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Fact Sheet | Dulwich Hill

Past

The original owners of the land in the Marrickville Council area were the Cadigal Wangal clans, who lived in the area for more than 40,000 years. The Cadigal Wangal clans were part of the Eora nation and spoke the coastal Eora language. The Aboriginal name for most of the present day Marrickville Council area was Bullanaming.

Dulwich Hill was named after the London suburb of Dulwich. Earlier names were Wardell's Bush and Wardell's Hill, after the extensive estate of Dr Robert Wardell. Parts of what is now Dulwich Hill were referred to as Fern Hill until about 1911.

The last extensive subdivision of land in Marrickville Council occurred in 1928 at Dulwich Hill. This was the Abergeldie Estate, property of Sir Hugh Dixson, tobacco tycoon and philanthropist. The subdivision comprised 153 allotments with the auctioneer selling all of the allotments on the one day with the sale finishing by candlelight.



Gladstone Hotel, Dulwich Hill (1936)
Image held by Marrickville Council



Dulwich Hill Shopping Centre (1936)
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Present

Population

	Number	% of Total Marrickville Population
Total	12,209	17%

In 2006, 16% of the Dulwich Hill population were children aged between 0-14 years, and a further 20% were aged 55 years and over. The median age in Dulwich Hill was 36 years, compared with 37 years for all people in Australia.

Country of birth

Country	Number	% of suburb	% of Sydney
Australia	6,446	52.8%	60.4%
Greece	545	4.5%	0.8%
England	349	2.9%	3.5%
New Zealand	299	2.4%	2.0%
Viet Nam	297	2.4%	1.5%
Portugal	250	2.0%	0.2%

English was the only language spoken at home by 54% of people in Dulwich Hill. The most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Greek 8%, Arabic 4%, Vietnamese 3%, Portuguese 3% and Italian 2%.

Occupation (Top 5)

Country	Number	% of suburb
Professionals	1,948	31.4%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	1,016	16.4%
Managers	753	12.1%
Technicians and Trades Workers	659	10.6%
Community and Personal Service Workers	504	8.1%

The median weekly individual income for people aged 15 years and over was \$589, compared with \$518 in Sydney. The median weekly household income was \$1,121, compared with \$1,154 in Sydney.

Household composition

Of 3,081 families: 41% were couple families with children, 37% were couple families without children, 19% were one parent families and 3% were other families.

Of 5,348 occupied private dwellings: 39% were separate houses, 10% were semi-detached row or terrace houses, 49% were flats, units or apartments and 2% were other dwellings.

25% of occupied private dwellings were fully owned, 26% were being purchased and 39% were rented.

Median sale price November 2009 : Houses: \$680,000 and Units: \$390,000 (Australian Property Monitors)

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census (QuickStats)