



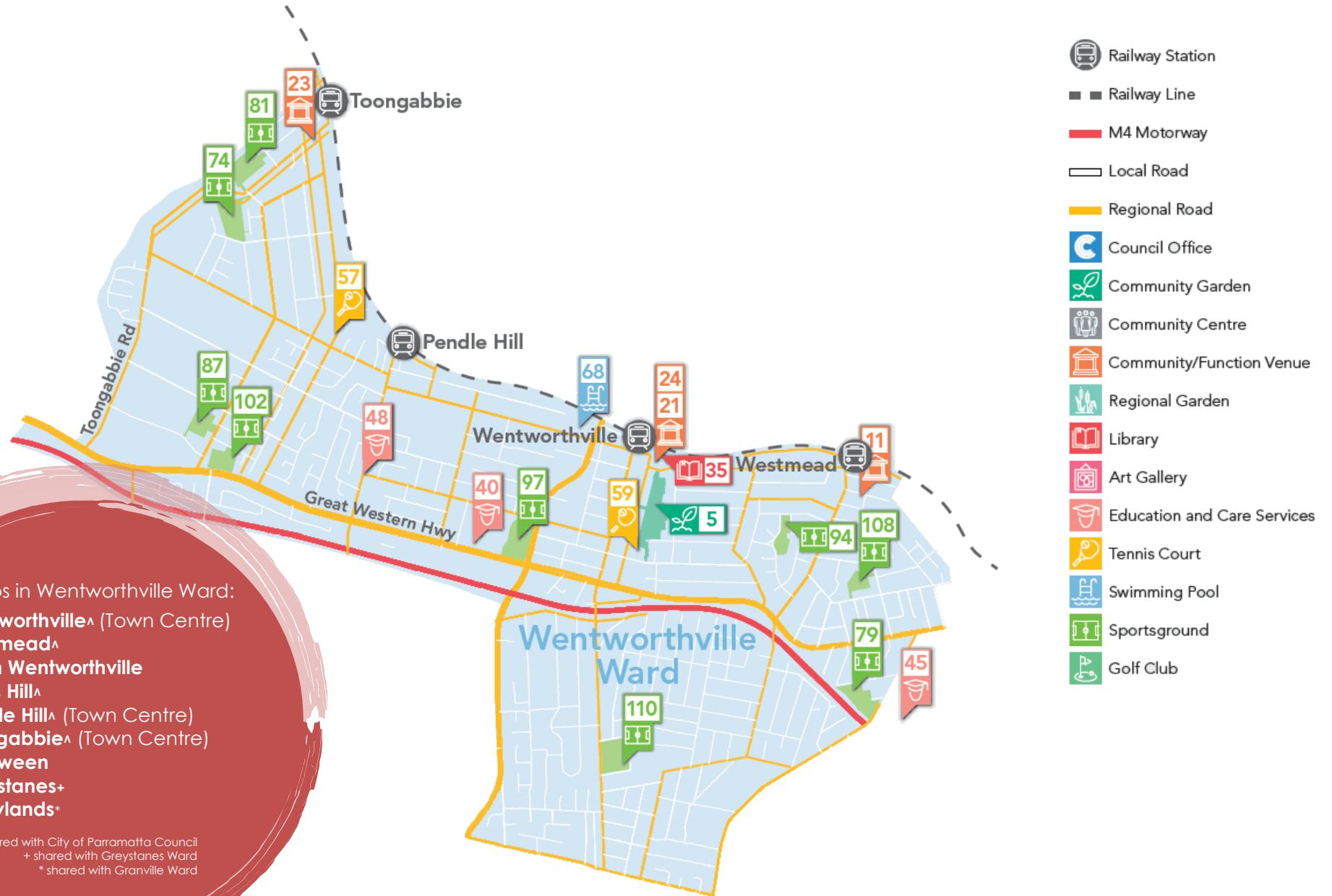
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Wentworthville Ward

Place Development Plan

2019 - 2020

WENTWORTHVILLE WARD



Note: Numbers refer to community facilities on page 22 of the Discover Cumberland New Residents Booklet

