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Fact Sheet | St Peters

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.

St Peters was named by its association with St Peters Anglican Church, which was consecrated in 1838. It has been claimed that St Peters Anglican Church was the first church built in Australia using non convict labour.

St Peters was described in the 1840s as one of the most fashionable and aristocratic suburbs of Sydney. In the 1870s it was an important brick making centre.

St Peters was a separate municipality from 1871 to 1949. The Town Hall in Unwins Bridge Road was built in 1927.



Speares Brickworks (no date)
Image held by Marrickville Council



Speares Brickworks Employees (no date)
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Present

Population

	Number	% of total Marrickville population
Total	2,601	3.6%

In 2006, 12.0% of the population in St Peters were children aged between 0-14 years, and 15.8% were people aged 55 years and over. The median age in St Peters was 34 years, compared with 37 years for all people in Australia.

Country of birth

Country	Number	% of suburb	% of Sydney
Australia	1,521	58.5%	60.4%
New Zealand	115	4.4%	2.0%
England	106	4.1%	3.5%
China	39	1.5%	2.6%
Greece	30	1.2%	0.8%
Viet Nam	29	1.1%	1.5%

English was the only language spoken at home by 67.9% of persons in St Peters. The most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Cantonese 2.4%, Greek 2.3%, Macedonian 1.8%, Vietnamese 1.7% and Mandarin 1.5%.

Occupation (Top 5)

Country	Number	% of suburb
Professionals	439	28.8%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	239	15.7%
Technicians and Trades Workers	199	13.0%
Managers	183	12.0%
Community and Personal Service Workers	149	9.8%

The median weekly individual income for people aged 15 years and over was \$675, compared with \$518 in Sydney. The median weekly household income was \$1,316, compared with \$1,154 in Sydney.

Household composition

Of 607 families: 29.3% were couple families with children, 51.2% were couple families without children, 16.1% were one parent families and 3.3% were other families.

Of 1,127 occupied private dwellings: 37.8% were separate houses, 41.7% were semi-detached, row or terrace houses, 19% were flats, units or apartments and 1.5% were other dwellings.

20.3% of occupied private dwellings were fully owned, 31.9% were being purchased and 36.6% were rented.

Median sale price November 2009 : Houses: \$600,000 and Units: \$288,000 (Australian Property Monitors)

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census (QuickStats)