

The Ponds - 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 Ponds south of Windsor Rd, between Kellyville Ridge and Stanhope Gardens, was previously part of Kellyville and Kellyville Ridge. The suburb has been named after the waterways flowing through the area, including Second Ponds Creek. The first lots were sold in July 2007.

2006	The name, proposed in 2006, was gazetted in January 2007
2007	First land release on March, 31 by Landcom (now UrbanGrowth) with the first lots sold in July.
2008	John Palmer Public School officially opened. Kalina Reserve (Reserve 820) gazetted on 28 November.
2010	First man made pond at The Ponds (The Dragonfly) completed.
2011	Population 2,932.
2012	Name officially assigned by the Geographic Names Board 17 August. The Ponds School officially opened with 24 students. The Ponds scooped two industry awards by taking out first place in the Residential Development and Sustainable Development categories at the UDIA NSW Austral Bricks Awards for Excellence. Jonas Bradley Park (Reserve 815), Lakes Edge Park (Reserve 817), Ridgeline Park (Reserve 825), Gathering Park (Reserve 824), Silverleaf Park (Reserve 821), Waterfall Park (Reserve 823) and The Ponds Parklands (Reserve 959) gazetted on 14 December.
2013	Lorius Park (Reserve 799) and Owl Park (Reserve 828) gazetted on 26 April.
2014	Community hub costing \$8.7 million opened on 14 June. All blocks of land sold, two years ahead of schedule.
2015	Shopping Centre opened on 25 June with 15-20 speciality shops and Woolworths. The Ponds Shopping Centre awarded the 2015 International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC) Sustainable Design Award. Official opening of The Ponds High School and Riverbank Public School on 27 January.
2016	Official opening of The Lakes Neighbourhood Centre on 19 August. Population 9,838 (Census).
2017	The Ponds Shopping Centre awarded Best Shopping Centre Development at the 2017 National Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards on 5 May. Reserve 871 officially opened to public on 12 August. The park won Playspace Award at the NSW/ACT Parks and Leisure Australia awards.
2020	Reserve 871 officially gazetted as Edgar Barlow Park on 7 February. Named in commemoration of Edgar Ormond Barlow who was killed in action at Villers-Bretonneux in France during WW1. He was a farm hand from Schofields.
2021	Population 16,315 (Census)