

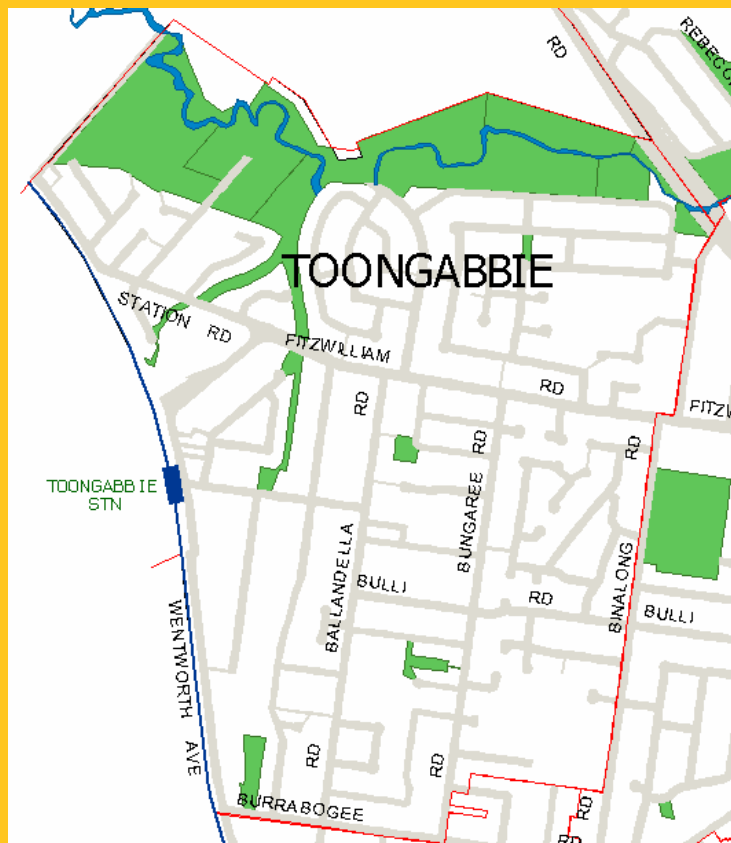
# Toongabbie



Located only four kilometers from the Parramatta CBD, Toongabbie is a suburb very much shaped by the 1950s and 60s. Though a new estate was added in the 1970s, it is the architecture of this era that dominates.

One of the first places in the old Sydney colony with an Aboriginal name, 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.

Served by a railway station and split by the western rail line, Toongabbie sits on the boundary of the Parramatta and Holroyd local government areas. The area's main retail area falls in the Holroyd Council area, and is linked by a narrow road bridge.



Ward: Caroline Chisholm

Population: 6,531

Postcode: 2146

## Where We Are Heading

Building a closer partnership with Holroyd Council will help to ensure a coordinated approach to planning.

There are clearly challenges as the suburb ages. Many of the houses now show telling signs of age, and are in need of repair.

The community as a whole must look for opportunities to plant trees. Council will plant more street trees and look for chances to create or rejuvenate parks and recreational open fields.

By building a partnership with Rail Corp, it is hoped railway station facilities and train patronage can be improved. Encouraging good quality and sustainable development around the station is another area where Council can help to maintain the appeal of Toongabbie.

Encouraging development and activities that bring life to Toongabbie shops and improving paving in all retail areas will add to the attractiveness of the area.

## Suburb snapshot

### Who we are:

- 29.5% born overseas

### Top four non English speaking countries of birth:

- 8.4% Chinese
- 5.5% Philippines
- 5.1% Sri Lankan
- 5.0% Fijian

### Top four age groups:

- 7.9% 25-29 years
- 7.7% 20-24 years
- 7.5% 40-44 years
- 7.4% 50-54 years

### Top three religions:

- 34.1% Catholic
- 20.6% Anglican
- 10.5% no religion

Source: ABS Statistics 2001

### Fast financial facts:

- 3.0% unemployed
- \$63,560 average yearly household income
- \$335,000 median house price
- \$287,000 median unit price
- 3.6% public housing
- 81.3% separate houses
- 4.0% apartments

### Assets:

- Toongabbie Rail Station
- Pendle Hill High School
- Toongabbie West Primary School
- Australian Catholic University

### Community networks:

- Toongabbie Historical Society
- Parramatta Local Area Command
- Toongabbie West Primary School
- Pendle Hill High School
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Toongabbie Bowling Club
- Ambrose Hallen Community Garden
- Australian Catholic University

### Our environment:

- McCoy Park
- Reynolds Park
- Toongabbie Park
- Pendle Creek
- Ron Hill Park
- Wilmott Avenue Reserve
- Ambrose Hallen Park
- Blacktown Creek
- Toongabbie Creek