WENTWORTHVILLE WARD PROFILE

Quick Stats

Age Structure	Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	3,271	7.9%
	Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	4,249	10.3%
	Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	2,622	6.4%
	Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	3,377	11.7%
	Young workforce (25 to 34)	7,488	19.8%
	Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	9,229	17.6%
	Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	4,313	10.5%
	Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	3,194	7.8%
	Seniors (70 to 84)	2,625	6.4%
	Elderly aged (85 and over)	786	1.9%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	0.8%		
Born overseas	54.5% Born overseas 14.2% Arrived in Australia between 2011 and 2016		
Top 3 countries of birth	20.3% India 6.7% Sri Lanka 3.4% China		
Speaks a Language other than English	62.5% Speak a language other than English at home		
Top 3 languages other than English	10.4% Tamil 8.4% Arabic 5.8% Gujarati		
Speaks English well or very well	85.4%		
Top 3 religions	82.0% Affiliate with a religion (40.5% Christian - combined) 28.6% Hinduism 19.7% Roman Catholic 7.4% Islam		
Housing	21.8% Fully owned 29.9% Paying off a mortgage 40.5% Renting		
Household type	44.8% Couples with children 16.6% Couples without children 10.3% One parent families with children 1.4% Other types of families 3.6% Households with people who are unrelated to each other 19.3% Households with people living alone		

Demographic information sourced from Profile.id and Forecast.id.



Population: 44,119 (2017 ABS ERP)

Economic Snapshot

Town centres	3 (Wentworthville, Pendle Hill, Toongabbie)
Total number of businesses	11,361
Top 3 types of local businesses	13.1% Construction 12.0% Professional, scientific and technical services 9.9% Transport, postal and warehousing
Workforce	62.5% Employed full-time 26.8% Employed part-time 8.3% Unemployed
Top 3 industries of employment for residents	13.4% Health care and social assistance 9.8% Professional, scientific and technical services 8.9% Retail trade

Business data sourced from Australian Business Register.

Community Infrastructure Snapshot

Schools	10 - 1 High School, 9 Primary Schools
Community Facilities	1 Library, 1 Pool, 11 Parks and Sport/Rec Facilities, 1 Community Garden, 3 Community Centres/Halls, 2 Education and Care Facilities

WENTWORTHVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE

Wentworthville has significant local manufacturing and industry heritage, with key industries in the twentieth century including poultry farming, the iconic Australian clothing brand Bonds and Shannon's Brick, Tile and Pottery factory*. The suburb of Wentworthville is split between Cumberland Council (south of the train line) and City of Parramatta (north of the train line).

The Wentworthville community is highly culturally diverse, with 61.3% of the population born overseas compared to 52.2% in the Cumberland LGA. Wentworthville is home to a large Indian community, with 29.2% of residents born in India and 20 Indian food businesses located here.

Consultation has revealed that the community values gathering spaces. This includes Wentworthville Library, Wentworthville Community Centre and the Redgum Centre, and also open spaces such as Friend Park, Lytton Street Park and Wentworthville Community Gardens.

*For more information see the Wentworthville Story Schemes and Dreams project report.

QUICK STATS

Population growth	2017	2026	2036
	14,581	21,092	22,971 (+58%)
Born overseas	61.3% 13.6% arrived in Australia between 2011 and 2016		
Top 3 countries of birth (excl. Australia)	- India 29.2% - Sri Lanka 8.1% - China 4.1%		
Speak a language other than English at home	67.1%		
Top 3 Languages other than English	- Tamil 12.3% - Gujarati 8.4% - Hindi 7.6%		
Public art	2 items, 3% of all public artworks in Cumberland		
Heritage	42 items, 12% of all heritage items in Cumberland		
Businesses (food-based)	- Wentworthville has 20 Indian food businesses (47% of all food businesses in Wentworthville) - Wentworthville has 53% of all Indian food businesses in Cumberland.		

Demographic information sourced from Profile.id (ABS Census 2016) and Forecast.id, Wentworthville and South Wentworthville

WHAT MAKES WENTWORTHVILLE SPECIAL?



