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FRRR Community Data Tool – User Guide

1. Introduction

The FRRR Community Data Tool helps grant-seekers and grant-makers explore geographic areas to find and assess locations of interest based on key criteria such as remoteness and socio-economic data. It displays relevant data at the Suburb and Locality (SAL) level on an interactive map.



2. Accessing the Tool

You can access the tool via any modern web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Edge) via desktop or mobile. No installation is necessary.



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FRRR Community Data Tool

Empowering communities to access data to amplify their story



You can use the FRRR Community Data Tool to access information about communities across Australia for grant applications, submissions or projects.

This tool was developed with Seer Data and Analytics, with the support of the Australian Government through the Rebuilding



3. Exploring Locations and Viewing Data

The FRRR Community Data Tool offers two main ways to explore geographic areas and view location-specific data:

Search Bar

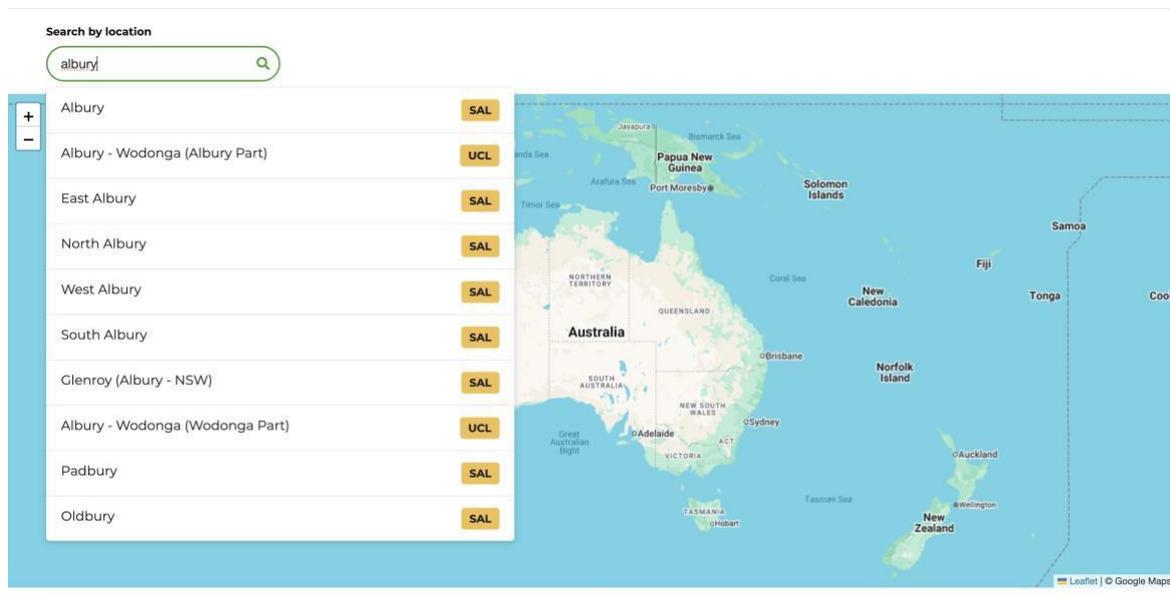
Use the search bar at the top of the map interface to search for a location.

The locations available in the search function are Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) locations. The ASGS is a classification of Australia into a hierarchy of statistical areas. For further information, please refer to the ABS website [here](#).

You can search using any of the following:

- Suburb and Locality (SAL)
- Urban Centre/Locality (UCL)

As you type, a list of matching options will appear. Select a result to highlight the relevant area(s) on the map.



Search Result Behaviours:

- If your selection corresponds to a specific SAL, it will be highlighted immediately, and the location data panel will open automatically.



- If your selection is a UCL which contains multiple SAL boundaries, all SAL boundaries within the selected UCL will be highlighted. In this case, you'll need to click on one of the highlighted SAL areas to view its specific data.
- If your search terms do not yield a result, a helpful pop up will appear to guide you on how to modify your search terms.

