

Tell me about the Neighbourhood.....

Melbourne & Tarneit

Melbourne is the second most populous city in Australia, with a metropolitan area population of approximately 3.74 million (2006 estimate). Located around Port Phillip Bay in the country's south-east, Melbourne is the state capital of Victoria.



Melbourne is a place of great presence and beauty, enjoying as striking cityscape of fine 19th century buildings, gardens and boulevards, and state-of-the-art architecture. Recognised as the cultural hub of Australia, Melbourne offers a sophisticated arts scene, the country's best shopping, and a lively passion for eating and drinking.

Melbourne is a major centre of commerce, industry and cultural activity. The city is often referred to as Australia's "sporting and cultural capital" and it is home to many of the nation's most significant cultural and sporting events and institutions.

Victoria is not only a great place to live and work, Melbourne is among the developed world's least expensive cities in terms of cost of living, while at the same time offering an excellent quality of life - making it one of the world's most liveable cities.

Central Melbourne

The city centre, also known as the Central Business District (CBD), is on the north bank of the Yarra River. It is approximately 5 kilometres inland from Port Phillip Bay, where most of the pretty suburbs are situated.



The city is divided into two parts by the Yarra River, creating predominantly working class areas in the North and West regions, and more affluent areas in the South and the East. The CBD used to be known as the 'Golden Mile', as it is 1 mile long and 1/2 mile wide.

Property is in very high demand within a 10km radius of the central business district and this is reflected in high property growth figures and extremely low rental vacancy rates.

Tarneit

Tarneit is a suburb in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 24 km south-west from Melbourne's central business district. Its Local Government Area is the City of Wyndham. At the 2006 Census, Tarneit had a population of 6670 however due to large-scale development and population growth, this figure now falls well below realistic figures. Growth in this area leads to predictions of Tarneit's population booming in coming years.

Tarneit is an emerging suburb in the City Of Wyndham Council and a sister suburb to next door Truganina.

Tarneit was mostly used as agricultural grazing land, but this is changing due to urban development coming from nearby suburbs, such as Hoppers Crossing and Werribee, happening mostly in the southern region of Tarneit.

A lot of residential growth is occurring in the Thomas Carr district, with other schools and shopping centres planned for construction. Wyndham Village Shopping centre, in the suburb's south, was completed in 2005 to serve the exploding population in the immediate area, especially in the residential developments of Tarneit Gardens, The Rise, Rose Grange and Seasons. Existing Bus Routes in the area have recently been altered and now better serve the suburb.

In the next ten years, Tarneit and other suburbs such as Truganina are expected to grow rapidly as more established City of Wyndham suburbs are exhausted for land space.

In the 2008 Victorian Transport Plan, the Tarneit link connecting the Melton and Werribee railway lines and re-directing Geelong V/Line trains from Werribee has been confirmed. This is outstanding news for Tarneit and it's future growth as public transport will be a major draw-card to the area.

Wyndham is an area in demand. By 2011, the city expects to have a population of 145,000, compared to 87,141 in 2001, the date of the latest census.

Education

There are numerous educational facilities in the vicinity including Thomas Carr College, The Grange Secondary College, Werribee College, Westbourne Grammar and Williamstown Grammar Schools.

Several excellent primary schools are also nearby, such as St James, Cambridge and Derrimut Heath Primary schools. Naturally, childcare centres including an ABC Learning Centre, kindergartens and pre-schools are also handy.

Shopping

There are several major retailing centres in the area. Werribee Plaza has more than 200 specialty stores, major supermarkets and department stores. Wyndham Village Shopping Centre has Coles, Aldi and 42 specialty shops.

Tarneit Transport Linkages

Public Transport

“Stations for Tarneit and Wyndham Vale in new rail line” – Wyndam Leader – June 09

TARNEIT will get three of six new train stations proposed under the State Government's \$4 billion project to boost capacity and reduce delays on the Werribee line.

The Government last week released its proposed route for the Regional Rail Link and the location of six stations in Wyndham to be built along it.

It wants two stations at Rose Grange in Tarneit and Manor Lakes in Wyndham Vale, with the possibility of four more in future at Dohertys Rd, Truganina; Black Forest Rd, West Werribee; and Davis and Sewells roads in Tarneit.

