

Waverley LGA

A snapshot of our culturally diverse community



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In 2011, the most common countries of birth after Australia (51% of our population) were England (7.8%), South Africa (4.3%), New Zealand 3%, Ireland (2.2%), USA (1.2%) and Israel (1.1%).

Since 2006, the proportion of our overseas born residents increased from 34.2% to 37.4% (24,000 residents), a higher increase than experienced by Greater Sydney.

The largest proportion of overseas born residents lived in Rose Bay (45.2%). Bondi Beach was home to the largest number (4,160) of overseas born residents.

Of the 5,050 migrants who have settled in Waverley since 2008, 65.3% were skilled migrants, 34.3% came as family members and 0.4% were humanitarian entrants.

70.5% of us speak English at home while 29.2% speak a language other than English. Russian is spoken by 1,630 people or 2.6% of our residents, compared to 0.4% in Greater Sydney. 1.6% speak Hebrew, 1.4% Italian, 1.3% French and 1.3% Spanish.

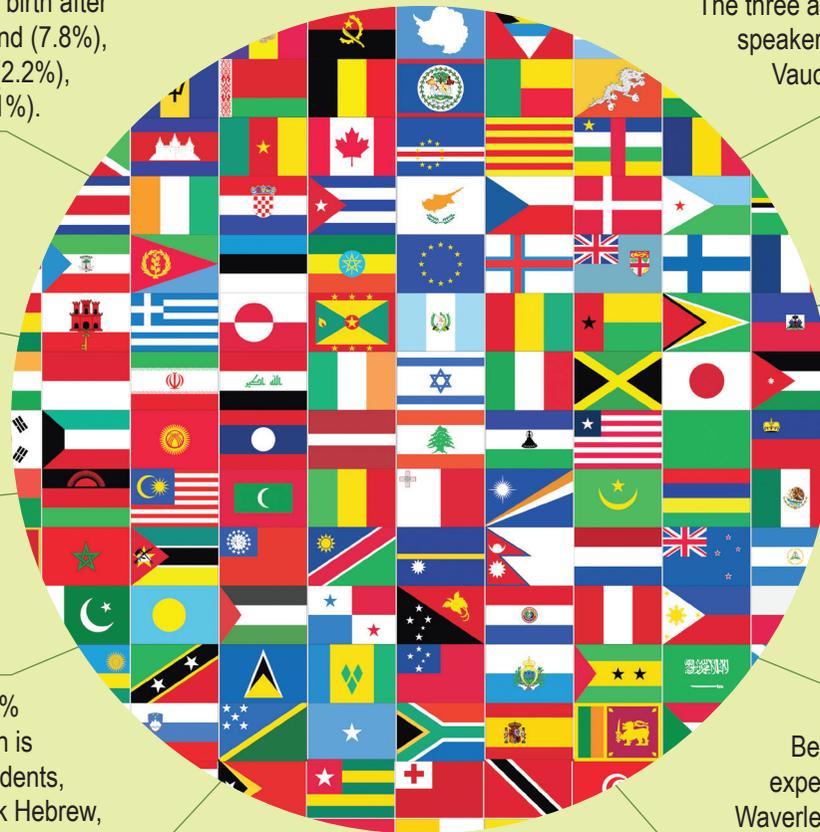
The three areas with the highest concentration of Russian speakers were Rose Bay (4.4%), Bondi (4.0%) and Vaucluse (3.6%).

Arriving between 2006 and 2011, 27.6% or 6,630 of our overseas born population had been living here for only a short while. This is nearly double the percentage of migrants who arrived in the previous 5-year period.

Waverley's Jewish community of 10,880 residents makes up 17.1% of our total population - nearly double the proportion of Jewish people in the Eastern suburbs (9.5%) and significantly larger compared to Greater Sydney's 0.9%.

4.3% of our residents were born in South Africa compared to 0.8% in Greater Sydney. The suburb with the highest proportion of South African born residents was Dover Heights (14.2%)

Between 2006-11, the number of non religious persons experienced the greatest change (+4,492). 24.2% of Waverley residents said they were not religious compared to 17.6% in Greater Sydney.



We value and support our culturally diverse community by...

Demonstrating leadership and commitment through our Cultural Diversity Policy

Employing a Multicultural Community Worker

Working in partnership with the community on programs and events

Achieving active representation through our Multicultural Advisory Committee

Providing a language support program in seven languages by trained Council staff

Translating key information

Producing a service directory

Maintaining extensive community language collections in the library