

Glenwood - 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 for an historic property in the area, named Glenwood Park in the 1940s, but previously known as Norfolk Vale (1846 – 1882), and Sorrento (1882 – 1941). The area, formerly part of Parklea, was largely rural with dairying and market gardens (orchards). Glenwood was formally recognised as a suburb in 1996.

Glenwood was part of the Parklea area. For a more detailed history, please see the Parklea suburb timeline.

1821	Daniel Brien granted 110 acres of land. Ferdinand Meurant is also granted land and names his property 'Frontignac'.
1840s	Daniel Brien built a farm house "Exeter Farm".
1918	Parklea Public School was built on the corner of Lalor and Sunnyholt Roads (relocated on Glenwood Park Drive in 1996).
1941	Alfred William Casmir von Sanden acquired Sorrento and renamed it "Glenwood Park".
1949	Emile Marcel Nydegger bought "Glenwood Park", operating it as a dairy.
1974	Housing Commission of New South Wales resumed Glenwood Park house.
1981	Glenwood Public School opened
1992	Parklea prison was reclassified for maximum security to medium security.
1994	The Glenwood Estate opened on 30 June (formally recognised as a suburb in 1996) by Mayor Jim Anderson. The work started on Sikh temple on Meurants Lane, Glenwood.
1995	Glenwood Park House damaged by fire.
1996	Parklea Public School relocated to Glenwood Population 1,457 (Census).
1997	The Sikh temple in Glenwood officially opened. The owners gifted "Exeter Farm" to the Department of Planning and Urban Affairs.
1999	Holy Cross School opened in Glenwood on 31 March. Blacktown City Council approved plans for Glenwood Park house to use as medical centre and chemist..
2000	Glenwood Village Shopping Centre opened on 10 September. Busways started its service to Stanhope Gardens and Glenwood in May.
2001	Population of Glenwood 9,280.
2002	Charles Valentine administration building opened at Valentine Sports Park.
2003	Caddies Creek Public School opened. Glenwood Neighbourhood Centre opened on 23 November.

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	Cornucopia Reserve (Reserve 791) name officially assigned on 8 August. Cornucopia means a place of abundance, a reference to the area's highly productive market gardens and poultry farms prior to urban development.
2005	Glenwood High School opened on 31 January. Glenwood Reserve (Reserve 790) name officially assigned on 8 April.
2006	Population of Glenwood 13,900. (Census). A golden 8m high dome now caps the Glenwood Gurdwara Sikh Temple. Knightsbridge Reserve (Reserve 785) name officially assigned. Laing Reserve (Reserve 786) name officially assigned on 30 June. Named after the Laing family who were early settlers in the area from 1866.
2010	New buildings at Holy Cross Primary officially opened. Restoration of Exeter Farm completed. The building dates from the 1860s. Exeter Farm Reserve (Reserve 784) name officially assigned on 30 July.
2011	Alwyn Lindfield Reserve (Reserve 783) name officially assigned on 11 February. Named after Alwyn George Lindfield (1931-2009) who played a significant role in community and sporting organisations for forty years. Ernie Ireland Reserve (Reserve 776) name officially assigned on 30 September. Named after Ernie Ireland (1938-2000) who was a Blacktown General Practitioner, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist. Before Medicare was introduced, he assisted low-income patients by providing free services. He was Chairman of the Board at Blacktown Hospital. Population 15,325 (Census)
2015	Community Hub opened on Saturday 13 June.
2016	Glenwood Men's Shed opened on 6 February. Population 16,130 (Census).
2019	Glenwood gateway on the corner of Sorrento Drive and Sunnyholt Road Glenwood unveiled in August 2019. The gateway was a joint project between Blacktown City Council and Glenwood High School.
2020	Trades Norwest Senior Anglican College closed in stages by the end of year.
2021	Population 15,829 (Census). Refalo Reserve (Reserve 787) name officially assigned on 28 May. Named to commemorate the Refalo family. Charles Refalo and his wife Jane arrived in Australia in 1950 and became market gardeners. In 1980 they began market gardening and horse agistment on the subject land and continued there until 1998.
2023	Skatepark at Alwyn Lindfield Reserve (Reserve 783) officially opened on 11 February.