

Rouse Hill - 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 suburb was named after the estate of Richard Rouse (1774-1852), a prominent free settler who arrived in the colony in 1801. His first grant here was in 1802 and his second grant was in 1816. Governor Lachlan Macquarie suggested the estate be called Rouse Hill.

The suburb is bisected into two local government areas: Blacktown City and The Hills Shire by Windsor Road. The area, south of Windsor Road i within the Blacktown local government area, is 658 hectares in size.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1813-1818	Construction of Rouse Hill House
1825	Rouse family took up residence
1863	Christ Church Anglican Church built on Windsor Rd.
1888	Rouse Hill Public School opened to the east of Rouse Hill House and farm
1976	Population 285 (Census). The number of dwellings is 75.
1978	NSW government purchases Rouse Hill House and remaining land
1981	Population 1,246 (Census)
1986	Population 1,216 (Census)
1991	Population 1,227 (Census)
1999	Rouse Hill House and farm opened to the public.
2000	Establishment of the Rouse Hill Anglican College at Oakville. The school moved to its present site in 2002.
2001	Population 3,151 (Census), total figure for Rouse Hill suburb
2006	Population 6,474(Census), total figure for Rouse Hill suburb
2008	Establishment of the Rouse Hill Regional Park to protect the regional precinct around Rouse Hill House.
2011	Population 7,482(Census), total figure for Rouse Hill suburb
2016	Population 7,965 (Census), total figure for Rouse Hill suburb
2019	Official opening of Rouse Road bridge, Second Ponds Creek Road, Rouse Hill on 21 October.
2020	Suburb boundary realigned on 6 November. Excluded areas now form part of the new suburb of Tallawong. The suburb area is located in Blacktown and The Hills LGAs.
2021	Population 8,787 (ID demographics – Tallawong-Rouse Hill) Population 11,349 (Census), total figure for Rouse Hill suburb.
2022	Master Plan for the \$300 million Rouse Hill Hospital released in November, which will be built at the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill.