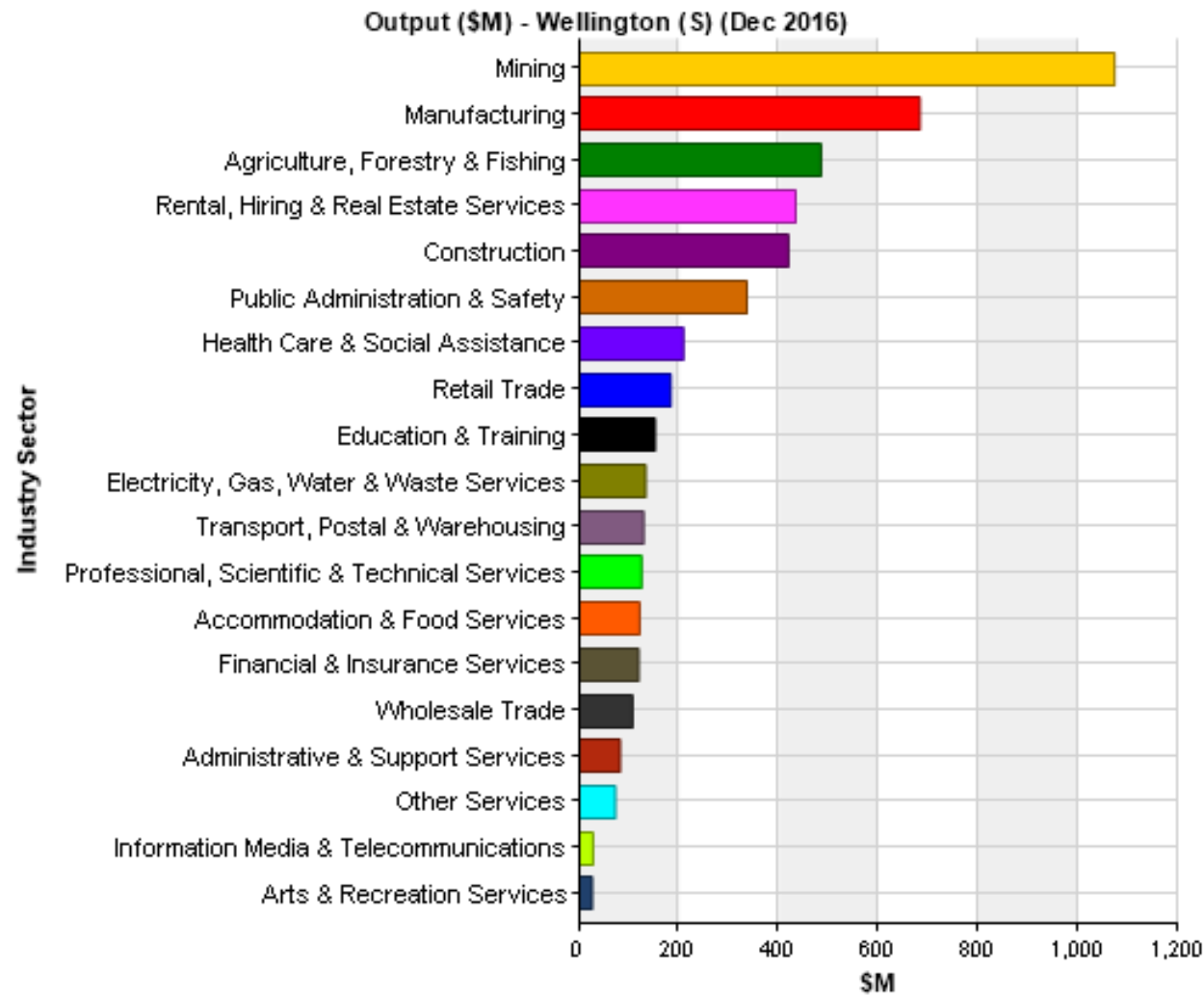
Wages by industry



Local expenditure by industry



Economic output by industry



ExxonMobil (Esso) – Gippsland Basin

The Gippsland Basin has produced oil and gas for the southeast Australian energy market for 50 years. Esso's current \$4.4BN offshore Bass Strait project is the largest oil and gas development on the eastern seaboard.

