

# OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS AT A GLANCE

# WEST MELBOURNE

## Overview of West Melbourne

West Melbourne is a long-established area with a strong community, diverse mix of housing, warehouses and businesses, and a rich cultural and architectural heritage. It is located between the Hoddle Grid, North Melbourne and adjacent industrial areas and renewal precincts to the west.

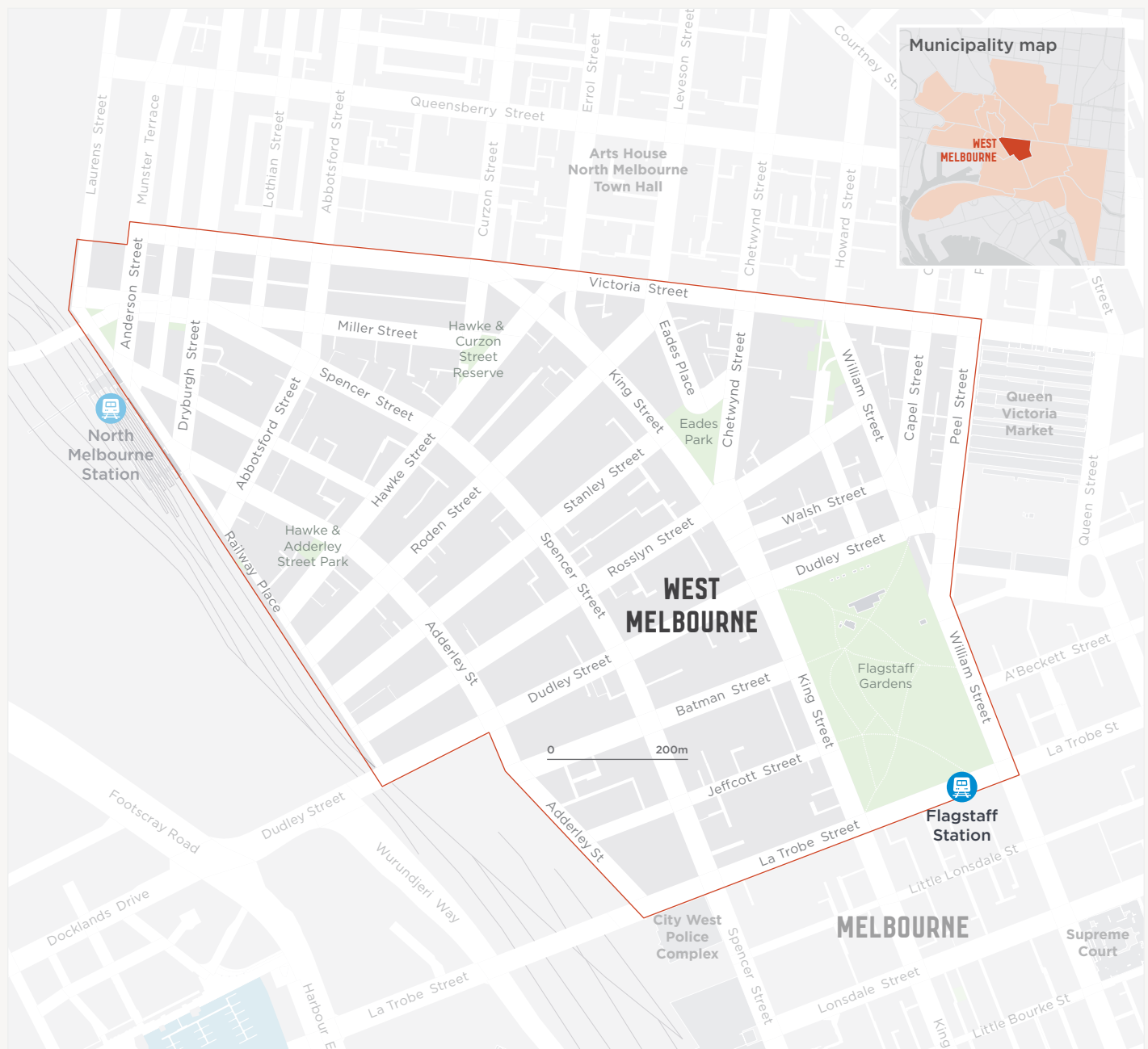
West Melbourne has evolved into a distinct inner urban neighbourhood and a counterpoint to the central city. Its mix of building types and uses give it its distinct character, including heritage cottages, mid-rise factories and warehouses, and larger scale high-rise apartment buildings in the south.

West Melbourne's wide local streets provide the opportunity for the delivery of more local open spaces and improved access for people walking and cycling to surrounding areas.

