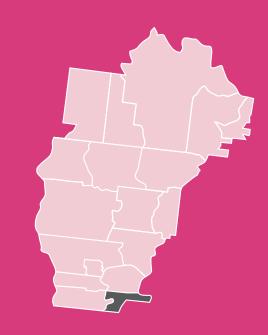
PLACE SNAPSHOT

BUNDOORA



Local history

Bundoora is a local Aboriginal word meaning 'the plain where kangaroos live'.

Bundoora the suburb covers three municipalities: Whittlesea, Banyule and Darebin.

Approximately 45 per cent of the population resides in the City of Whittlesea, 37 per cent in Banyule and 18 per cent in Darebin.

European settlement of the area dates from 1838, with land mainly used for farming. The number of residents was small until the late 1800s. Significant development did not occur until the post-war era with Bundoora experiencing substantial growth in the 1960s, due to home affordability and provision of employment.

Planning and development

Residential, retail and commercial growth is expected to continue particularly in the University Hill development.

More information

All planning and development plans, including the University Hill Development Plan, can be viewed at Council's website.

Population

In 2015, it is estimated 13,500 people live in Bundoora (within the City of Whittlesea) with a projected increase of about 1,800 people by 2036.

Bundoora has the largest proportion of young adults aged 18 to 24 in the municipality (13 per cent). This is probably due to the presence of two universities in Bundoora. By 2036, the most populous age group is expected to be 35 to 49 year olds.

Births

In 2015, it is estimated there will be 169 births (three births per week on average) and this will remain reasonably constant to 2036.

Diversity

Almost half of Bundoora's residents (45 per cent) speak a language other than English at home with the most common languages spoken are Mandarin, Italian and Macedonian.

Families and households

In 2015 there are approximately 5,000 dwellings. By 2036 it is expected to increase to 5,700 dwellings with an average household size of 2.8 people.

Employment

There are more residents working in the retail trade, health care and social assistance, than any other industry.

Education

There are less residents attending primary, secondary and preschool, although there is a larger proportion of people attending university compared with the broader Greater Melbourne.

Travelling in and out

Seven out of ten residents drive a car to their place of work with over 60 per cent of households having access to two or more motor vehicles.







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Place boundary Major roads Roads Proposed roads Tram line - Proposed tram line - Smart bus / bus interchange -- Shared pathway (walking / bike) Rivers / creeks / waterways --- Urban growth boundary Private school Government school Open spaces Residential Retail / commercial Employment uses Health / hospital Retirement village Existing childcare Existing kindergarten Existing MCH (Maternal and Child Health)



Interesting University Hill facts as of 2014:

- Contains over 130 national and international businesses
- Over 1,500 employees
- Over 100 retailers and big name brands are housed at the Uni Hill Factory Outlet (UHFO) and the Town Centre, including a supermarket, bank, post office, cafés/restaurants, and a fitness facility.

Advocacy priorities

A E6 construction from Metropolitan Ring Road to Bridge Inn Road

Council is seeking state and federal government funding to construct the 11 kilometre E6 road to alleviate congestion on Plenty Road and High Street/Epping Road. The new E6 could be capable of carrying more than 60,000 cars per day.

B Extending the tram line (route 86) from Bundoora to South Morang

Council is seeking state government funding to extend the tram line 86 from McKimmies Road, Bundoora to the South Morang railway station and beyond to create a link between light and heavy rail.

Municipality-wide

Bus services for the municipality

Council is seeking state government funding to improve bus services across the municipality.

Northern Hospital expansion

There is a critical need to expand the Northern Hospital to adequately service the growing population in the City of Whittlesea and Melbourne's north. The Northern is the only public hospital in the northern growth corridor. Council is advocating for additional beds and Royal Children's Hospital paediatric services.



Bundoora Netball and Sports Centre

Large recreational facility catering for basketball, netball, badminton, volleyball, tennis, squash, hockey, soccer, running as well as a fitness centre.

2 RMIT University

The RMIT Bundoora Campus specialises in engineering, biosciences, education and medical sciences.

Bundoora Square Shopping Centre

Bundoora Square Shopping Centre has almost 100 shops, including a Post Office, medical centres and a range of speciality shops. Council, in early 2015, undertook improvement works at Dennison Mall in the Bundoora Square shopping precinct. Upgrades included the installation of a pedestrian crossing linking Bundoora Arcade and Dennison Mall, car park upgrades, and a new pedestrian walk and wider footpath connection.

4 Northpark Private Hospital

Northpark Private Hospital built in 1979. It is a 153-bed hospital, with capacity for over 100 healthcare specialists. The hospital provides a range of in-patient, day-patient and out-patient services from surgical, medical, mental health, maternity, nursery care and mother baby services.

University Hill development

University Hill is developed on the former Janefield Training Centre site, which provided housing and support for people with a disability. The land was brought in 2003 by the developer MAB. It is set on 42 hectares between Plenty Road and the Plenty Gorge Parklands.

University Hill includes three hectares of recreation parks, five hectares of wetlands, and 10 hectares of nature reserves.

Home to around 3,000 residents, the most popular age group is 25 to 35 years old.

The development is a combination of residential, retail and commercial.

60 RMIT University Bundoora Facility

RMIT University have leased space in the heart of the University Hill town centre to assist with the delivery of further courses.