

Toongabbie - 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.

Toongabbie is derived from an Aboriginal word, reported as meaning *place by the water* or *the meeting of the waters*. It was named in June 1792 after Governor Arthur Phillip asked the local Aboriginal people what they called the place. The suburb is split between Blacktown City, City of Parramatta and Cumberland local government areas.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1791	Governor Phillip established a government farm and convict station on 640 acres (259 ha) to grow food for the colony. Thomas Daveney appointed Superintendent. Watkin Tench first visits Toongabbie.
1802	Toongabbie Farm turned into a grazing area for cattle
1880	The original unstaffed station opened on 26 April.
1886	Toongabbie Public School, opened on 3 May.
1889	St Mary's Church of England opened 23 July.
1887	First Post Office opened in a private home
1896	Toongabbie Creek was flooded
1902	The Emu and Prospect Gravel and Road Metal Company Limited opened a private railway line from Toongabbie to Prospect Quarry on 7 April.
1906	Toongabbie becomes part of Blacktown Shire.
1908	Toongabbie Scout patrol formed.
1911	By April, the school closed due to low enrolments. School of Arts was opened.
1912	School reopened
1922	Second Post Office opened on 2 March. Officially named Toongabbie West on 15 November 1925.
1929	St Enda's Hall opened to public on 29 March and first mass celebrated on 31 March
1950	Catholic Church established in parish hall
1951	Church Hall built on the corner of Barangaroo Rd and Lamonerie Street.
1956	Hotel Toongabbie opened.
1957	Commonwealth Bank opened. St Anthony's Primary School opened on 24 March
1958	The Country Women's Association (CWA) branch at Toongabbie-Seven Hills, was formed
1960	Toongabbie Post Office opened
1962	Baby Health Centre opened.
1966	Toongabbie East Public School opened Term 1.
1965	Old Toongabbie Baby Health Centre opened.
1967	Toongabbie West Public School opened Term 1. Opening of Don Talbot Swimming Centre.
1969	Toongabbie split between Blacktown, Holroyd and Parramatta council areas.
1970	Toongabbie West Scouts formed around this time.
1971	Toongabbie and surrounding creeks flood
1972	Metella Road Public School opened January.
1973	Toongabbie Shopping Centre opened.
1976	Population 2,552 (Census). The number of dwellings is 730.
1981	Population 3,467 (Census)

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1983	McCoy Park Basin build and creek clearing undertaken to manage flooding
1986	Population 4,739 (Census). Toongabbie Public School celebrates its 100 th birthday
1986 and 1988	Toongabbie and surrounding creeks flood.
1991	Population 4,761 (Census).
1996	Population 3,585 (Census).
1999	Sue Savage Reserve at Toongabbie constructed to manage flooding
2001	Population 3,712 (Census)
2005	Piccadilly Centre in Aurelia Street demolished to make way for a new shopping complex.
2006	Population 3,814 (Census).
2011	Population 4,446 (Census).
2016	Population 4,947 (Census).
2021	Population 5,004 (Census).