

Lalor 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.

Lalor Park is named after George Pearson Lalor, who bought 500 acres in Seven Hills near Sunnyholt Rd. He grew oats, barley and maize and developed an orchard. His son, George Alfred Lalor, was Blacktown Shire President from 1921 to 1923 and 1928. When the Housing Commission developed Lalor's land in 1958, it was the largest housing estate in New South Wales.

Lalor Park was originally part of Seven Hills. For history before 1958, see Seven Hills timeline.)

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1958	Housing Commission acquires almost 800 acres on the northern and southern sides of Lucas Road for public housing. A total of 2,783 dwellings were constructed – 2,506 cottages, 253 units for senior citizens and 24 apartments.
1959	Lalor Park Public School opened in January. 50,000 th NSW Housing Commission house completed October. Lalor Park Kookaburras Rugby League team established. Scout group formed around this time.
1960	St Bernadette's Primary School opened. Stockade Hotel opened on 31 August.
1961	Lalor Park Preschool opened in November. The centre was originally called the North Seven Hills Progress Association. Baby Health Centre opened. Establishment of a Catholic School/church.
1964	Opening of Lalor Park Community Centre in Freeman Street, Lalor Park.
1966	Establishment of Blacktown East Presbyterian Church.
1968	Lalor Park Junior Library officially opened on 1 June by Mayor, Alfred Ashley Brown.
1969	Opening of Girl Guide Hall in March.
1973	Formation of Methodist Congregational Church.
1974	Church of England Sunday school hall burned in December.
1975	Lalor Park Senior Citizens Centre opened in Heffron Road, Lalor Park. Twin Gums Park, name assigned 21 March 1975.
1976	Population 9,985. The number of dwellings is 2,672.
1981	Population 11,125 (Census) New St Bernadette's Catholic Church and presbytery completed and dedicated by Bishop Bede Heather on 27 September.
1983	Lynwood Park, name assigned 9 September.
1984	Fire damages St Bernadette's Primary School.
1986	Population 9,377 (Census)
1987	Lalor Park Library extended.
1988	The new enlarged Lalor Park Branch Library officially opened 27 April by Mayor Russ Dickens.
1989	Stuart Mould Park, name assigned 2 June. Lieutenant Commander Stuart Mould, who served with the Royal Australian Navy Reserve, was appointed chief architect of the Housing Commission and Lalor Park was one of the first housing developments established after his appointment.

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1991	Lalor Park community paints mural on branch library walls.
1991	Population 8,947 (Census)
1995	Cavanagh Reserve, name assigned 19 May 1995. Named after Trevor Cavanagh and his contribution for more than 20 years to the construction, upkeep and general maintenance of the reserve since its inception, and his dedication to youth in the area.
1996	Population 7,203 (Census)
1999	Upgrade to shopping centre by council costing almost \$500,000 including completion of walkway paving and planting of palm trees.
2001	Population 7,145 (Census)
2006	Population 6,971 (Census)
2009	Lalor Park mural completed at shopping centre.
2011	Population 7,066 (Census)
2015	Lalor Park Senior Citizens Centre renamed Lalor Park Community Hub.
2016	Population 7,553 (Census).
2018	Upgrade of Thomas Kelly Reserve.
2021	Population 7,834 (Census)