# Blackett- Timeline

Before the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people, who are the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land. We pay our respect to elders past and present, and acknowledge the Aboriginal people for their custodianship of the land.

Blackett is named after George Forster Blackett, Superintendent of the Government Cattle Station at Rooty Hill from 1820-1830. The area was developed in the 1970s. The Blackett area was originally part of Mount Druitt. For information before the 1960s please see the Mount Druitt district timeline.

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| Pre 1788 | Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people |
| 1970 | Association formed at Blackett to protect interest of land owners re resumption |
| 1971 | Blackett Public School opened February. |
| 1972 | Niland School for Specific Purposes opened January<br>Official opening of Blackett Public School on 20 October. |
| 1974 | 1st Blackett Scout troop formed (merged with 1st Bidwill in 1978/79) |
| 1976 | Population 5,429 (Census) |
| 1981 | Population 4,847 (Census) |
| 1983 | The Blackett Child Care Centre officially opened on 13 August. |
| 1985 | The Yawarra Child Care Centre was officially opened on 29 June. |
| 1986 | Proposal to change suburb name rejected by residents.<br>Population 4,486 (Census) |
| 1991 | Population 4,147 (Census) |
| 1996 | Population 3,814 (Census) |
| 2001 | Population 3,643 (Census) |
| 2002 | Blackett Public School student, Hayley Moore, winner of the Nestle Write Around Australia competition for year 5. |
| 2006 | Population 3,281 (Census) |
| 2011 | Population 3,414 (Census |
| 2016 | Population 3,452 (Census) |
| 2021 | Population 3,586 (Census) |