Community spaces

- Wentworthville Community Centre and Library is an important community focal point
- Wentworthville Library is heavily used
- Redgum Centre is used as a performing space for diverse community-run events and private functions



Cultural diversity

- Culturally diverse community, with large Indian-born and sub-continent population
- Diwali Street Festival on Station Street hosts cultural performances and activities reflective of the local community
- Culturally diverse food and retail (including Indian spice shops)



Wentworthville Community Garden

- Award-winning community garden with 100+ members from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Hosts an annual open day that attracts 2,000+ visitors



Active community groups

- Over 60+ active community and cultural groups using the community centre, many representing or servicing Indian subcontinent communities
- Wentworthville Community Hub established to support community service provision, including volunteer-run support to improve local collaboration and partnerships



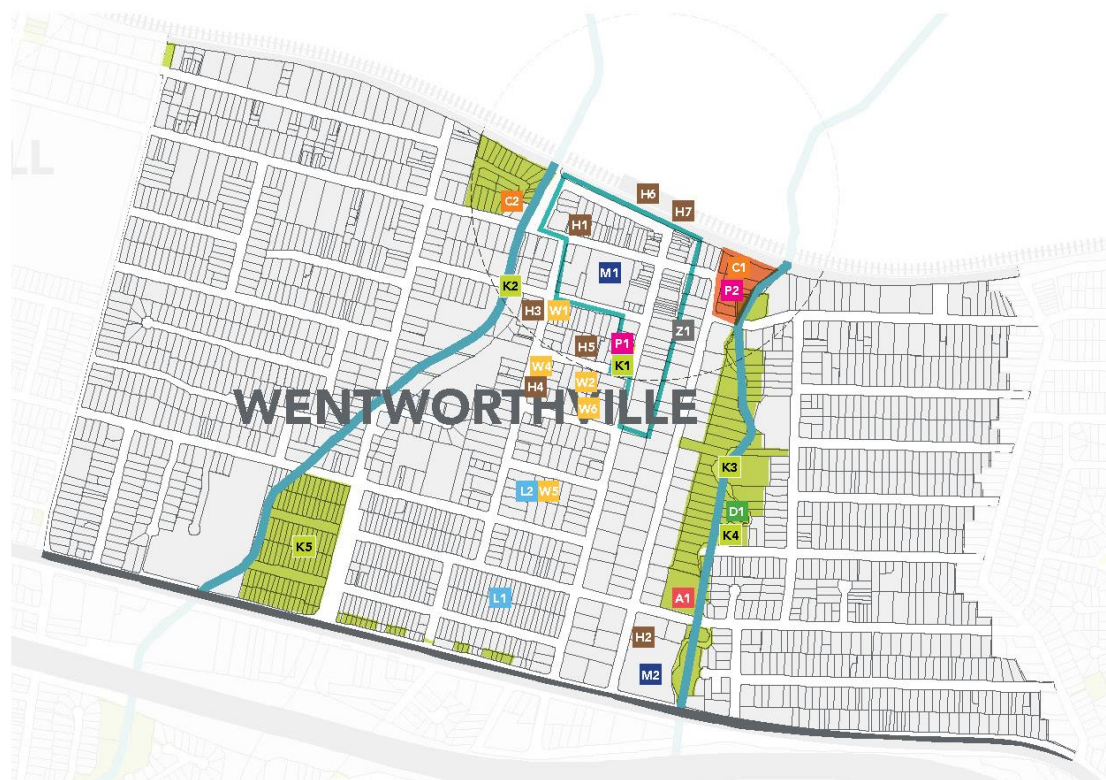
Open spaces

- Community groups use public space, including Friend Park and Lytton Street Park for informal gatherings
- Friend Park has been activated with public art projects



Public art projects

- The Wentworthville Story Schemes and Dreams project engaged the community in ideas to activate the area through public art, resulting in the establishment of the Story Seed Pod in Friend Park in 2018, which encouraged community connections and story sharing



WENTWORTHVILLE CULTURAL MAP KEY

- Suburb boundary
- Railway line and station
- Open space - green
- Open space - urban / plaza
- Industrial employment lands
- Retail and business activity

COMMUNITY SPACES AND FACILITIES	
C1	Wentworthville Community Centre, Library and Redgum Centre
C2	Wentworthville Swimming Centre
CULTURAL AND ARTS FACILITIES	
A1	Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club
CREATIVE LEARNING AND EDUCATION	
L1	Wentworthville Public School
L2	Our Lady of Carmel Primary School
SHOPPING AND DINING	
M1	Wentworthville Shopping Mall
M2	Wentworthville Shopping Plaza