Clicking Directly on the Map

You can also skip the search entirely and interact with the map manually:

- Click directly on an SAL region.
- That SAL will be highlighted, and a pop-up panel will display its associated data.

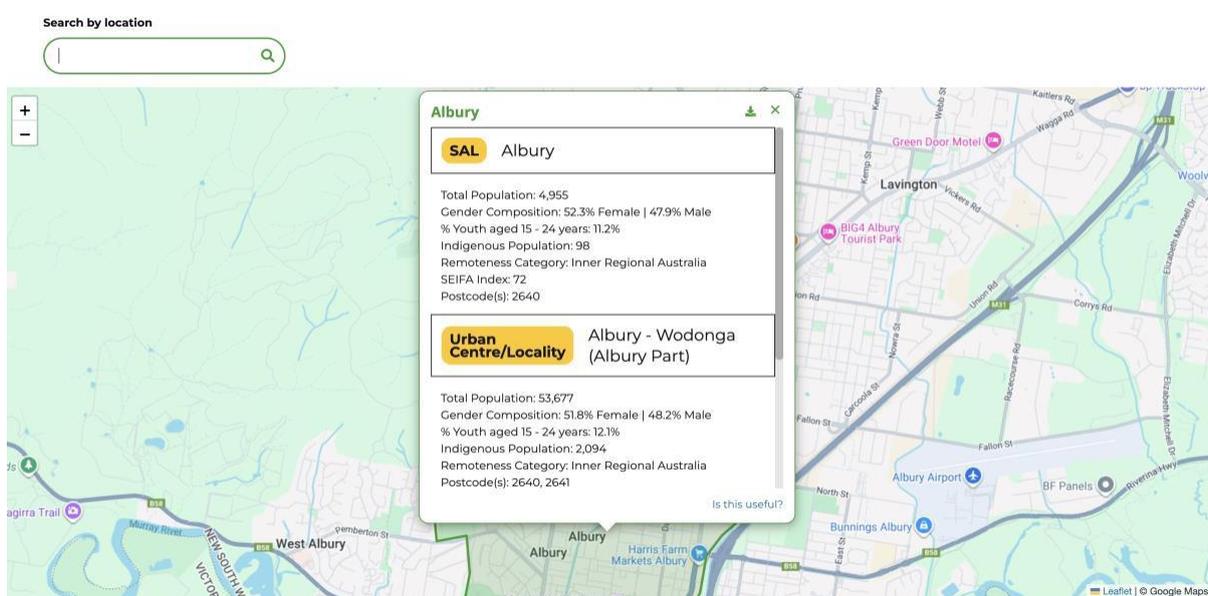


Figure 1 Selection or direct map click of an SAL area

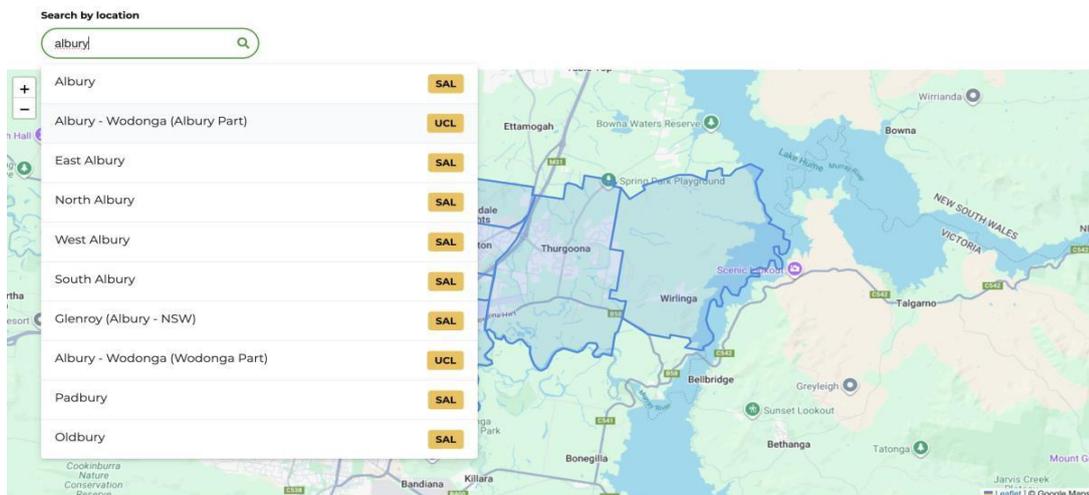


Figure 2 When a larger area is selected, all SALs within its boundary are automatically highlighted.

What Data Is Displayed?

Clicking on or selecting an SAL will display:

- Suburb and Locality (SAL):
 - Name
 - Population
 - Gender Composition
 - Percentage Youth Population
 - Indigenous Population
 - Remoteness Category
 - SEIFA Index
 - Postcode(s)
- Urban Centre/Locality (UCL):
 - Name
 - Population
 - Gender Composition
 - Percentage Youth Population
 - Indigenous Population
 - Remoteness Category
 - Postcode(s)
- Local Government Area (LGA):
 - Name
 - Population
 - Gender Composition
 - Percentage Youth Population
 - Indigenous Population
 - Remoteness Category



- SEIFA Index
- Postcode(s)

Area Type	Area Name	Total Population	Gender Composition	% Youth aged 15 - 24 years	Indigenous Population	Remoteness Category	SEIFA Index	Postcode(s)
SAL	Albury	4,955	52.3% Female 47.9% Male	11.2%	98	Inner Regional Australia	72	2640
Urban Centre/Locality	Albury - Wodonga (Albury Part)	53,677	51.8% Female 48.2% Male	12.1%	2,094	Inner Regional Australia		2640, 2641
LGA	Albury	56,093	51.7% Female 48.3% Male	12.1%	2,126	Inner Regional Australia	48	2640, 2641, 3691

The data pop-up is scrollable.

A Note on Data Sources

The data used in the FRRR Community Data Tool is sourced from trusted national datasets. Please note:

- Where an SAL had multiple Remoteness Categories, the most rural Remoteness Category is returned in the results.