The project will provide Australia with reliable energy supply for more than 40 years

Economic contribution since 1967:

- Stimulated on average 4,500 FTE Victorians per year
- Improved Victorian economic welfare by \$5.2BN per year
- Adding nearly \$9.4BN to Victoria's GDP per annum



ExxonMobil (Esso) – Longford Gas Conditioning Plant

Esso has completed its \$1BN investment in the Longford Gas Conditioning Plant expansion which is the receiving point for Esso's Bass Strait production (Gippsland Basin)

Longford has supplied most of Victoria's gas requirements since 1969. It also supplies gas to New South Wales, Tasmania and other locations

Esso's current investment in the Longford Gas Conditioning Plant has generated more than 800 direct jobs, with 90% of the workforce from Gippsland region



RAAF East Sale

RAAF East Sale is a training base which:

- supports a capacity of approximately 700 personnel
- The base plays a major role in training Air Force personnel including new officers at the Officer's Training School, Air Combat Officers and Joint Battle Air Controllers
- The base is also home to the famous Roulettes aerobatic display team
- Will host the Defence Force's Basic Flying Training School (AIR 5428) from 2019



Defence Project AIR 5428



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AIR 5428 Overview

The Federal Government's AIR 5428 Project will be based at RAAF Base East Sale from 2019 for the next 25 years

West Sale Airport will be used by for circuit flying training for the Airforce, Navy and Army pilots, including:

- emergency landing training
- instrument approach procedures training flight profiles



Tender process

- Gippsland Local Government Network endorsed AIR 5428 as a key project for the region
- Council worked very closely with State Government to support a Victorian based outcome
- Wellington Shire Council maintained a merit based strategy, Wellington being the natural choice
- Remained arms length from the 'politics'

'TEAM 21' confirmed as Preferred Tenderer on 6 September 15

- **Lockheed Martin Australia**
- **Pilatus Australia**
- **Hawker Pacific**

AIR 5248 direct impact

Permanently based employees at RAAF Base East Sale

- 38 ADF Basic Flying Training staff
- 35 ADF Flight Training staff
- 81 Team 21 direct/civilian personnel (mainly technical/engineering)

Basic Flight Training School - Student population

- 165 students annually
 - two separate courses
 - currently 25 weeks
- Approximately 290 flight screening candidates annually

What this means for Wellington's economy

- Up \$28M per year in local wages and salaries
 - More than 500 local jobs
 - Including direct and indirect flow-on employment
- Economic output boosted by \$168M per year
- Over 25 years, up to \$2 billion to Victorian economy



Transport connections



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Air Access – West Sale Airport

West Sale Airport is located on 200 hectares of land, 10 kilometres west of Sale

- contributes around \$11.8M in output
- Supports approximately \$12.4M in gross value-added activity
- Employs around 90 FTE, of which 1/3 are directly employed
- Key economic and community asset

The Victorian State Government has committed \$5M for infrastructure upgrades to the West Sale Airport as part of their support for the AIR 5428 Project for:

- a runway extension
- resurfacing of the main runway

Currently no commercial passenger or air freight service



Road Access - Melbourne

The Princess Highway is the primary route from Melbourne to Gippsland.

- Federal and State Governments invested \$260M to upgrade to M Class Standard
- Three sections currently being upgraded at a cost of \$85M, and further allocation of \$3M to continue upgrades



Passenger Rail Access

A Gippsland Rail Needs Analysis identified that the Gippsland Line is:

- the slowest and most unreliable
- suffer from regular outages
- have had no significant upgrades for a decade
- are falling behind other regional corridors

A strong advocacy campaign resulted in:

- \$435M commitment to provide more trains more often and a more safe and reliable journey
- 400 construction jobs will be created
- significant economic boost to the region



Questions



Thank you, and enjoy your conference