Early childhood indicators of how young Aboriginal children are faring^2

- The percentage of Aboriginal children seen at the 3.5 year key ages and stages visit in the Gippsland region was 31.0 per cent, compared to 40.3 per cent across Victoria.

- 46.2 per cent of Aboriginal young children in Baw Baw (S) were re-reported to child protection services within 12 months of a notification, compared to 40.9 per cent in Victoria.

- The rate of child protection substantiations in Baw Baw (S) was 97.4 per 1000 Aboriginal children aged 0 to 8 years, compared to a rate of 68.2 for Aboriginal young children across Victoria.

- 83.3 per cent of children in Baw Baw (S) were fully immunised at age 1, 100.0 per cent were fully immunised at age 2 and 87.5 per cent were fully immunised at age 5.

- In 2008, there were 5 Aboriginal children enrolled in four year old kindergarten in Baw Baw (S).

- Over the three year period from 2006 to 2008, 76.9 per cent of Aboriginal students enrolled in government schools in Baw Baw (S) were achieving a reading accuracy score of 90% or more on Level 1 texts in Prep, 93.8 per cent of Aboriginal Year 1 students were reading Level 5 texts with 90-100% accuracy and 88.5 per cent of Aboriginal Year 2 students were reading Level 15 texts with over 90% accuracy.

- Over the three year period from 2005-06 to 2007-08, the rate of asthma separations for Aboriginal children aged 0 to 8 years in Baw Baw (S) was 20.1 per 1000 Aboriginal children aged 0 to 8 years. The rate of hospital separations for asthma across Victoria during this period was 7.7 per 1000 Aboriginal young children.

- Over the three year period from 2004-05 to 2006-07, the teenage birth rate in Aboriginal women in the Gippsland region was near to 4 times higher than that of non-Aboriginal women.

Note: Due to the small population of Aboriginal young children and their families in the local area, large percentage variations may be the result of minor changes in the actual numbers.

* Data for the broader region which contains the local government area may be supplemented where there are quality or confidentiality issues with the local area data.