

Westmead



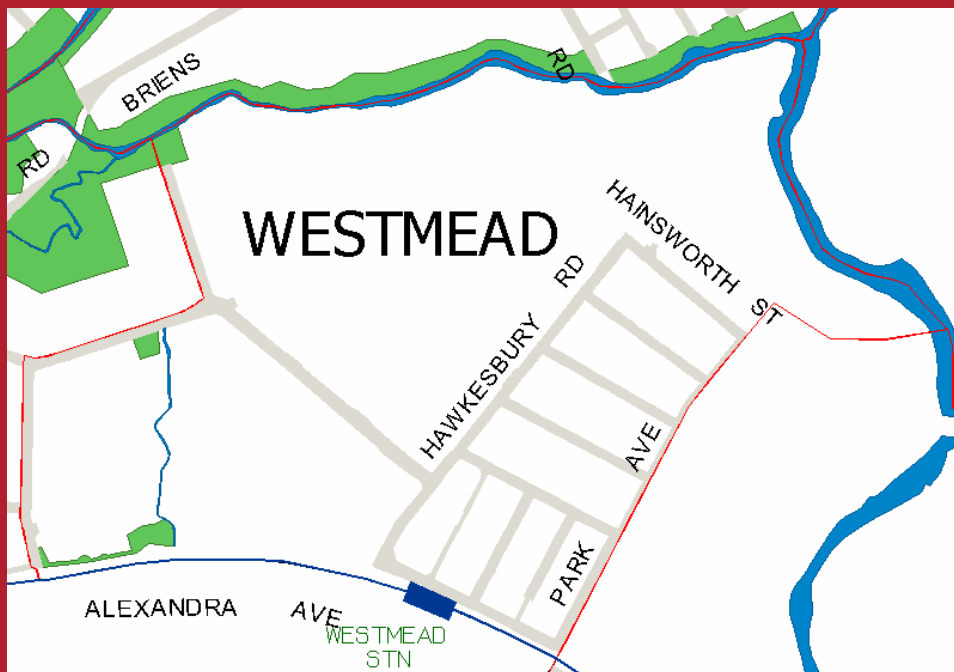
Westmead is synonymous with its large regional hospitals - Westmead Hospital and the adjacent Children's Hospital but also includes two high schools, the University of Western Sydney, as well as being home to over 5,000 people.

Westmead is marked by a railway line that makes the border with Holroyd City Council.

The area of Westmead is dominated by units (83%) and the majority of these are rented, with only 1 in 4 being owner occupied. Westmead is an extremely popular suburb to live in.

Toongabbie Creek, a major tributary of the Parramatta River, flows through the suburb. The welcome parkland of Parramatta Park links Westmead to the Parramatta CBD.

Parramatta Park includes two of the oldest colonial buildings in Australia as well as evidence of Indigenous woodland, Indigenous history and early farming activity.



Ward: Arthur Phillip
Population: 5,278
Postcode: 2145

Where We Are Heading

The regional role of the medical precinct needs to be balanced with needs and concerns of local residents.

The Department of Planning is leading and developing a comprehensive plan for the area. Council is represented on the steering committee providing input from a local perspective.

The North West T-Way is currently under construction. This will provide linkages from Parramatta right through to Rouse Hill for buses, pedestrians and cyclists. It runs through the hospital precinct of the suburb.

Council is working with the Roads and Traffic Authority to improve links for the cycleway as well as improve streetscaping through Westmead.

Suburb Snapshot

Where are we:

- 44.9% born overseas

Top four non English speaking countries of birth:

- 13.8% India
- 10.0% China
- 7.6% Sri Lanka
- 6.1% Philippines

Top four age groups:

- 12.4% 25-29 years
- 11.9% 30-34 years
- 10.9% 35-39 years
- 9.0% 0-4 years

Top three religions:

- 22.3% Catholic
- 14.0% Anglican
- 8.2% Islam

Source: ABS Statistics 2001

Fast financial facts:

- 4.2% unemployed
- \$51,590 average yearly household income
- \$390,000 median house price
- \$290,000 median unit price
- 5.0% public housing
- 1.0% separate houses
- 83% apartments

Assets:

- Westmead Hospital
- Westmead Railway Station
- Westmead Mall
- Catherine McAuley High
- Parramatta Marist High
- Western Sydney Development Disability Service Centre
- Cumberland Hospital
- Westmead Private Hospital
- Children's Medical Research Institute
- Redbank Special School
- UWS Westmead Precinct
- Ronald McDonald House

Community networks:

- 1st Westmead Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
- Scout Association of Australia Benowie Division
- Ronald McDonald House

Our environment:

- Coopers Creek
- Arthur Phillip Reserve
- Toongabbie Creek
- Parramatta Park