- All population figures are based on the most recent ABS Census which was conducted in 2021.
- For most SAL, UCL, and LGA areas, the recorded female and male population counts do not exactly sum to the total population figure. The gender composition is calculated as the female or male population divided by the total population. Consequently, the combined percentages of male and female populations may be slightly greater or less than 100%.
- The SEIFA results reported are based on each geographical area's percentile for the 2021 Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD). Further information regarding this index is below, and the full methodology can be found on the ABS [website](#).

Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD)

The IRSAD ranks areas according to people's access to material and social resources, and their ability to participate in society. It reflects factors such as income, education, employment, occupation, housing, and family structure. Each area receives a score that summarises both relative advantage and disadvantage.

- Low percentiles (e.g. 1–20) indicate areas with greater relative disadvantage, where many households have low incomes, lower educational attainment, and fewer skilled occupations.
- High percentiles (eg 81-100) indicate areas with greater relative advantage, where households tend to have higher incomes, higher education levels and more skilled employment.

Percentiles range from 1 (most disadvantaged) to 100 (most advantaged), dividing all areas into one hundred equal groups based on their relative socio-economic conditions.



4. Grant Eligibility Indicator

If the SAL falls within an RA1 (Major City) remoteness area:

- A notice will appear stating the location may not meet eligibility for some FRRR grants.
- This is generalised advice, and you should seek clarification on eligibility for your specific grant.

