

Merrylands



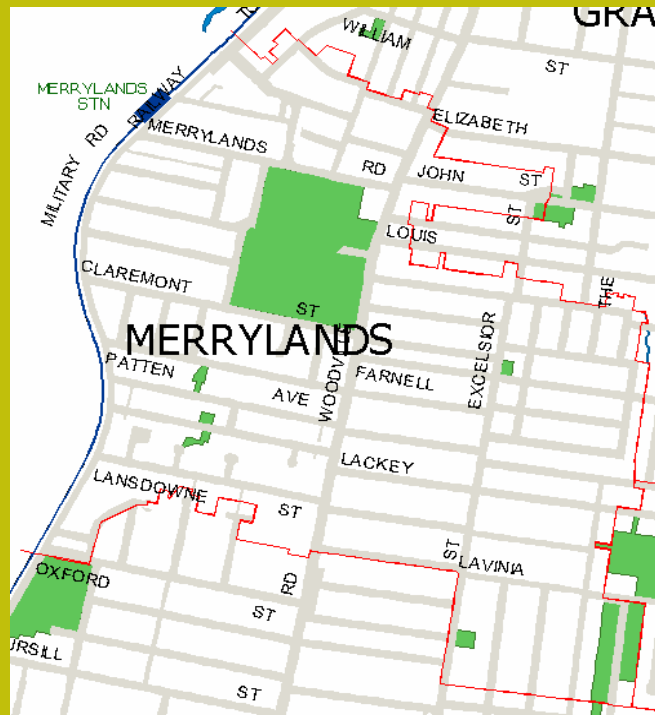
Prior to colonisation, the Dharug people lived in small groups across the Cumberland Plain, including in the area which is now the Woodville Ward.

Divided in two between, Parramatta and Holroyd Council areas, Merrylands is also physically different from east to west. The east, administered by Parramatta City Council, is primarily residential, with Federation houses and Californian bungalows on a gridded street network in one area and fibro and weatherboard cottages in another.

A small local centre is situated close to the railway station, which currently contains a diverse mix of business that complements the larger town centre west of the railway line. Some strip shopping can also be found on Woodville Road.

Granville Park is the major greenspace in the area. Future improvements of the park will enable a greater diversity of users.

Merrylands is well provided with transport facilities, including Merrylands Station and the Liverpool to Parramatta Cycleway. Woodville Road provides the major vehicle access through Merrylands, with Railway Terrace providing a secondary route and western boundary.



Ward: Woodville
Population: 8,434
Postcode: 2142

Where We Are Heading

Parramatta Council along with Holroyd, plan to create a unified look between the east and the west of the Merrylands neighbourhood to ensure better economic links.

This will be done in a way that maintains the local character and ensures facilities such as local parks and playgrounds meet the diverse needs of the community. Footpaths in residential areas are also due for an upgrade.

Suburb Snapshot

Who are we:

- 39.0% born overseas

Top four non English speaking countries of birth:

- 31.0% Lebanon
- 10.0% China
- 7.0% Vietnam
- 3.0% Philippines

Top four age groups:

- 8.4% 5-9 years
- 8.0% 0-4 years
- 8.0% 30-34 years
- 7.4% 10-14 years

Top three religions:

- 40.0% Catholic
- 12.0% Anglican
- 12.0% Islam

Fast financial facts:

- 9.0% unemployed
- \$52,000 average yearly household income
- \$415,000 median house price
- \$275,500 median unit price
- 5.0% public housing
- 94% separate houses
- 1.0% apartments

Assets:

- Merrylands station
- Merrylands town centre
- Granville South Public School
- Church of Christ

Community networks:

- Merrylands Local Area Command
- Rosehill Local Area Command

Our environment:

- Granville Park
- Little Duck Creek
- Sam Taylor Reserve

Source: ABS Statistics 2001