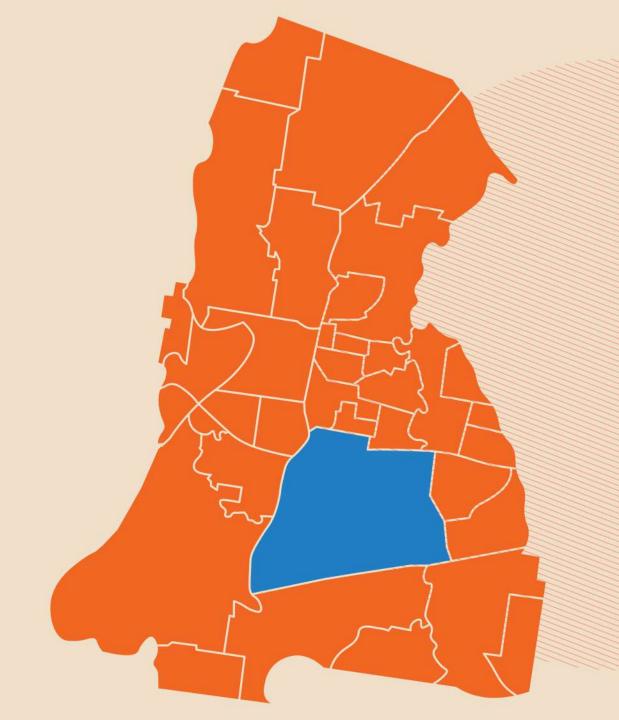# Orchard Hills
Suburb

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Orchard Hills is a suburb that will experience significant transformation in the coming years. Set to transition from a rural area to a more urban setting. The new Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport includes a station at Orchard Hills and will stimulate jobs and housing growth within close proximity to new transport connections. Residents of Orchard Hills will benefit from new investment into the suburb including the creation of a new town centre and community infrastructure.

Currently, the community of Orchard Hills is older than the wider Penrith City LGA and it is important that we understand the changing needs of this community to ensure they live well as they age.

It is anticipated that the ongoing transformation of Orchard Hills will attract a more diverse and younger population.
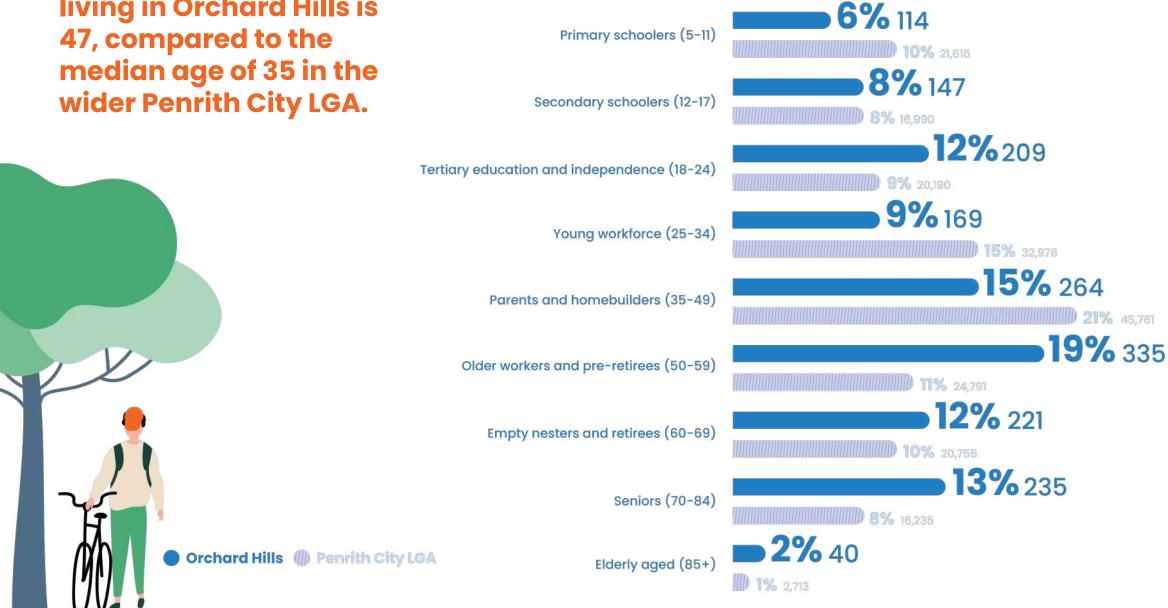
Who
we are