The new line will run from the west of Werribee, continuing through stations at Rose Grange and Manor Lakes through a redeveloped Sunshine station and on to Southern Cross in the CBD.

Geelong trains will no longer travel through Werribee station but instead take the new dedicated V/Line track, avoiding country trains being held up by suburban ones and freeing up the metropolitan line for extra services.

The Government says construction will start early next year and create 2800 construction jobs.

Dennis Family Corporation chairman Bert Dennis welcomed the announcement of the new stations, one to go up near schools in Manor Lakes, and the other on vacant land north of Rose Grange estate.

"The delivery of these stations will herald one of the most exciting stages of development the western suburbs have seen in decades and will dramatically increase the amenity in one of Australia's fastest-growing regions," Mr Dennis said.

The Government submitted the Victorian Transport Plan project for federal funding. It received \$3.2 billion in this year's Federal Budget, with the State Government paying for the balance.

Property Market

With the Melbourne population increasing by about 250 people per day, increased pressure is being placed on housing supply which in turn is leading to strong tenant demand and increasing price growth and rental yields.

Melbourne's residential vacancy rates are at extremely low levels, only 1.5% within a 10km radius of the city.

Economy

The Victorian economy alone is larger than those of New Zealand and Ireland combined, and represents 25 per cent of the national economy. Melbourne has a substantial economy in its own right, comparable in size to many Asian economies. Melbourne's strong and diversified economy attracts investment and supports business growth across a wide range of industries.

Victoria is the powerhouse of Australia's manufacturing sector, representing almost one-third of the national total, leading the way in developing new industries. The state is responsible for almost 60 per cent of Australia's automotive turnover, including significant exports.

Melbourne is home to many of Australia's leading companies such as BHP-Billiton, National Australia Bank, ANZ (Australia and New Zealand) Bank, Coles Myer, Foster's Brewing, Orica (formerly ICI), National Mutual and the Colonial Group. Victoria is also a base for international companies such as Hewlett Packard, IBM, Toyota and Bosch.

Almost half of Australia's financial services industry providers have headquarters in Melbourne, including Australia's largest bank, as well as many international merchant banks and financial services companies.

Climate

Melbourne enjoys a temperate climate with warm-hot summers; spring and autumn are balmy and mild, the winters cool. Melbourne is seldom unbearably cold or unbearably hot, temperature extremes when they do occur see the hotter realms of the thermometer causing more problems than the colder.

There is a reputation for rain in the city, which is statistically unfounded as Melbourne receives only 50 percent of the average rainfall of either Brisbane or Sydney.

Transport

Melbourne has an integrated public transport system known as Metlink, originally laid out late in the 19th century when trains and trams were the primary methods of travelling to the suburbs.



Melbourne's tram network is both one of the worlds most extensive and the only one comprising more than a single line remaining in Australia, a distinctive feature of the city. Trams are not only a form of transport, but a tourist icon of Melbourne.

There are almost 300 bus routes and a mostly-electric train system with more than 15 lines. Flinders Street Station is a prominent Melbourne landmark and meeting place.

Melbourne has a high dependency on private cars for transport, with 7.1% of trips made by public transport.

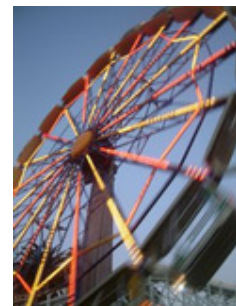
Melbourne has four airports. Melbourne International Airport located at Tullamarine is the city's main international and domestic gateway.

Visitors Attractions

Melbourne boasts great events, a passion for food and wine and a fabulous arts scene. Known as a style-setter, Melbourne is home to a non-stop program of festivals, renowned dining, major art exhibitions and musical extravaganzas.

Shopping is a favourite attraction in Melbourne, from locally-designed originals in high end boutiques to factory outlet bargains.

Luna Park (Melbourne) is a historical amusement park situated at the picturesque Port Phillip Bay. Opened since 1912, Luna Park continues to draw large crowds and has been enjoyed by families for generations.



Outside of the city limits there are limitless opportunities to leave everyday life behind.

Winding along the western coast of Victoria, the Great Ocean Road offers stunning ocean views, beachside activities, laidback coastal towns and maritime villages.

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