

Seven Hills - 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 name of this suburb has long been attributed to Matthew Pearce being able to see seven hills from his property. Recent research indicates it could refer to the number of hills climbed to this point from Old Government House, Parramatta. The name dates from the 1790s.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1791	George Best and John Pye Snr. arrive in NSW. Both were given land grants in Seven Hills in 1796.
1794	Old Windsor Road constructed
1795	Matthew Pearce and his family were granted 160 acres of land at Seven Hills, which he named Kings Langley, after the village outside London where he was born. Matthew Pearce arrived in Sydney with his wife Martha Parker on board the "Surprise" in 1794.
1797	Hamilton Hume was born on the 19 June, on his father's Seven Hills property.
1801	John Macarthur buys Bella Vista land over 1700 acres from Joseph Foveaux, establishes wool industry. The farm was referred to by Elizabeth Macarthur as 'My Seven Hills Farm'.
1817	Seven Hills Road constructed.
1821	The Macarthur's 'Seven Hills Farm' is returned to the Crown, Macarthur preferring property in the Cowpastures area.
1823	Former Seven Hills Farm began to be redistributed, with 500 acres granted to George Acres.
1831	Susannah Maria Ward received a 500 acre grant to the south of George Acres grant.
1832	Matthew Pearce died 28 December, aged 69.
1835	Matthew Woodward Pearce, (son of Matthew Pearce), received 170 acres which had been part of the Macarthur's Seven Hills Farm.
1836	George Best died 3 July, aged 78.
1837	James Robertson, a watchmaker in Sydney, received a grant of 500 acres, which had been part of the Macarthur's Seven Hills Farm.
1838	Robertson sold his 500 acres to Isabella Maria Acres.
1842	William Thomas Pearce (son of Matthew Pearce) bought the 500 acres (known now as Robertson's grant) from Isabella Acres. This land was developed and became the 'Bella Vista' property.
1860	Rail line from Sydney to Blacktown established.
1863	A brick building was built for the Seven Hills Church of England school and a church.
1868	Seven Hills Post Office opened on 1 November. George Woodall was the first postmaster.
1869	Seven Hills Railway station completed
1871	George Pearson Lalor buys 500 acres in Seven Hills. He had arrived in Victoria in 1857 and moved to Sydney six years later.
1878	Population of Seven Hills District about 400.
1880	St Andrews, Church of England, Seven Hills officially opened by Bishop Barker.
1883	Seven Hills Public School opened with 88 pupils. The school building was

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	completed the following year. The school was renamed Seven Hills North Public School in February 1954.
1887	Governor of N.S.W., Lord Carrington, visited Bella Vista property.
1889	Meadows Estate in Seven Hills, fruit growing district, was subdivided.
1890	The Meadows Public School opened on 3 November.
1911	Population 459.
1914	St Peters Church in Seven Hills founded. George A Lalor (son of George Pearson Lalor) was appointed Blacktown Shire President from 1914 -1928 and 1930 –1937.
1917	The 'Returned Soldiers Settlement Scheme' established by the Department of Lands on the Grantham Poultry Research Station site.
1923	Department of Agriculture established Grantham Poultry Station for research into the poultry industry.
1938	The Soldiers' Memorial Hall was built, from funds left over from money raised for World War I servicemen, on land donated by Colonel Lucas.
1947	Seven Hills Housing Commission estate began. Seven Hills population 901.
1949	The Soldiers' Memorial Hall started screening films, the hall was known as 'Seven Hills Theatre' and opening night was 12 October.
1950	The Pearce's Bella Vista property was purchased by North Sydney Brick and Tile Company and brickworks was established.
1953	Death of William Best, member of the Best pioneer family in Seven Hills.
1954	New Seven Hills Public School opened not far from Seven Hills Railway station. The old school was renamed Seven Hills North Public School. Star Theatre in Best Road opened on the 7 September.
1958	Seven Hills West Public School opened January. Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL Club opened.
1959	Seven Hills High School opened January. Church of Christ, Seven Hills Road, opened 1 February. Oldfield Road Public School opened. In 1987 the name changed to Bert Oldfield Public School.
1960	Seven Hills Regional Shopping Centre built and was officially opened in 1966.
1961	Baby Health Centre opened.
1962	Our Lady of Lourdes School, Seven Hills opened. Mount Carmel Hospital opened (corner of Bernice and Crews Streets).
1966	Seven Hills South High School opened. The school later changed its name to Grantham High School/ Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) store opened in Best Street, Seven Hills.
1967	Soldier's Memorial Hall badly damaged by fire. A public appeal was held to raise money for rebuilding. Rural Bank opened.
1971	Cerebos factory opened.
1974	The Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board purchased 13.63 ha of land/property (including the Bella Vista Complex).
1975	Grantham Reserve was officially opened on the 15 November. Redevelopment of Seven Hills Shopping Centre.
1976	Seven Hills population 19,827. The number of dwellings is 5,170.
1978	Radio 2WS (now WSFM) began broadcasting at Seven Hills.
1979	The Bella Vista Complex was placed under Interim Conservation Order by the Heritage Council of NSW.

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1981	Population 19,175 (Census)
1984	Mount Carmel Hospital closed. Redevelopment Seven Hills Shopping Centre.
1986	Grantham Poultry Research Station closed. Population 18,173 (Census)
1987	Soldiers Memorial hall demolished, opening of Seven Hills Community Centre. Oldfield Road School changes name to Bert Oldfield Public School in September.
1988	Rotary Lakes Park, Seven Hills grand opening.
1991	Population 18,870 (Census)
1992	New Seven Hills Police Station on the grounds of Seven Hills Primary School. Redevelopment Seven Hills Shopping Centre.
1996	Population 17,709 (Census).
2001	Radio Station 2WS relocated to North Ryde. Population 18,482 (Census).
2002	Grantham High School renamed The Hills Sports High. Blacktown City Council acquires Grantham Poultry Research Station.
2003	Centro Properties Group bought Seven Hills Shopping Centre and renamed it Centro Seven Hills in 2005.
2004	Seven Hills School for Sensory Education renamed William Rose School.
2006	ALDI opened at Centro Seven Hills in June. A new Galloway Environmental Waste Plant in Seven Hills officially opened in October. Population 17,846 (Census).
2007	NRMA's first Sydney based car-servicing shop officially opened in May in Seven Hills. The Waldon Gazebo at Orana Park officially opened on 18 April.
2008	The Baptist Community Services Care Centre officially opened in May.
2009	Blacktown Council commences work to provide community access to the administration block of the former Grantham Poultry Research Station. Demons Sports Club closes.
2010	Work commences on extensions to the commuter car park. Demons Sports Club reopens as Lily's Restaurant and Function Centre. Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation opens an information and research centre at Grantham Heritage Park. Blacktown & District Historical Society open a research centre at Grantham Heritage Park. Sustainability Education Centre opens at Grantham Heritage Park. NSW Government announces plans to redevelop public housing in Seven Hills. Bunnings store opens in Abbott Road.
2011	Local Federal member, Michelle Rowland, opens an electoral office at 230 Prospect Highway, Seven Hills. New Christian community radio station, Inspire Digital, operates from its premises in Leabons Lane, Seven Hills. Population 18,304 (Census).
2016	Population 19,331 (Census).
2020	Himalaya Crescent Shops demolished to make way for child care centre in Feb. The shopping centre had been vacant for around 25 years.
2021	Population 20,095 (Census)

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2022	Construction for Seven Hills High School VET (Vocational Education and Training) Facility upgrade started in September. The Junction Works – a state-of-the-art day centre facility by NDIS, located at Prospect Highway, officially opened in December.
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