The screenshot shows a Google Maps interface with a search bar at the top left containing the text "Search by location". Below the search bar, a map of Melbourne, Australia, is displayed. A pop-up window is open over the Hawthorn area, titled "Hawthorn (Vic.)". The window contains a warning message: "We may not grant in your location. Please check your eligibility with an FRRR team member before proceeding with an application." Below the warning, there are two sections: "SAL Hawthorn (Vic.)" and "Urban Centre/Locality Melbourne". The "SAL Hawthorn (Vic.)" section lists the following data: Total Population: 22,322; Gender Composition: 51.7% Female | 48.3% Male; % Youth aged 15 - 24 years: 15.7%; Indigenous Population: 56; Remoteness Category: Major Cities of Australia; SEIFA Index: 98; Postcode(s): 3122. The "Urban Centre/Locality Melbourne" section lists: Total Population: 4,585,537; Gender Composition: 50.8% Female | 49.2% Male. At the bottom of the pop-up window, there is a link that says "Is this useful?".



5. Exporting Data

You can export data for any selected SAL as an Excel (.xlsx) file.

To export:

- Select a location
- Click the “Export Data” icon

Chiltern

SAL Chiltern

Total Population: 1,580
Gender Composition: 52.1% Female | 48% Male
% Youth aged 15 - 24 years: 10.3%
Indigenous Population: 20
Remoteness Category: Inner Regional Australia
SEIFA Index: 25
Postcode(s): 3683

Urban Centre/Locality Chiltern

Total Population: 1,208
Gender Composition: 51.7% Female | 47.9% Male
% Youth aged 15 - 24 years: 9.9%
Indigenous Population: 20
Remoteness Category: Inner Regional Australia
Postcode(s): 3683

Is this useful?



	A	B	C
1	[SAL] Chiltern		
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3	Gender Composition	52.1% Female 48% Male	
4	% Youth aged 15 - 24 years	10.3%	
5	Indigenous Population	20	
6	Remoteness Category	Inner Regional Australia	
7	SEIFA Index	25	
8	Postcode(s)	3683	
9			
10	[Urban Centre/Locality] Chiltern		
11	Total Population	1,208	
12	Gender Composition	51.7% Female 47.9% Male	
13	% Youth aged 15 - 24 years	9.9%	
14	Indigenous Population	20	
15	Remoteness Category	Inner Regional Australia	
16	Postcode(s)	3683	
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18	[LGA] Indigo		
19	Total Population	17,368	
20	Gender Composition	50.6% Female 49.4% Male	
21	% Youth aged 15 - 24 years	9.1%	
22	Indigenous Population	278	
23	Remoteness Category	Inner Regional Australia	
24	SEIFA Index		77
25	Postcode(s)	3682, 3683, 3685, 3687, 3688, 3691, 3695, 3747, 3749	
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6. Accessing External Resources

A curated list of external data sources is available in the Resources panel.

Supplementary data deep-dives

Seer Data's platform brings together data from different sources and curate sets of data insights and visualisations about a specific topic - which Seer Data calls Pre-packed Suitcases. Based on trusted data sources, these 'Suitcases' automatically update when new data is available, ensuring you always have access to the latest insights. Check out these Pre-packed Suitcases:



Heartbeat of Rural Australia

Insights into the strengths and challenges of rural and regional communities, based on FRRR's 2021 study.

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Community Demographics

A snapshot of the people in a community - their age, background and other key characteristics.

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Physical and Mental Health

Insights into the health and overall wellbeing of individuals and communities.

[Learn More](#)



Economy and Employment

Insights into the financial health of a community - its workforce, income levels and overall economic growth.

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Additional trusted data sources

The following external resources offer curated information from trusted government or public platforms across key areas relevant to community resilience and wellbeing.

- [Australian Disaster Resilience Knowledge Hub](#)
- [Social Vulnerability Index](#)
- [Digital Inclusion Index](#)
- [Grant Connect](#)
- [ABS Census Data](#)
- [Jobs and Skills Atlas](#)
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- [Digital Atlas of Australia](#)
- [Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage \(ICSEA\) scores](#)
- [Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas](#)
- [Australia's Environment Explorer](#)

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7. Submitting Feedback

Users can submit feedback via the below links. Your feedback helps us to improve the tool and maximise its usefulness.

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