PUBLIC SPACES AND PARKS	
K1	Friend Park
K2	Coopers Creek
K3	Finlaysons Creek
K4	Lytton Street Park
K5	Ringrose Park sporting grounds (home of the Wenty Leagues)
PUBLIC SPACE - URBAN / PLAZA	
U1	(Planned)
COMMUNITY GARDENS	
D1	Wentworthville Community Garden

PUBLIC ART	
P1	Story Seed Pod
P2	Wenty morning to night digital mural
HERITAGE	
H1	Former post office, circa 1926
H2	Electricity substation
H3	Federation Arts and Crafts shop building
H4	Masonic Temple
H5	St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Federation Carpenter Gothic church, circa 1923
H6	Wentworthville Railway Station
H7	Memorial fountain

PLACES OF WORSHIP	
W1	Wentworthville Anglican Church
W2	Uniting Church
H5	Carlingford Wentworthville Presbyterian Church
W4	Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Trinity
W5	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
W6	Sydney Sri Ayyappa Swami Centre
OTHER - SPECIAL PLACES	
Z1	Anatole Museum of the Greats

PENDLE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE

Pendle Hill is a vibrant centre activated by an engaged community and a range of local businesses that reflect the cultural diversity of residents.

Civic Park is an important focal point of community life, with various community and cultural celebrations held there throughout the year.

In comparison to the Cumberland LGA, Pendle Hill has a much higher proportion of residents born in India (23% compared to 6.6%) and Sri Lanka (12.6 compared to 2.2%), and a large Tamil-speaking population (17.8% compared to 3.1%).

Pendle Hill is home to a much larger proportion of residents aged 70 and over (12.2%) compared to the Cumberland LGA (7.5%).

Consultation has told us that the community values the diversity of people, local business and food in Pendle Hill, and the connectivity of the main street to open space.

QUICK STATS

Population growth	2016	2026	2036
	6,064	8,733	11,222 (+85%)
Born overseas	56.8% 16.3% arrived in Australia between 2011 and 2016		
Top 3 countries of birth (excl. Australia)	- India 23% - Sri Lanka 12.6% - China 1.9%		
Speak a language other than English at home	61.9%		
Top 3 Languages other than English	- Tamil 17.8% - Gujarati 7.4% - Hindi 6.8%		
Public art	2 items, 3% of all public art in the Cumberland LGA		
Businesses (food-based)	Pendle Hill has 4% of all food businesses in Cumberland		

Demographic information sourced from Profile.id (ABS Census 2016) and Forecast.id

WHAT MAKES PENDLE HILL SPECIAL?



Culturally diverse

- Culturally diverse people
- Culturally diverse foods - Sri Lankan, Indian small grocery stores
- Community-run cultural festivals including Thai Pongal Festival and Colours Holi celebrations



Fresh food

- Access to fresh fruit and vegetable businesses and meats



Civic Park

- Important gathering place for community and local groups
- Outdoor event space for various cultural festivals and events
- Important Pendle Creek and wetlands area



Pendle Way High Street

- Most of the activity happens here
- Good local shopping strip
- Culturally specific fashion

