

Footscray

City of Maribyrnong

Footscray is a suburb 5kms West of Melbourne, Victoria. Its local government area is the City of Maribyrnong.

Footscray is named after Foots Cray, on the River Cray in Kent, England.

Footscray is characterized by a very diverse, multicultural central shopping area, which reflects the successive waves of immigration experienced by Melbourne, and by Footscray in particular. Once a centre for Greek, Italian and former Yugoslavian migrants, it later became a hub for Vietnamese and East African immigrants in Melbourne, but has recently begun to undergo gentrification.

Footscray railway station is the busiest non-CBD railway station in Melbourne, with at least 15,000 boardings per day. There is now a tram (86) route to Footscray via Docklands. Despite the revamping of Footscray, 1,000s of heavy trucks from nearby ports use the suburbs streets making this a very busy area to get around by vehicle.

Sport;

Footscray is home of the Western Bulldogs, an Australian Rules Football team which plays in the Australian Football League. Footscray is also home to many social sporting clubs including: Basketball, Canoeing, Cricket, Cycling, Soccer, Gridiron (American Football), Gymnastics, Hockey, Lacrosse, Martial Arts, Rowing, Rugby, Swimming & Waterpolo.

Education;

- Footscray City Primary School
- Footscray North Primary School
- Footscray Primary School
- St John's Catholic Primary School
- St Monica's Primary School
- Footscray City College
- Gilmore Girls College
- Victoria University, Footscray Park
- Victoria University, Footscray Nicholson

