

# Lake Macquarie

**301\***  
reports

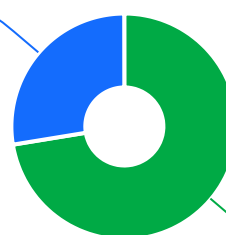


The Ageing & Disability Commission (ADC) received **301** reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Lake Macquarie** in 2020-2022\*.

**72%**

of reports received in this LGA related to an older person\*

83 reports



218 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating to adults with disability\*

**65%**

were female



Of reports relating to older people\*

**70%**

were female



**61%** of reports about adults with disability were by a paid worker^



**41%** of reports about older people came from a paid worker^

**21%** of reports came from the adult child of the older person

**12%** of reports came from the older person experiencing abuse



**12**

reports were about an adult who identified as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**~



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reports involved an adult who spoke a language other than English at home with **Italian and Polish** being the most common language reported

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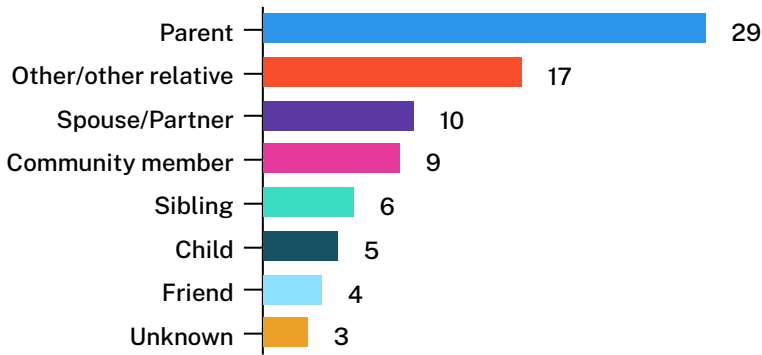


\* Information taken from the Ageing & Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 January 2020 - 31 December 2022 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

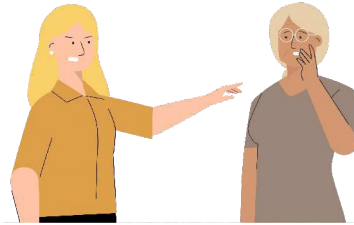
^A paid worker is defined as a formal paid support worker, for example an NDIS support worker or CHSP provider.

~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+

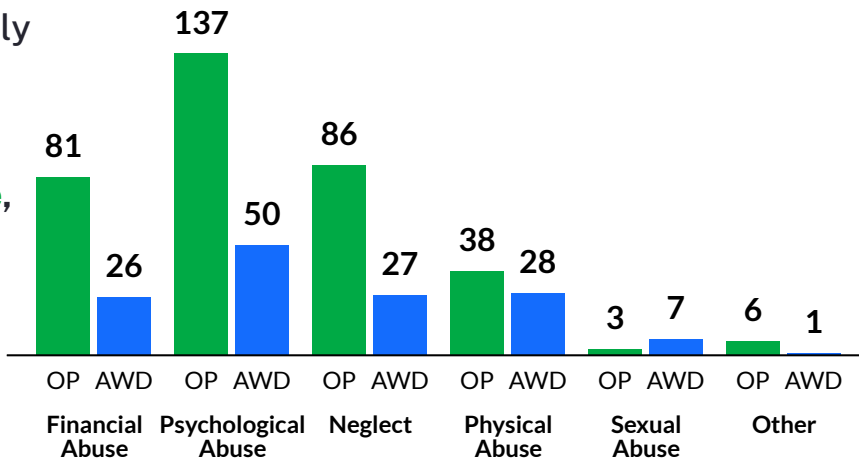
Reports about adults with disability most commonly involved a parent\* as the subject of allegation



**65%** of reports about older people involved family members, mainly adult children followed by community members,\* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards older people (OP) were **verbal abuse**, **failure to meet support needs** and **financial exploitation\***



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards adults with disability (AWD) were **verbal abuse**, **restricting access to supports** and **failure to meet support needs\***

## What else do we know about the Lake Macquarie community?

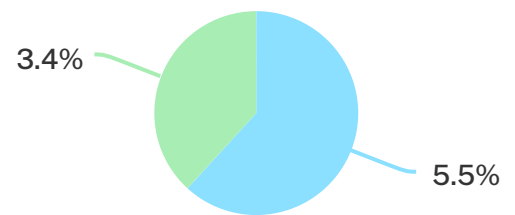
**22%**

of the population are over the age of 65.



**5.5%**

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI).



● Lake Macquarie ● NSW

**73%**

of all households are family households 25% are single person households and 3% are group households<sub>2</sub>

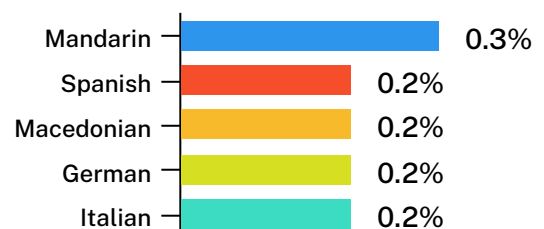


**7.2%**

of households speak a language other than English<sub>2</sub>



**Mandarin** is one of the common languages other than English spoken at home<sub>2</sub>



<sup>1</sup> The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.

<sup>2</sup> 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats)

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