

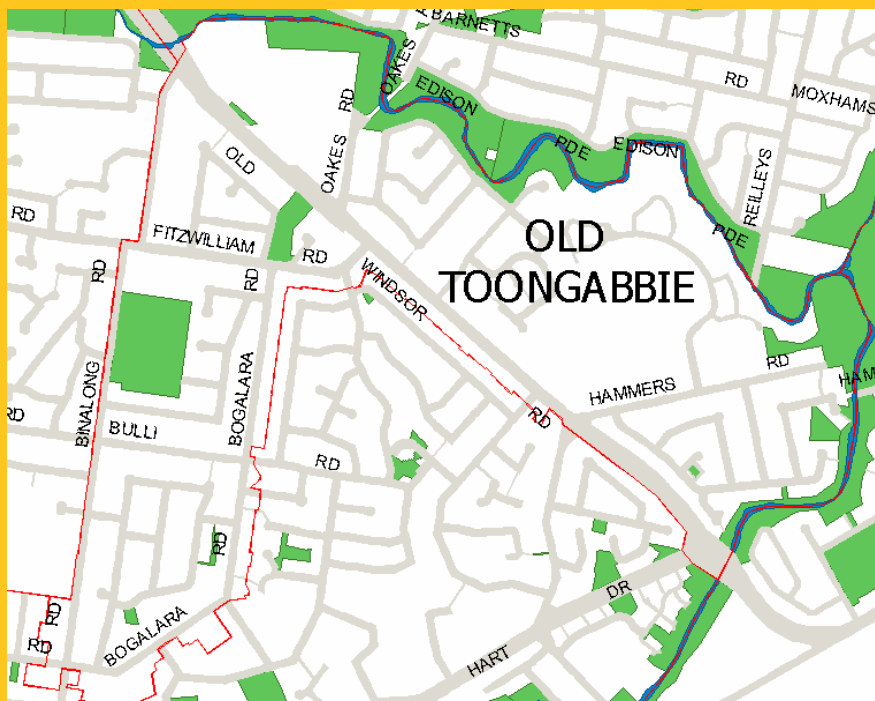
Old Toongabbie



One of the first places in the old Sydney colony with an Aboriginal name, Old Toongabbie is an area with much Indigenous and European history. The area was the site of early attempts at European agriculture, and remained a farming area until pressure from the post-war housing boom.

Located about 3.5 kilometres northwest of Parramatta's CBD, the suburb straddles busy Old Windsor Road, effectively creating two different areas. Both are dominated by single dwellings from the 1950s and 60s, though there is a small new development in the suburb's east that is still being established.

The residential area has been established for at least one generation, creating strong community ties exist around schools, churches, sporting and other clubs. By contrast, the newer developments are isolated from the existing community, though some community facilities exist within the estate.



Ward: Caroline
Chisholm
Population: 3,974

Where We Are Heading

As there are few places where the community can interact, future planning needs to consider establishing a small retail or community hub to which residents have easy access. The social implications of a new estate isolated from the rest of the suburb also need to be considered.

Planning of the two areas split by Old Windsor Road needs to keep individual characteristics in mind. Much of the housing stock is aging and some owners are demolishing existing houses and rebuilding affordable project homes.

Noise and air pollution from Old Windsor Road need to be kept in check, and the impact of the large volume of heavy vehicles at Baxter's needs to be monitored to safeguard the health and safety of the community.

Easy access to the regional road network needs to be maintained.

Suburb Snapshot

Who we are:

- 22.0% born overseas

Top four non English speaking countries of birth:

- 5.3% Korea
- 4.4% India
- 3.9% Maltese
- 3.5% Lebanese

Top four age groups:

- 9.4% 30-34 years
- 7.8% 25-29 years
- 7.7% 0-4 years
- 7.7% 35-39 years

Top three religions:

- 30.8% Catholic
- 25.9% Anglican
- 13.3% Other Christian

Fast financial facts:

- 2.8% unemployed
- \$62,200 average yearly household income
- \$350,000 median house price
- \$292,000 median unit price
- 2.5% public housing
- 78.8% separate houses
- 1.0% apartments

Assets:

- Large pharmaceutical plant and surrounding light commercial (Baxters Pharmaceuticals)
- Binalong sub-regional sport area
- Toongabbie Primary School
- Retirement Village

Community networks:

- Parramatta Local Area Command
- Toongabbie Primary School
- Toongabbie Uniting Church
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Toongabbie Historical Society

Our environment:

- Toongabbie Creek
- Third Settlement Reserve
- Binalong Park
- Oakes Reserve

Source: ABS Statistics 2001