

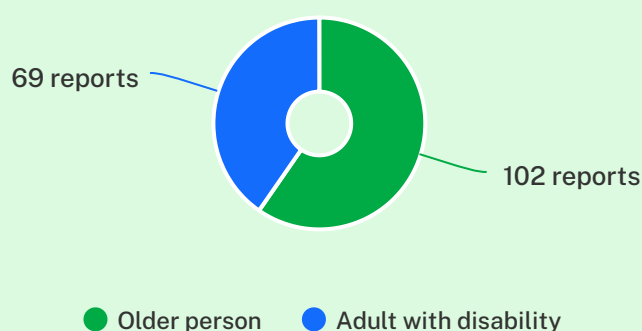
Ageing and Disability Commission Maitland



The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 171 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from **Maitland** in 2019-2024*.

60%

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



Of reports relating to **adults with disability***

55%

were male



Of reports relating to **older people***

56%

were female



67% of reports about adults with disability were made by a **paid worker**^



30% of reports about **older people** came from a **paid worker**^

26% of reports came from the **child** of the older person

14% of reports came from an **other relative** of the older person



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



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

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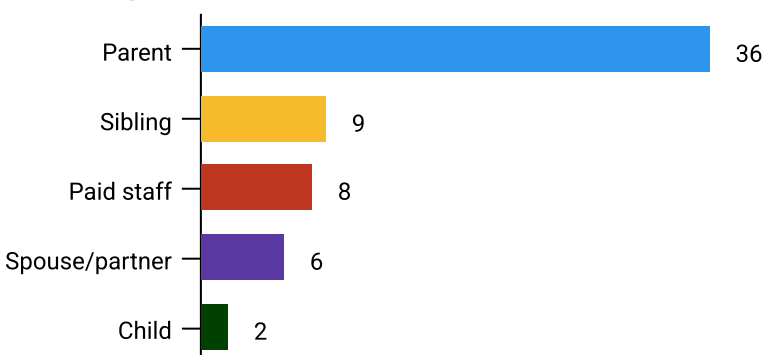
* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

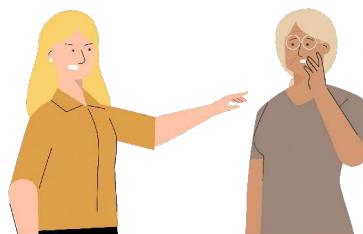
~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+.

The ADC is currently working on improving our data collection to support reporting on gender identity

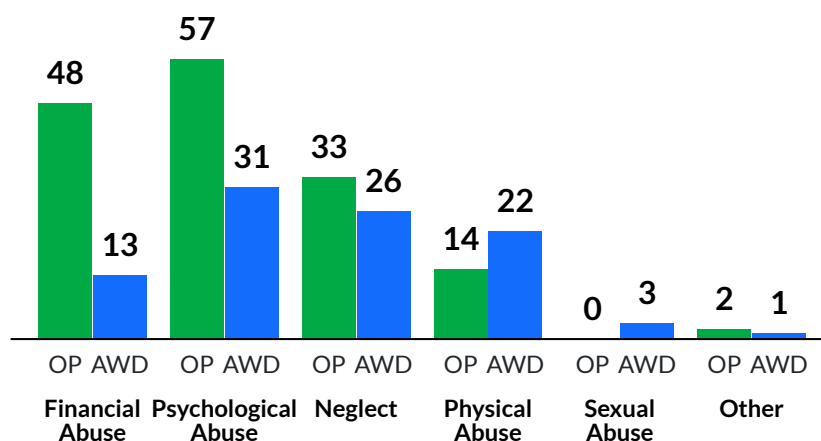
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



61% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by the adult's spouse or partner,* as the subject of allegation



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



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

What else do we know about the Maitland community?

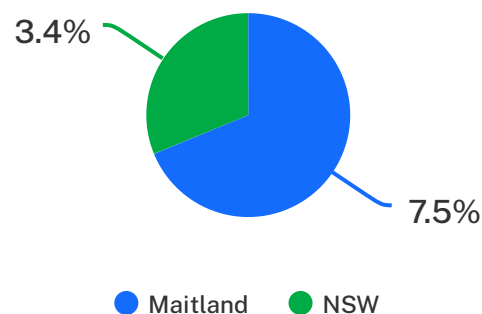
16%

of the population are over the age of 65₁



7.5%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



76%

of all households are family households
23% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂

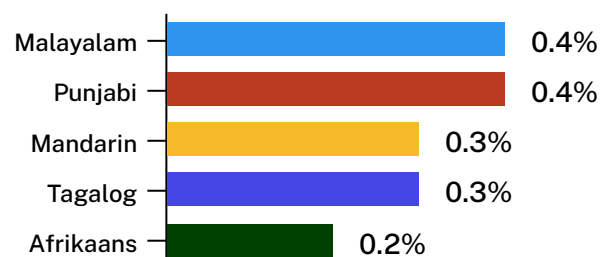


7%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Malayalam is the most common language other than English₂



* The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.

₁ 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats)

₂ 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements.