

# Burwood Council community snapshot



Total population:

**40,217**



Total households:

**16,160**



## If our community was 100 people...\*



**51**

are female  
(51.1%)



**49**

are male  
(48.9%)



**58**

were born  
overseas (57.7%)



**63**

speak a language  
other than English  
at home (62.9%)



**< 1**

is Aboriginal  
and/or Torres Strait  
Islander (0.4%)



**72**

(15 year olds+) have  
completed Year 12 or  
equivalent (72.5%)



**45**

rent their home  
(45.4%)



**5**

live with disability  
(5.1%)



**33**

people have  
Chinese ancestry  
(32.8%)



**44**

are married  
(43.7%)

under

**20**

years old

**17**

are younger than  
20 (16.5%)

over

**60**

years old

**20**

are older than 60  
(20.2%)

## Acknowledgement of Country

Burwood Council acknowledges the Wangal Clan of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the area. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. We acknowledge and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs, and ongoing relationship with the land.



## Walking on Wangal Country

The northern border of Burwood Council is Parramatta Road, which was the original journey way for generations of First Nations Peoples. Particularly, Eora and Darug Peoples travelled the corridor inland from the coast to collect resources and meet for social and ceremonial gatherings. This pathway represents the connection and travel of generations of people.

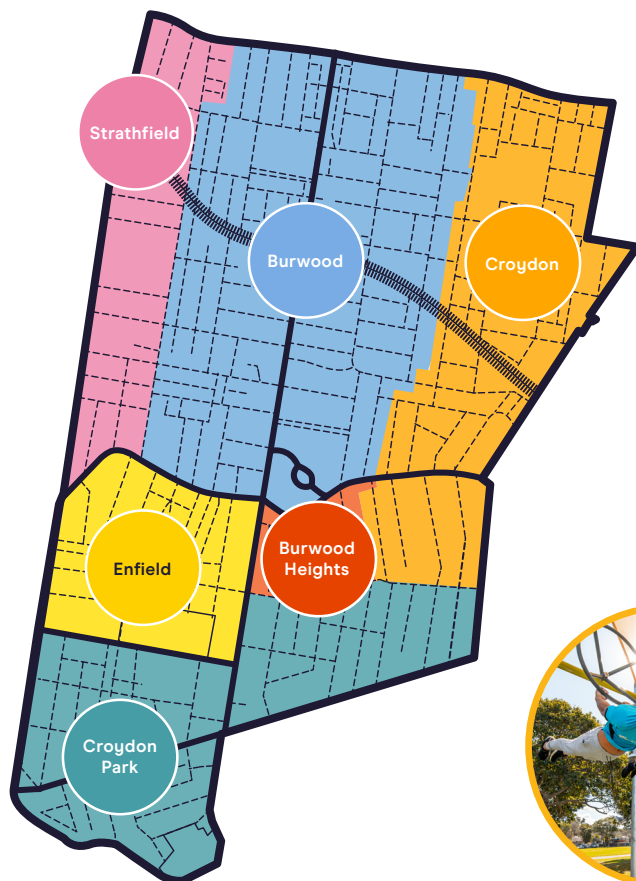
The southernmost point of Burwood Council is the Cooks River, which stretches inland to the Parramatta River, known as Burramattagal in Dharug, meaning *Place of the eels*. Traces of the Wangal People's practices and use of the river are still evident in middens and rock shelters which can be found along the waterways today. The river represents an important source of life and connection for generations of people.

## Burwood Council beginnings

The municipality of Burwood was first incorporated by proclamation in the Government Gazette on 27 March, 1874. The first council was elected on 9 June 1874 which was then a quiet village consisting of 1200 people and about 300 buildings. In 2024 Burwood Municipality will celebrate its sesquicentenary; 150 years.

## Updating our image and identity

The Burwood logo was redesigned in 2019 to reflect the vibrant diversity of the community and lifestyle within the LGA. The new design is based on the letter 'B' and divided into six parts for the suburbs of the area.



**Burwood**

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The bright colour palette represents priorities identified by residents: harmony and friendship (pink), trust and stability (light blue), creativity and vibrancy (orange), heritage and heart (red), the natural environment (green) and energy and optimism (yellow). The typography pays homage to the area's rich heritage, having been inspired by earlier Burwood logos.

## Looking forward to our future

Our 2036 vision is: Burwood is a welcoming and inclusive community that is defined by our diversity of people, liveable places and progressive ideas. We acknowledge and celebrate our history and place, protect our heritage and environment, and share a quality of life that is equitable, sustainable and supports each other to thrive and prosper.



Artists: Karla Hayes, David Cragg, Noni Cragg  
Storylines (featuring Kirli Saunders)



## Housing

- **45.2%** of housing is an apartment or flat in a three storey or higher block, compared to **27.1%** in Greater Sydney.
- **27.4%** of households were made up of couples with children.
- The average household size is **2.7** persons.
- **91.5%** of private dwellings are occupied.
- Between 2016-2021 lone person households in Burwood Council increased by 816 households to **21.7%**

## Household expenses

- In 2020/21, household expenditure on utilities was **\$3,214**.
- Median weekly household income is **\$1,867**.
- **\$500** is the weekly median rent.
- Median monthly mortgage repayments are **\$2,500**.

## Education

- There are **8** primary schools and **10** high schools in the Burwood LGA.
- In Burwood **34.6%** of people were attending an educational institution at the time of the 2021 Census. **5.2%** of the Burwood Council population were in primary school, **5.1%** in secondary school and **14.4%** in a tertiary or technical institution.
- In the Burwood Council area, **72.5%** of people aged over 15 years had completed Year 12 schooling (or equivalent) as of 2021. This percentage is higher than across Greater Sydney.
- A larger percentage of persons attend university who live in Burwood Council (**10.4%**) compared to Australia as a whole (**4.7%**)



## Languages

The top 5 languages spoken at home (other than English) by suburb

Suburb	Population	Top 5 languages (other than English)
<b>Burwood</b>	18,224	Mandarin, Cantonese, Nepali, Vietnamese, Korean
<b>Burwood Heights</b>	1,134	Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Italian, Greek
<b>Croydon</b>	6,481	Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic, Italian, Greek
<b>Croydon Park</b>	5,967	Arabic, Italian, Mandarin, Cantonese, Greek
<b>Enfield</b>	2,992	Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Italian, Korean
<b>Strathfield</b>	5,423	Nepali, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese

## Cultural diversity

**57.7%** of residents are born overseas. Top responses for country of birth include China (excluding SARs and Taiwan (18.1%), Nepal (7.6%), India (3.1%), Vietnam (2.7%), and Republic of (South) Korea (2.4%).

Ancestry, top responses	Burwood %	NSW %	Australia %
<b>Chinese</b>	32.8	7.2	5.5
<b>English</b>	10.7	29.8	33.0
<b>Australian</b>	9.6	28.6	29.9
<b>Nepalese</b>	7.4	0.9	0.5
<b>Italian</b>	7.3	3.7	4.4

## Volunteering

- Burwood Council holds The *Volunteer of the Year Awards* every year which is an opportunity to say thank you to the endless work that every single volunteer puts into our local community. All nominees are celebrated at a Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony during National Volunteers Week in May each year.
- Council has referred over **520 volunteers** to external organisations within the Burwood LGA between June 2021 and March 2022.
- **9.7%** of residents over 15 years of age report having volunteered for an organisation or group in the 2021 Census.

## Overseas arrivals

Year of arrival in Australia	Number	Burwood %	Greater Sydney %
2011 to August 2021	10,636	45.8	32.8
2001 to 2010	3,710	16.0	21.3
1991 to 2000	2,413	10.4	14.3
1981 to 1990	2,387	10.3	12.8
1971 to 1980	1,432	6.2	7.5
1970 or earlier	2,038	8.8%	9.0

## Religion

Top 5 religions (ranked by size):\*

1. Western (Roman) Catholic (19.4%)
2. Hinduism (10%)
3. Buddhism (7.8%)
4. Anglican (3.5%)
5. Greek Orthodox (2.9%)

\* 34.8% of respondents indicated no religion

## Age structure

The median age of the Burwood LGA on Census night 2021 was 34 years old.

Age group (years)	Number	Burwood %	Greater Sydney %
Babies and pre-schoolers (0–4)	1,532	3.8	6.0
Primary schoolers (5–11)	2,238	5.6	8.8
Secondary schoolers (12–17)	2,044	5.1	7.1
Tertiary education & independence (18–24)	5,820	14.5	8.8
Young workforce (25–34)	8,805	21.9	15.5
Parents and homebuilders (35–49)	7,262	18.1	21.5
Older workers and pre-retirees (50–59)	4,380	10.9	12.0
Empty nesters and retirees (60–69)	3,578	8.9	9.8
Seniors (70–84)	3,387	8.4	8.7
Elderly aged (85 and over)	1,177	2.9	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,223</b>		



## Population change

- Burwood LGA is projected to grow by **41%** (or 1.7% per year) from 2021-2041; the fastest annual growth rate within Eastern Harbour City.
- The population of Burwood LGA in 2001 was 30,393 and is projected to reach 58,178 by 2041. This is a growth of 91.4% in a space of forty years; almost double.

Source: NSW Department of Planning and Environment