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## Fact Sheet | Tempe

### 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.

Tempe was named after the home of Alexander Brodie Spark, which was built in 1835 on the southern bank of the Cooks River. Spark named his house after the beautiful Vale of Tempe, beneath Mount Olympus in Greece.

The railway station opened in 1884 and Tempe became a popular resort with large crowds attracted to Cooks River for swimming and boating.



**Marrickville Stormwater Drainage Channel (1899)**

Image held by Marrickville Council



**Leinster Hall, Tempe (1929)**

Courtesy of Heather Hutchinson

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## Present

### Population

	Number	% of total Marrickville population
<b>Total</b>	3,179	4.4%

In 2006, 16.7% of the population in Tempe were children aged between 0-14 years, and 21.9% were people aged 55 years and over. The median age in Tempe was 37 years, compared with 37 years for all people in Australia.

### Country of birth

Country	Number	% of suburb	% of Sydney
Australia	1,739	54.7%	60.4%
FYR of Macedonia	145	4.6%	0.3%
Greece	96	3.0%	0.8%
Viet Nam	89	2.8%	1.5%
England	88	2.8%	3.5%
New Zealand	88	2.8%	2.0%

English was the only language spoken at home by 55% of persons in Tempe. The most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Macedonian 7.6%, Greek 5.2%, Cantonese 4.5%, Vietnamese 3.1% and Tongan 1.9%.

### Occupation (Top 5)

Country	Number	% of suburb
Professionals	367	23.8%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	270	17.5%
Technicians and Trades Workers	191	12.4%
Managers	177	11.5%
Labourers	166	10.8%

The median weekly individual income for people aged 15 years and over was \$529, compared with \$518 in Sydney. The median weekly household income was \$1,157, compared with \$1,154 in Sydney.

### Household composition

Of 818 families: 44.4% were couple families with children, 36.9% were couple families without children, 15.8% were one parent families and 2.9% were other families.

Of 1,234 occupied private dwellings: 79.7% were separate houses, 16.5% were semi-detached, row or terrace houses, 3.8% were flats, units or apartments and 0.0% were other dwellings.

31.6% of occupied private dwellings were fully owned, 34.2% were being purchased and 21.6% were rented.

Median sale price November 2009 : Houses: \$555,000 , Units: Not available (Australian Property Monitors)

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census (QuickStats)