

Stanhope Gardens - 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 Hillas, who arrived in Australia in 1801, received two land grants on the Windsor Road. One of these he named 'Stanhope Farm', and established an inn, the "Stanhope Arms". Part of the name remained, with the Peel family calling their dairy farm "Stanhope Park". The suburb name reflects these early properties. It was formally recognised as a suburb in 1996.

Stanhope Gardens was part of the Parklea area. For a more detailed history, please see the Parklea suburb timeline.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1804	John Hillas, free settler, granted 150 acres which he named Stanhope Farm.
1856	Pearce family used land from grazing and orchards until purchased by Peel family in 1928.
1928	Dairy farm named Stanhope Park Dairy purchased by Peel family.
1973	Peel's farm resumed by Housing Commission and formed part of 439 hectares of land acquired for public purposes.
1991	Nick Greiner, then Premier of NSW, announced first release of land.
1995	Opening of Mirvac's Stanhope Gardens Estate
1996	Suburb name assigned – prior to this it was part of the suburb of Parklea.
1998	NSW Softball Association headquarters established at the Stanhope Park Softball and Sports Centre.
1999	Landcom's Newbury Estate won the Royal Australian Planning Institute Award for Excellence in Plan Making - Urban Planning.
2000	Development Application for Parklea Leisure Centre went ahead and construction commenced in September.
2001	Population 2,729 (Census).
2002	Council approves stage one of Stanhope Gardens shopping centre to contain a supermarket, 25 stores, 2 kiosks and a centre office. The leisure centre was renamed as Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope in October 2002.
2003	Opening of Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope Gardens. Opening of Stanhope Village Shopping Centre (Stage 1). Stage 4 to be completed by 2015.
2005	Opening of John 23rd Catholic Primary School.
2006	Population 4,258 (Census). Stanhope Gardens Reserve (Reserve 800) name gazetted on 1 September.
2007	Opening of St Marks Catholic Secondary College Opening of St John 23 rd Catholic Church Poseidon System – Australia's first computer aided drowning detection system launched at Blacktown Leisure Centre on 10 November.
2009	Opening of Dennis Johnson Branch Library Stanhope Gardens in August.
2010	Connor Greasby Park (Reserve 806) name gazetted on 26 March. Named in memory of Connor Mark Greasby accidentally killed by a recycling truck while riding his bicycle in 2007.
2011	Population 7,671 (Census).
2015	Redevelopment and shopping centre extension opened in March.

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2016	Population 9,163 (Census). Blacktown Tennis Centre officially opened on 27 August.
2021	Population 9,349 (Census).