Most of the suburb's 5,510\* residents live in close proximity to Flagstaff Gardens, a significant and defining feature of the landscape, and the nearby Queen Victoria Market that services locals and visitors with fresh produce and shopping.

\*Based on pre-covid data.

## West Melbourne in the City of Melbourne



## Features of West Melbourne

### Population



Residential population

**5,510**



Number of businesses

**446**

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### Residents



Age (median years)

**30**



Youth (12-25 years)

**26%**



Older (60+ years)

**6%**



Born overseas

**48%**



Main overseas country  
of birth: China

**8%**



Speaks a language  
other than English  
(LOTE) at home

**39%**



Main non-English  
language spoken:  
Mandarin

**10%**



Attending a tertiary  
education institution

**20%**



Main occupation:  
Professionals

**43%**



Main work travel  
method: Walked only

**27%**

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## Households



Occupied private dwellings

**2,087**



Average household size (persons)

**2.2**



Weekly household income (median)

**\$1,718**



Low income households (less than \$650 p.w.)

**17%**



High income households (more than \$2,500 p.w.)

**29%**



Family households

**52%**



Lone person households

**27%**



Renting

**62%**



Living in a flat or apartment

**72%**

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## Top Three Employment Types



Business Services

**1,227**  
**21.9%**



Health Care and Social Assistance

**703**  
**12.5%**



Education and Training

**465**  
**8.3%**

Data was sourced from the 2019 City of Melbourne Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE). To learn more about this data, including definitions, visit: [melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-melbourne/research-and-statistics/city-economy/census-land-use-employment/Pages/clue.aspx](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-melbourne/research-and-statistics/city-economy/census-land-use-employment/Pages/clue.aspx)

## Jobs by Status



Full time  
**2,452**  
**79.2%**



Part time  
**264**  
**8.5%**



Casual  
**269**  
**8.7%**



Contract  
**111**  
**3.6%**

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## Land Use (Percentage of total neighbourhood - list not exhaustive)



Office  
**9%**



Residential  
apartment  
**23%**



Parking - Commercial  
and Private  
**8%**



Public  
Open Space  
**8%**



Sports and  
Recreation - Outdoor  
**1%**



Indoor  
Entertainment  
**1%**



Retail  
**3%**



Commercial  
Accommodation  
**1%**



Educational /  
Research  
**3%**



Storage /  
Wholesale  
**2%**



Performances, Conferences,  
Ceremonies  
**1%**

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## Development Activity (major new commercial and residential property development)

### Under construction



Developments

4



Residential dwellings

607



Student accommodation

0



Hotel/serviced apartments

249

### Approved



Developments

31



Residential dwellings

1,528



Student accommodation

13



Hotel/serviced apartments

980

### Under construction (Area sqm)



Office space

3,099



Retail space

7,447

### Approved (Area sqm)



Office space

18,669



Retail space

2,686

Data was sourced from the November 2020 City of Melbourne's Development Activity Monitor (DAM).  
To learn more about this data, including definitions, visit: [developmentactivity.melbourne.vic.gov.au/](https://developmentactivity.melbourne.vic.gov.au/)

# Services in West Melbourne

## Community Facilities and Local Amenities (list not exhaustive)

### Libraries and Community Spaces

West Melbourne Baptist Community Centre

### Recreation Parks and Open Spaces

Railway Place and Miller Street Reserve

Howard and William Streets Reserve

Hawke St Park

Hawke & King Street Reserve

Hawke & Curzon Street Reserve

Flagstaff Gardens

Eades Park

### Museums and Cultural spaces

Festival Hall

River Studios

Witches in Britches

West End Art Space

One Fine Print

The Blender Studios

Dark Horse Experiment

### Primary Healthcare Facilities

CoHealth West Melbourne Respiratory Clinic

Premier Health Partners

Vita Medical Centre

### Educational Institutions

Haileybury

Independent Schools Victoria

Everest Institute

Simonds Catholic College

Menzies Institute of Technology

### Sporting and Physical Recreation Venues

Flagstaff multi purpose courts

City Of Melbourne Bowls Club

### Transport links

North Melbourne Train Station

Flagstaff Train Station

Tram routes 30, 35, 57, 58

Bus routes 216, 219, 220, 401, 952

# Council investments in West Melbourne

## Coming soon

- West Gate Tunnel
- Hawke Street enhancements
- Peel Street protected bike path installation

## Further information

West Melbourne Structure Plan: [participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/westmelbourne](https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/westmelbourne)

West Gate Tunnel Project: [westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/construction/port-to-city](https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/construction/port-to-city)

*Please note this profile contains information that was collected prior to the COVID-19 event and may not represent the current situation. The information does, however, provide a baseline which shows where the population was at the time it was collected. Refer to each category to see the source of the data and when the information presented was collected.*

