

Kellyville Ridge - 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.

Kellyville is believed to be named after Hugh Kelly, who owned land comprising the Kellyville Estate. Kelly was a former convict who arrived in New South Wales aboard The Rolla in 1803. Early land holders given grants included John Tivett, George Acres, Hugh Kelly and Michael Hancey.

Formerly a part of Kellyville, the western side of Windsor Road was named Kellyville Ridge in 2002.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1804	Kellyville Ridge believed to be the location of the Second Battle of Vinegar Hill fought on 5 March between convicts and colonial forces.
1817-1855	Construction of Merriville House.
1960s	Establishment of Castlebrook Memorial Park.
1985	Vinegar Hill Memorial design competition won by Ivan Polak and Vladimir Sitta.
1988	Memorial to the Battle of Vinegar Hill officially unveiled by Honourable Edward Gough Whitlam on 5 March 1988 (Australia's bicentennial year).
1996	Population 197 (Census).
2001	The Hills Shire Council renamed a section of the existing Kellyville as Beaumont Hills. Blacktown City Council moves to rename the part of Kellyville west of Windsor Road. One suggested name, Vinegar Hill was rejected. Population 728 (Census).
2002	Part of Kellyville gazetted as Kellyville Ridge.
2003	Ettamogah Pub opens.
2004	Kellyville Ridge Public School opened Term 1. School officially opened in November.
2005	Vinegar Hill officially named on 6 March.
2006	Population 3,951 (Census).
2007	Vinegar Hill Reserve (Reserve 807) officially assigned on 1 June 2007.
2011	Population 8,344 (Census).
2013-2014	Population estimates by the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicated Kellyville Ridge and surrounding neighbourhoods had the largest growth in 2013-14 in Sydney, with a 9 per cent increase in population in 12 months.
2016	Population 10,468 (Census).
2021	Population 10,890 (Census).