Our population

The population of Orchard Hills has remained stable in the last five years.

2016 **1,877**

2021 **1,802**

The median age of those living in Orchard Hills is 47, compared to the median age of 35 in the wider Penrith City LGA.

Babies and preschoolers (0-4)
4% 63
7% 15,640

Primary schoolers (5-11)
6% 114
10% 21,615

Secondary schoolers (12-17)
8% 147
8% 16,990

Tertiary education and independence (18-24)
12% 209
9% 20,190

Young workforce (25-34)
9% 169
15% 32,976

Parents and homebuilders (35-49)
15% 264
21% 45,761

Older workers and pre-retirees (50-59)
19% 335
11% 24,791

Empty nesters and retirees (60-69)
12% 221
10% 20,755

Seniors (70-84)
13% 235
8% 16,235

Elderly aged (85+)
2% 40
1% 2,713

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Households

Orchard Hills is very family orientated with **54%** of households with families. There are significantly more couples without children in Orchard Hills (28%) than in the overall Penrith population.

- Orchard Hills
- Penrith City LGA

	Orchard Hills	Penrith City LGA
Couples with children	**42%** 243	**35%**
Couples without children	**28%** 158	**21%**
One parent families	**12%** 67	**14%**
Lone Person	**15%** 83	**20%**

Diversity

2.7% of Orchard Hills population are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, fewer than the wider Penrith City LGA (5%).

Levels of cultural diversity in Orchard Hills are the same as Penrith City LGA. This area attracted people from European countries migrating after World War Two.
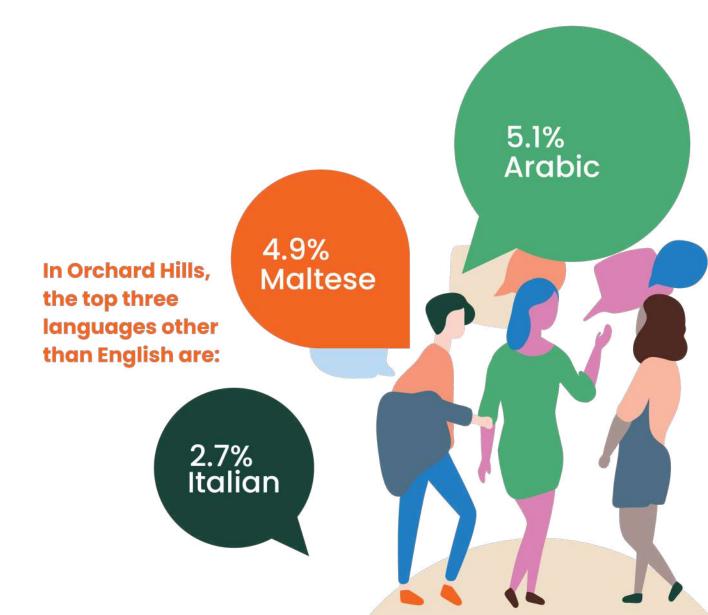
Top three countries of birth in Orchard Hills:

4% Malta

3% United Kingdom

2% Italy

Languages

24% speak a language other than English at home, compared to 20% of the wider Penrith City LGA population.

24% — Orchard Hills
20% — Penrith City LGA

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In Orchard Hills, the top three languages other than English are:
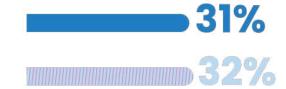
5.1% Arabic

4.9% Maltese

2.7% Italian

Health

There are over 12,000 people in the Penrith City LGA who need help in their day-to-day lives due to disability. A significant proportion of the community live with at least one long-term health condition.