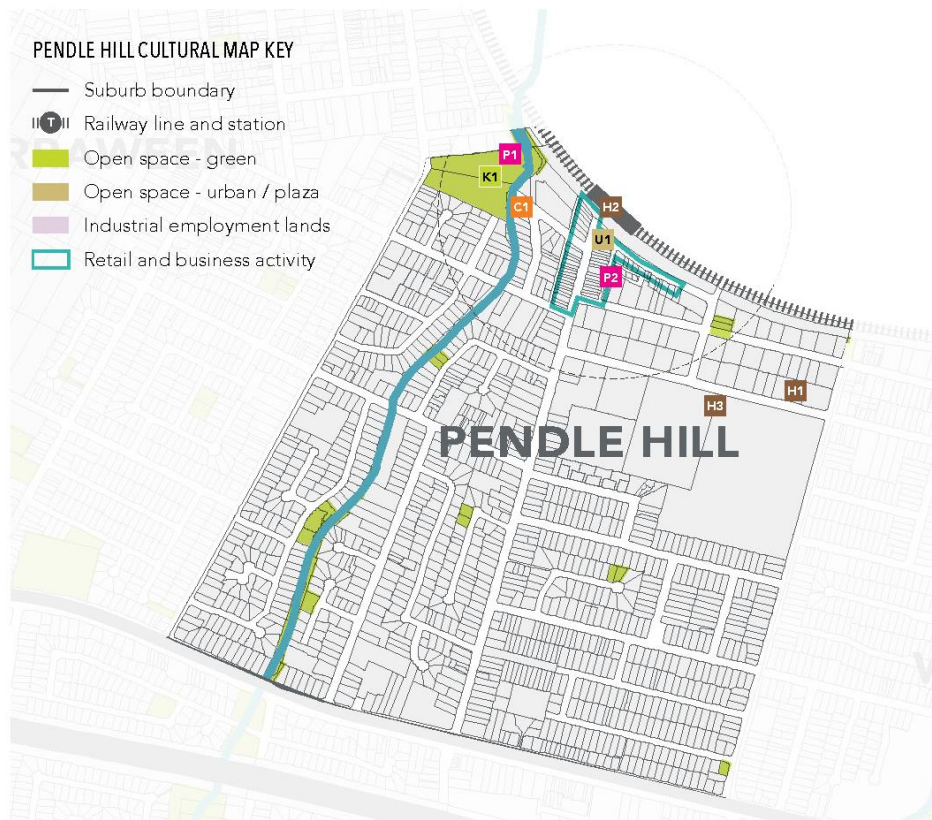


Connected

- High street is well connected to open space (Civic Park and creek)

Other special things

- Tennis courts and recreation facilities at Civic Park



COMMUNITY SPACES AND FACILITIES	
C1	Cassia Community Centre
PUBLIC SPACES AND PARKS	
K1	Civic Park
PUBLIC SPACE - URBAN / PLAZA	
U1	Plaza across from train station
PUBLIC ART	
P1	Maltese Heritage sculptures
P2	Colourburst, 2011 - Paul Westgate

HERITAGE	
H1	Former Bonds Bobbin Mill facade
H2	Pendle Hill Railway Station
H3	Dunmore House

TOONGABBIE - GIRRAWEEEN

NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE

The name **Toongabbie** is derived from an Aboriginal word, reported as meaning 'place by the water' or the 'meeting of the waters'.

Toongabbie is one of the oldest suburbs in Sydney, being the location of the third mainland settlement of British colonisation. In 1797, the Bidjigal clan leader Pemulwuy led an attack raid causing the Toongabbie settlement to be evacuated, culminating in the Battle of Parramatta.

Today, Toongabbie is split between Cumberland Council, City of Parramatta and the Blacktown City Council. For demographic purposes, Toongabbie is combined with the neighbouring suburb of Girraween.

The name **Girraween** is derived from an Indigenous word purported to mean 'place of flowers'.

Toongabbie-Girraween has significant industrial employment lands, including a number of poultry businesses, reflecting a long history of chicken farming in the area.

Toongabbie-Girraween has a much higher proportion of households purchasing or fully owning their home (60.8%) and households with children (59.3%) compared to 52% and 53.1% respectively in the Cumberland LGA.

A large proportion of Toongabbie-Girraween residents were born in India (26.3%) and Sri Lanka (10.2%), and there is a significant Tamil-speaking community (17.5% compared to 3.1% in the Cumberland LGA).

QUICK STATS

Population growth	2016	2026	2036
	8,085	10,543	11,306 (+40%)
Born overseas	57.7% 13.4% arrived in Australia between 2011 and 2016		
Top 3 countries of birth (excl. Australia)	- India 26.3% - Sri Lanka 10.2% - China 2.4%		
Speak a language other than English at home	65.1%		
Top 3 Languages other than English	- Tamil 17.5% - Gujarati 9.6% - Hindi 6.8%		
Public art	1 item, 2% of all public art in Cumberland		
Heritage	5 items, 1% of all heritage items in Cumberland		

All demographic information sourced from Profile.id and Forecast.id. Toongabbie suburb is split between Cumberland Council, City of Parramatta Council and Blacktown City Council

WHAT MAKES TOONGABBIE-GIRRAWEEEN SPECIAL?



