

Schofields - 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 early settler John Schofield, who had a square mile (259 ha) of land. Schofield's Siding was built on this land in 1870. The suburb is 1.021 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
1845	John Schofield buys 240 hectares (600 acres) of land in present day
1870	Schofields Siding (Schofields Railway station) opens.
1919	Schofields Public School opened March in local hall.
1923	Schofields Public School moves to current location
1941	Land acquired by the Federal government and a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) base built
1944	Schofields Bush Fire Brigade formed and is still operational today
1945	Royal Australian Navy (RAN) converts the base to a naval air station.
1946	Base briefly reoccupied by RAAF. Part of site later taken over by Department of Immigration for a migrant hostel
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1951	Schofields Migrant Hostel closed.
1954	Mrs Evidokia Petrov, wife of a Soviet Embassy official who had asked for political asylum flown from Darwin to Schofields Airfield.
1958	Foundation stone for St Peter's Anglican Church was laid in October 1958 and opening service was held on 1 November 1959.
1969	Schofields Flying Club established in 1969 and incorporated in 1971.
1973	Construction/extension of Schofields Community Centre completed.
1974	Riverstone Schofields Junior Soccer Club formed. Schofields Park (Reserve 87) gazetted on 4 January.
1976	Population 1,373 (Census). The number of dwellings is 389.
1977	Schofields Jubilee Airshow (Australia's first international airshow) held on 8 November.
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1981	Population 2,228 (Census)
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1986	Population 2,239 (Census)
1991	Population 3,617 (Census)
1994	HMAS Nirimba closed.
1995	Schofields Flying Club ceased flying from Schofields location and relocated to Bankstown and later changed its name to Sydney Flying Club.
1996	Terra Sancta College opened.
1996	Population 4,332 (Census)
1997	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School opened.
2000	Schofields Defence Depot used as a rehearsal ground for the opening ceremony of the 2000 Olympics
2001	Population 4,377 (Census) (includes Rouse Hill)
2006	Population 4,285 (Census) (includes Rouse Hill)

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2011	Population 4,331 (Census) (includes Rouse Hill) Duplication of the Richmond line completed to Schofields. Schofields Railway Station relocated 0.8km to the south.
2013	St Peter's Anglican Church and property sold in June and development application for medium density housing lodged in 2014.
2015	Terra Sancta College renamed St John Paul II Catholic College.
2016	Population 4,983 (Census).
2017	Second stage of Schofields West land released (300 ha) with the capacity to accommodate an extra 1,300 homes released in May.
2019	First lots sold at Akuna Vista, on the former HMAS Nirimba site.
2020	Suburb boundaries realigned on 6 November. Reconfigured boundaries consisting mostly of the original suburb of Schofields. It now includes some areas of Marsden Park, and excludes some areas to the new suburb of Tallawong. Reserve 879, located at the corner of Beacon Drive and Arilla Close Schofields, opened in December.
2021	Population 15,213 (Census). Galungara Public School (K-6) on Farmland Drive was operational. The name Galungara translates to, "the stem or the flower stalk" of the <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i> (grass tree). Schofields Village Shopping Centre officially opened on 1 December.
2022	Construction on Stage 2 of Galungara Public School began in March. St Joseph Primary School moved into newly constructed building.