Residents in need of assistance due to disability

6.1%

5.5%

Residents with at least one long-term health condition
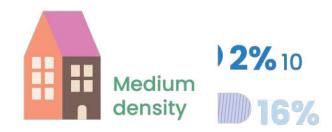
31%

32%

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How we live

Housing

In Orchard Hills, most people live in separate houses. There is limited amount of medium density housing and no high density housing.
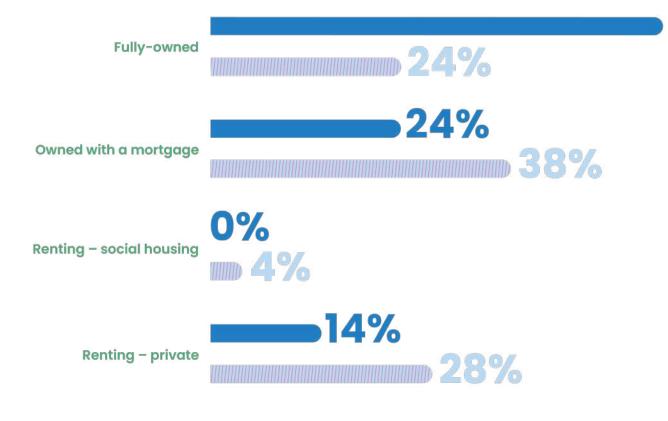
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Separate house
97% 587
76%

Medium density
2% 10
16%

High density
0% 0
8%

Housing

Most people in Orchard Hills fully own their homes. No one in Orchard Hills is renting social housing.

Fully-owned
- Orchard Hills: 57%
- Penrith City LGA: 24%

Owned with a mortgage
- Orchard Hills: 24%
- Penrith City LGA: 38%

Renting – social housing
- Orchard Hills: 0%
- Penrith City LGA: 4%

Renting – private
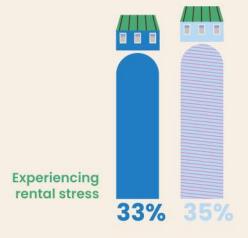- Orchard Hills: 14%
- Penrith City LGA: 28%

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Housing stress

Many people have mortgage and rental payments that exceed 30% of their income, an indicator of housing stress.
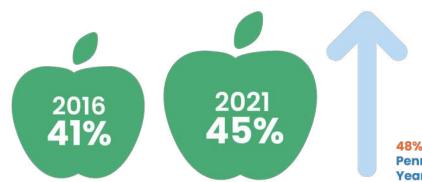
Experiencing mortgage stress
- 20%
- 17%

Experiencing rental stress
- 33%
- 35%

What
we do

Education

Completed Year 12 (or equivalent)

Orchard Hills

2016
41%

2021
45%

48% of residents in the wider Penrith City LGA have completed Year 12 or equivalent (2021).

49% of Orchard Hills have no qualification, compared to 42% in the Penrith City LGA.

Orchard Hills has more people without formal qualifications than the Penrith City LGA.

Obtained a university qualification

Orchard Hills

2016
18%

2021
17%

17% of residents in the wider Penrith City LGA have obtained a university qualification (2021).

Employment and Income

The median household income is **$2,258**, higher than that of the wider Penrith City LGA, **$1,866**.

Employed
96.7%

Unemployed
3.3%
4.6%

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Employment

The top three industries are:

1

20%
Construction

2

10%
Retail
Trade

3

9%
Education
and
training

Orchard Hills is transforming.

Our community is older than the average for Penrith City LGA.

We are culturally diverse.

Our community is changing, driven by new transport infrastructure.

We predominantly live in separate houses that are owned.

More information

This community profile is part of a suite of resources. See Penrith City Council's Community Profile for more resources like this.

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