Toongabbie Community Centre

- Provides opportunities for people to come together
- Hosts Maker Spaces Program for artists
- Used by community service organisations (e.g. Boronia Multicultural Services and Gujarati Samaj of NSW) and religious groups



Strong sense of community

- Strong sense of community
- Family friendly area



Community groups and creative meet ups

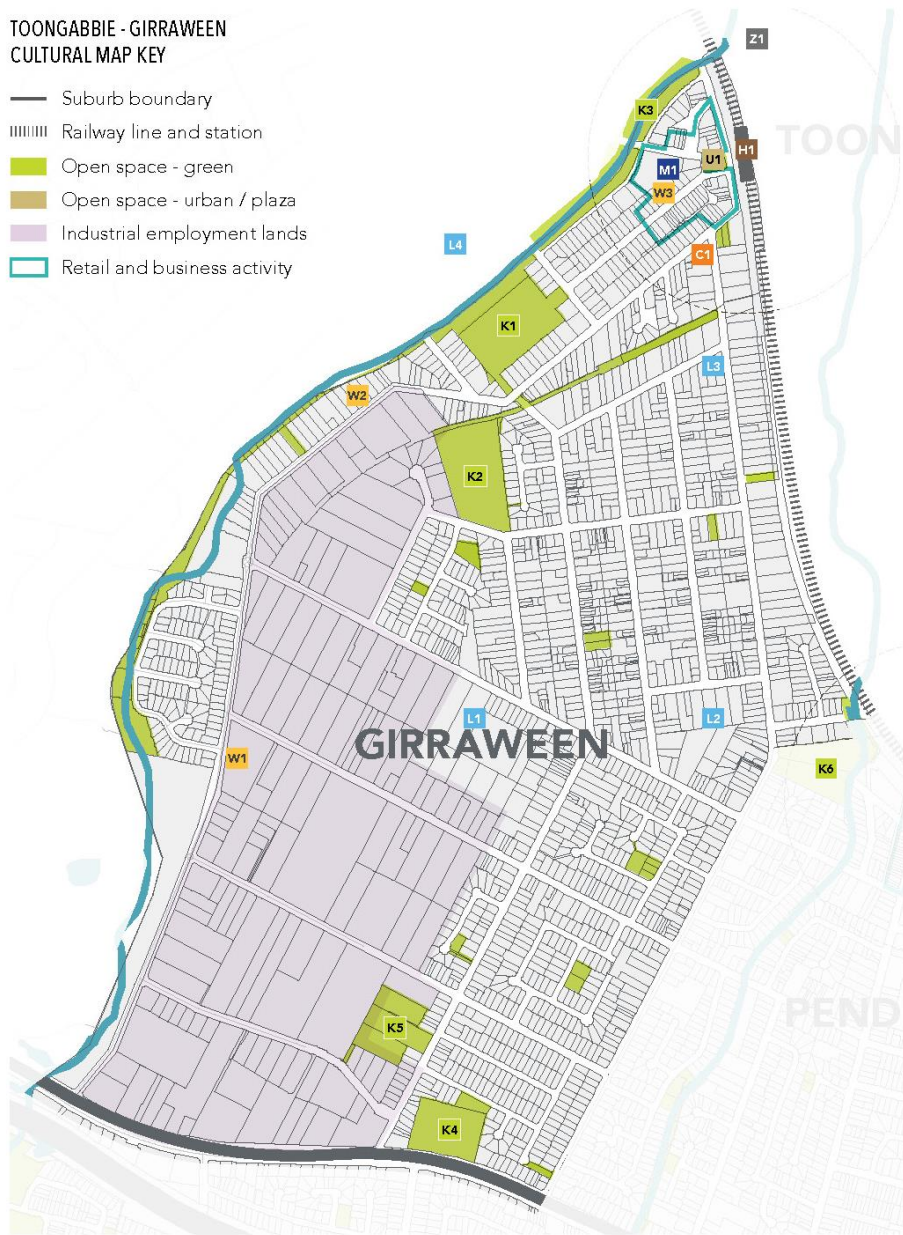
- Cultural and creative community groups active in the area, including an African men's group, a men's support group, ballroom dancing and the Wisefolk group which focusses on poetry and music

