

## Dean Park - 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.

Named after the Dean family, though they never lived in the area. William Dean (1776 or 1778/79-1847) was granted 200 acres (81 ha) beside Eastern Creek and the family owned the Bush Inn on the Western Highway.

For history before the suburb's establishment in the 1980s please see the Plumpton timeline.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1819	The area known as Dean Park was originally part of 500 acres granted to Reverend Robert Cartwright on 31 August 1819. The area was farm land and market gardens until its redevelopment.
1967	St Elizabeth's Home Aged Care Facility catering for Hungarian residents opened officially on 5 March.
1980s	In 1980 Suburban Constructions Pty Ltd began to purchase land and began building houses in 1982. Council changes zoning from rural to residential
1985	Shopping centre opened on the corner of Yarramundi Drive.
1987	Suburb name assigned on 9 January
1988	William Dean Public School officially opened on 11 August 1988 by the Honourable Terry Metherill.
1991	Population 3,140 (Census)
1996	Population 3,255 (Census)
2001	Population 3,272 (Census)
2004	Upperby Reserve, name assigned on 5 March. Upperby was a two-storey farmhouse and school built by William Hall in 1829-30. European and Aboriginal children were taught there. The farmhouse was erected on the site of the present reserve.
2005	Frank Flores Park named assigned on 7 October. Named after Francisco Agngaray Flores, who was actively involved with the Dean Park community, particularly the Neighbourhood Centre and the Community Development Committee.
2006	Population 3,109 (Census)
2011	Population 3,102 (Census)
2016	Population 3,227 (Census)
2021	Population 3,180 (Census)