

The suburb of

# **PANANIA**

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# Panania yesterday....

The name Panania was given to the area when the East Hills railway line was completed in 1931. During the construction of the line the name Nioka was used for the station which is an Aboriginal word meaning *the green hill*. Other names suggested for suburb were Linden Park and Elmswood.

St Christopher's Catholic Church on Tower Street was originally the Panania Star cinema. Panania North Public School, a short two block walk on the northern side of the railway line, became a demonstration school in the late 1970s so that trainee teachers from newly established, Milperra College of Advanced Education, could observe teachers at work.



5 acre block at the back of Cedric Hores mixed business in Lambeth Street. Panania: 1950

#### It's all in a name ......

'Panania' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'sun rising in the east and shining on the hills'. It has been alternatively suggested that the name may have been a corruption of 'Pannonia', the name for Roman Hungary on the Danube River.

# Panania today....

Panania is mostly a residential suburb, which was developed after World War II and contains many modest freestanding bungalows built from asbestos cement sheeting (commonly known as fibro).

Panania has a shopping area occupying both sides of Panania railway station. It runs along Weston Street, Anderson Avenue, Marco Avenue and Tower Street. Anderson Avenue features several local government facilities including a community centre and a public library. Panania Hotel is located on the northern side of Panania railway station.

Panania railway station is on the East Hills line of the CityRail network. Parts of Panania are serviced by a privately run bus company.

The East Hills railway line, which originally terminated one stop away at East Hills divided the suburb into two distinct precincts. During the 1980s, the railway line was extended with a rail bridge over the Georges River, to Campbelltown.



Panania's shops and post office



## Panania essential facts\*

#### Who are we:

- 10,848population
- 74.1% born in Australia
- 21.6% born overseas

# Top three overseas countries of birth:

- 2.7% United Kingdom
- 2.3% Vietnam
- 2.1% Lebanon

# Top three age groups (compared to Bankstown City):

- 24.9% under 18 years
- 59.2% 18 64 years
- 15.8% over 65 years

#### Community facilities:

- Panania Community Centre
- Panania Library
- · Early childhood centre

### Major community event:

 Annual Spring Show - Panania/ East Hills Orchid Society

### **Dwelling Types**

- 76.7% Separate houses
- 17.7% Medium houses
- 0.2% High density



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#### **Household Types:**

- 49.1% Couples with children
- 16.2% One parent families
- 31.9% Couples without children

#### Households & Dwellings:

- 36% Owned
- 29.9% Purchasing
- 24.5% Renting



LAND AREA: 5.01 km<sup>2</sup>
DENSITY: 2,200 people per km<sup>2</sup>
WARD: South and West wards



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#### Parks & Playgrounds:

- Gowlland Reserve
- Kelso Park South
- Killara Reserve
- Marco Reserve

### Religious affiliations:

- 33.6% Catholic
- 24% Anglican
- 6% Orthodox

#### Schools:

- Panania Pre School
- Panania North Public School
- Panania Public School
- Tower Street Public School
- St Christophers Primary School

### **Computer Use:**

- 57.5% internet connection
- 37.8% no internet connection

### **Employment:**

- 13.2% Manufacturing
- 12.2% Retail trade
- 10% Property & Business
- \* ABS Statistics 2006 / id profile



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