Other special things

- Cheap food
- Good services available locally e.g. medical
- Good walking and bike paths

TOONGABBIE - GIRRAWEEEN CULTURAL MAP KEY

- Suburb boundary
- ||||| Railway line and station
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COMMUNITY SPACES AND FACILITIES	
C1	Toongabbie Community Centre
C2	1st Toongabbie Scout Hall
CREATIVE LEARNING AND EDUCATION	
L1	Girraween High School
L2	Girraween Public School
L3	St Anthony's Primary School
L4	Toongabbie Christian School
SHOPPING AND DINING	
M1	Portico Plaza
PUBLIC SPACES AND PARKS	
K1	Girraween Park
K2	CV Kelly Park sporting grounds
K3	Girraween Creek
K4	Pendle Hill Park
K5	Harold Read Park
K6	Civic Park
PUBLIC SPACE - URBAN / PLAZA	
U1	Portico Park (heritage listed)
PUBLIC ART	
P1	Beastman mural, 2011
HERITAGE	
H1	Toongabbie Railway Station and railway viaduct

PLACES OF WORSHIP	
W1	Toongabbie Baptist Church
W2	Seventh Day Adventist Reform Church
W3	St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (heritage listed)
W4	Light of the World Ministries Church
W5	Arabic Evangelical Presbyterian Church
OTHER - SPECIAL PLACES	
Z1	Toongabbie Sports & Bowling Club

WESTMEAD-MAYS HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE

Westmead was originally part of a large area of public land known as the Governor's Domain in Parramatta of which Parramatta Park is a remnant. The NSW Colonial Government began selling off the Domain lands in 1859 and this section of the old Domain was named Westmead. The name combines 'west' with 'mead,' the old English word for meadow.

The Fullagar, Oakes, Payten and Houison families became significant landholders in Westmead and some of the local streets bear their names along with those of other early settlers. The Payten family built 'Deskford' on Hawkesbury Rd which still stands today as part of the Cabrini Nursing Home complex while Parramatta architect, James Houison built neighbouring 'Nairn Villa' as his country residence. Now demolished the sandstone blocks from 'Nairn Villa' were re-used in the construction of the current St Barnabas' Anglican Church built between 1954 and 1956.

Westmead Railway Station opened in 1883 and the suburb's original shopping precinct developed around it during the 1920s. Some of these Art Deco style buildings still remain along with the Westmead Progress Hall which opened on the corner of Hassall and Pridle Street in 1926.

During the 1920s housing boom Moree grazier, John Toohey developed the Toohey's Palm Estate subdivision, released in 1925, beside the railway line between Bridge and Hawkesbury Roads. The estate was notable for its avenues lined with highly fashionable Canary Island Date Palms. Only a few of the original 300 trees still remain today.

In the late 1940s the NSW Housing Commission developed a model housing estate containing 300 brick houses adjacent to Toohey's Palm Estate. The Housing Commission estate also included a shopping strip on Hawkesbury Rd and 18 flats, designed by architect Emil Sodersten who also designed the Australian War Memorial. MJ Bennett Reserve in the centre of the estate was named after Monty Bennett, a highly respected alderman and Mayor of Holroyd Council who died in office in 1967.

Divided by the Western Railway line, the northern section of Westmead including the Hospital precinct, Catholic schools and the former Westmead Boys Home (now part of Western Sydney University) is located in Parramatta Council LGA. Westmead Public School opened in 1917 while the suburb's first Catholic primary school, Sacred Heart Primary opened in 1956.

Mays Hill is a very small suburb near Parramatta bordered by the Great Western Highway, the M4 Motorway, Burnett St, Banks St and Steele St. It was named after Thomas May - a wheelwright, publican, property developer, slaughterhouse owner and later a Sydney Council Alderman - who purchased an allotment from the subdivision of the Government Domain at Parramatta in 1859. May's property was called Park Lodge and overlooked what is now Parramatta Park at Westmead. The suburb name came into local usage from the 1880s and applied to a broader area than it does now.

