

Shanes 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.

John Harris (1754 1838) came to Australia on the Second Fleet in 1790 and was appointed Chief Surgeon of the colony. By the turn of the century, he owned 315 acres of land, and had built Experiment Farm Cottage. The suburb of Harris Park is named for him. Among his many landholdings included a property on South Creek known as Shane's Park Estate. The suburb takes its name from his property. The suburb is 941 hectares in size.

1960	Around 560 hectares of the eastern portion of Shane's Park was purchased by the Commonwealth government to house an air navigational facility. This is now known as the Air Services Transmission Station.
1960s	Shanes Park Bush Fire Brigade formed
1964	Blacktown Pistol Club formed at Blacktown and moved to Shanes Park in 1964, (incorporated in 1985)
1976	Population 136 (Census). The number of dwellings is 34.
1984	Shanes Park residents move to secede from Blacktown council. Residents threatened to withhold rates payments until the roads were improved.
1986	Population 797 (Census) – this figure includes Hassall Grove.
1991	Population 4039 (Census) – this figure includes Hassall Grove.
1996	Population 1809 (Census) – this figure includes Marsden Park.
1997	Official opening of Shanes Park Bushfire Brigade at Peter Van Hasselt Reserve, Willmot.
2001	Population 1378 (Census) – this figure includes Marsden Park.
2004	Shanes Park (Reserve 170) name officially gazetted on 3 December.
2006	Population 389 (Census)
2011	Population 400 (Census) Grange Horse Sport Association relocated to Shanes Park Reserve, formerly at Reserve 478 Grange Avenue, Marsden Park.
2016	Population 407 (Census) Blacktown Pony Club moved to Blacktown City Equestrian Centre, Shanes Park Reserve. The club started off at Blacktown Showground and moved to Burdekin Road, Schofields 26 years ago.
2020	Suburb boundary realigned on 6 November, Reconfigured boundaries to now include additional land from the existing suburb of Marsden Park.
2021	Population 384