

Epping

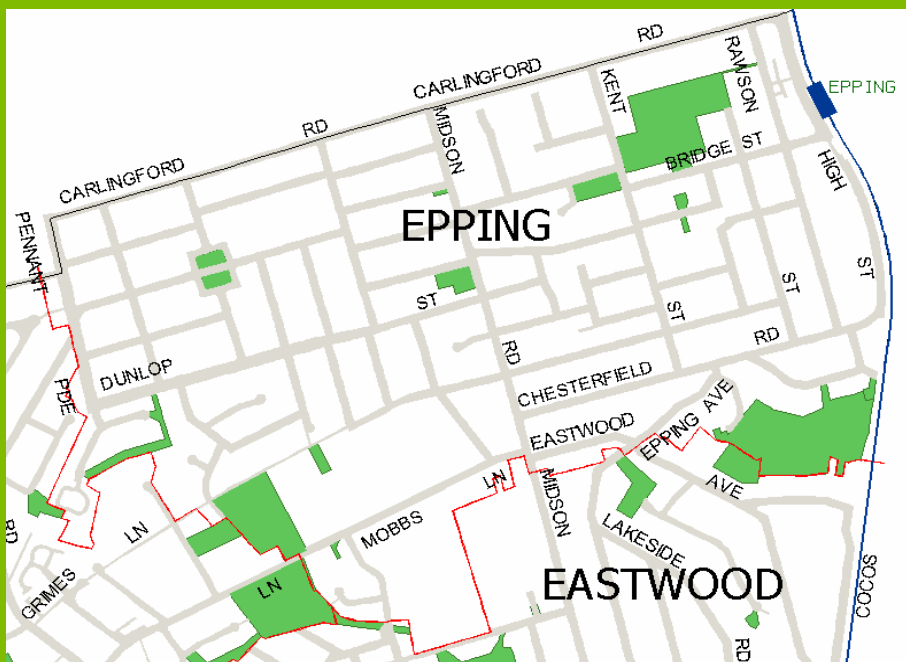


First settled in the early 19th century, Epping is located on the eastern end of the Parramatta Local Government Area, some 25 minutes from Parramatta's CBD. The suburb developed rapidly around the railway station in the late 19th and early 20th century federation period.

The topography of the suburb is undulating and has a landscape character defined by significant stands of street trees, remnant areas of bushland along watercourses, as well as domestic gardens which include large numbers of established native and ornamental trees.

The historic character of the federation period homes and street grid layout is a culturally significant feature of the area and is reflected by an existing residential Conservation Zone.

The main service centres for Epping include Carlingford Court, Macquarie Centre and the Epping Town Centre which is managed jointly by Parramatta and Hornsby Councils. A smaller centre at the intersection of Midson Road and Boronia Avenue adds to available services.



Ward: Lachlan Macquarie

Population: 7,098

Postcode: 2121

Where We Are Heading

Regenerating the Epping Town Centre in partnership with Hornsby Shire Council is a high priority for Parramatta City Council. Improving the pedestrian and visual linkages between the town centre and Boronia Park is also important, and will be a feature of developing a town square.

The 'new neighbourhood' arising from the Eastwood Brickworks redevelopment is to become a sustainable and healthy community that integrates with its surroundings.

As local neighbourhoods change (i.e. age and culture) over time we will need to think about different housing and transport options as well as employment and recreational needs for the younger residents.

Maintain, and improving, pedestrian and cycling routes throughout the neighbourhoods to link Epping and other smaller shopping centres to local services, facilities and households.

Traffic movements may need calming throughout local streets to maintain safe, quality neighbourhoods.

We will continue working with City of Ryde and Hornsby Shire Council to plan for, and recognise opportunities to address environmental and other planning issues (i.e. maintain the federation character and leafy nature of the district).

Suburb Snapshot

Who are we:

- 35.5% born overseas

Top four non English speaking countries of birth:

- 6.1% Hong Kong
- 4.6% China
- 4.0% Korea
- 1.3% Malaysia

Top four age groups:

- 8.5% 40-44 years
- 8.2% 20-24 years
- 8.1% 45-49 years
- 8.0% 15-19 years

Top three religions:

- 40.0% Catholic
- 28.0% Anglican
- 7.0% Presbyterian

Source: ABS Statistics 2001

Financial fast facts:

- 3.0% unemployed
- \$74,950 average yearly household income
- \$701,000 median house price
- \$391,500 median unit price
- 2.0% public housing
- 57% separate houses
- 29% flats and apartments

Assets:

- Epping Town Centre and businesses
- Channel Seven
- Epping Community and RSL Club
- The Epping Hotel
- Epping Transport Interchange Station
- Eastwood Police Local Area Command
- David Scott Reserve Tennis Courts

Community networks:

- Epping Rotary Club
- Epping Civic Trust
- Edna Hunt Sanctuary Bushcare Group
- Epping Chamber of Commerce
- Epping Club
- Mobbs Lane Reserve Bushcare Group
- Boronia Park Committee
- Duncan Park Committee
- Edna Hunt Sanctuary Park Committee
- Eastwood Local Area Command
- Loftus Square Park Committee

Our environment:

- Boronia Park and playing fields
- Edna Hunt Sanctuary
- Eileen Mahoney Reserve
- David Scott Reserve
- Loftus Square
- Simpson Reserve