

Eastern Creek - 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.

The eastern branch of South Creek became known as Eastern Creek. The village that grew where the road crossed the creek became known as Eastern Creek.

Abt 1810	William Dean (also known as Lumpy Dean) settled in the Eastern Creek area. In January 1811, Dean was granted his ticket of leave.
1817	William Dean granted 100 acres of land on the south side of the Western Highway by Governor Lachlan Macquarie. In return for the land, Dean was required to keep an inn for travellers.
1830	Eastern Creek is established. The village was originally known as Hebersham.
1846	The population of Eastern Creek is 375.
12859	Moise Roussel built "Herguilliers", (later known as "Southridge").
1866	The Wallgrove Public School opened in a four-roomed brick building at Wallgrove with 30-40 pupils. Before this, students were taught in a back room of Lumpy Dean's pub. The Eastern Creek district becomes a postal township.
1872	Work began on permanent school buildings in January. The school was opened on Monday 8 June. Known as Wallgrove Public School, its name was changed to Eastern Creek Public School in 1931.
1919	Frederick Bigg renames "Herguilliers" as Southridge House.
1931	Wallgrove Public School renamed to Eastern Creek Public School.
1950	"Southridge" was sold to Penfold Wineries who established vineyards on the property until 1964.
	Penfolds Wineries sell "Southridge" to the NSW Electricity Commission and Austral Bricks.
1966	Eastern Creek Public School celebrates its centenary.
1976	Population 1,830 (Census). The number of dwellings is 394.
1984	NSW Premier Neville Wran officially opens Australia's Wonderland in June. The park opens to the public in December 1985.
1986	Population 637 (Census).
1991	The new Eastern Creek motor racing circuit hosts the Australian motorcycle Grand Prix in April.
1994	Rooty Hill Bush Fire Brigade station at 204 Rooty Hill Road South Eastern Creek, officially opened on 27 August.
1997	Australia's Wonderland is sold to two Malaysian companies and changes its name to Wonderland Sydney the following year.
2001	Population 545 (Census).
2002	Cor Brouwer Reserve (Reserve 11) name officially assigned on 23 August. Named after Cornelious Petrus Brouwer was a long serving council employee who took special interest in this reserve.
2004	Wonderland closes. Blacktown Council adopted the Eastern Creek Business Park Precinct plan in March
2005	The Westlink M7 Motorway officially opens on 16 December 2005. The Light Horse interchange (where the Westlink M7 crosses over the M4 Motorway) is Australia's largest interchange.
2006	Population 546 (Census).
2011	Population 799 (Census).

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2012	Integrated recycling landfill facilities opened to public in July.
2015	Marlene Sewell Park (Reserve 375) name officially assigned on 12 June. Named in honour of Marlene Sewell who was the honorary custodian of the reserve for many years and assisted Council in maintaining its good appearance.
2016	Population 827 (Census).
2018	Construction of the Terra Sancta crypt commenced at Pinegrove Memorial Park.
2019	First stage of \$95 million shopping centre, known as the Eastern Creek Quarter featuring a food street precinct, to open late in 2019.
2020	Planned opening of the Eastern Creek Quarter (ECQ) delayed due to Coronavirus outbreak. Woolworths supermarket opened as online venture only. Australian first indoor MX Dome opened in July.
2021	Population 874 (Census).
2022	Second stage of Eastern Creek Quarter (ECQ) officially launched in mid-2022.