Mays Hill has two major landmarks that are both situated along the Great Western Highway. The first is historic Mays Hill Cemetery which first opened in 1839 and originated as two neighbouring cemeteries for Presbyterian and Baptist burials. The second is the Sydney Murugan Hindu Temple which opened in 1995, to cater for Western Sydney's growing Hindu community, and was consecrated in 1999.

Freame Park is named after William Freame, a local historian, journalist and long-serving alderman on Prospect & Sherwood Council who lived at Westmead.

Prospect & Sherwood Council's first Council Chambers stood at the corner of Burnett St and the Great Western Highway from 1872 until 1915. Mays Hill was part of Prospect & Sherwood Council (renamed Holroyd Council in 1927) until 2016 when the Local Government amalgamations redrew the Council boundaries through the suburb so that it is now split across both Parramatta City and Cumberland Council.

QUICK STATS

Population growth	2017	2026	2036
	8,159	10,896	11,253 (+%)
Born overseas	63.5% 21.6% arrived in Australia between 2011 and 2016		
Top 3 countries of birth (excl. Australia)	- India 28.8% - Sri Lanka 6.1% - China 6.0%		
Speak a language other than English at home	70.1%		
Top 3 Languages other than English	- Tamil 10.9% - Hindi 7.9% - Telugu 6.0%		
Heritage	23 items, 7% of all heritage items in Cumberland		
Businesses (food-based)	Westmead/Mays Hill has just 8 food businesses		

All demographic information sourced from Profile.id and Forecast.id.

SOUTH WENTWORTHVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE

Located south of the Great Western Highway this area was officially part of Wentworthville until the 1980s when it became a separate suburb in its own right, although the name, South Wentworthville, had been in common usage for many years prior.

The area was first carved up between the 1890s and the 1910s as farmlets in subdivisions such as Cumberland Model Farms (1892) and Boronia Park Estate (1918). The long streets in this area are a legacy of its beginnings as farming blocks. During the 1920s there was a shift to housing subdivisions in this part of Wentworthville including the Worth-While Estate in 1924 and the Fairmount Estate in 1922. The Fairmount Estate cashed in on the growing popularity and glamour of the cinema, California and all things American with street names such as Hollywood, Berkeley, Monterey and Alto to attract buyers.

The Ted Burge Sportsground now covers one of the original streets of this estate – Huntingdon St – between Hollywood and Fairmount Streets. Huntingdon St was closed in 1953 to create Centenary Park (1954) but the name was changed in 1996 to honour Noel Edgar 'Ted' Burge OAM, who served as President of the Centenary Park Committee for 35 years and was a founder and Club President of the Wenty Waratahs Sports and Social Club. Ted Burge lived opposite the Park, in Richmond St, until his death in 1995.

The Post-War housing boom led to the South Wentworthville area being re-subdivided for housing blocks and due to the shortage of building materials at this period many of the new houses were built of fibro. The NSW Housing Commission also built a small number of houses in this area in the late 1940s in various streets including Alto, Bartlett, Berkeley and Richmond St.

Two Scout groups formed in South Wentworthville during the Post-War Years. The 1st Mays Hill group (now defunct) met in an old Church Hall before their own hall was built in Monterey St and officially opened by Holroyd Mayor, Bob Devlin in 1976. The other Scout troop, still in existence, is the 1st Greystanes troop which has its hall in Hampden St, South Wentworthville. The 1st Greystanes Scouts share their hall with the South Wentworthville Girl Guides.

Construction of the M4 Motorway in the late 1980s and 1990s cut through the northern section of South Wentworthville, isolating a few streets between the Motorway and the Great Western Highway.

QUICK STATS

Population growth	2017	2026	2036
	6,755	7,758	8,211 (+%)
Born overseas	43.1% 7.8% arrived in Australia between 2011 and 2016		
Top 3 countries of birth (excl. Australia)	- India 7.4% - Lebanon 6.8% - China 3.1%		
Speak a language other than English at home	53.4%		
Top 3 Languages other than English	- Arabic 18.1% - Mandarin 3.4% - Hindi 2.9%		
Heritage	3 items, 1% of all heritage items in Cumberland		
Businesses (food-based)	South Wentworthville has just 8 food businesses		

All demographic information sourced from Profile.id and Forecast.id.