

## Woodcroft - 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.

This suburb is based on the development by L J Hooker of the former State Brickworks. L J Hooker purchased the property in 1989, and after rezoning, residential construction commenced in 1992. It was formally recognized as a suburb in 1996.

For the history before the suburb's establishment in 1992, please see Doonside.

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| Pre 1788  | Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people   |
| 1988      | State Government tries to sell brickworks as a going concern but are unsuccessful. Land rezoned to residential use.  |
| 1989      | Former State Brickworks Site purchased by L J Hooker. Cost \$20 million. 1,000 houses planned for site.  |
| 1992      | Residential construction commenced in March.   |
| 1992      | Walker Corporation bought land to develop a shopping centre.   |
| 1993      | Coles opened for trading at Woodcroft Plaza opened for trading in October. Original tenants were Coles, Taylor's Pharmacy and a hot bread shop.  |
| 1995      | Lake Woodcroft completed. Size of lake is 5 hectares. Woodcroft Neighbourhood Centre constructed c1995.  |
| 1995/1996 | Australian Housing and Land (AHL) wins Land Development of the Year for the Woodcroft estate   |
| 1996      | Suburb name formally assigned 25 October 1996<br>Population 1,646 (Census)   |
| 1996      | Construction of Neighbourhood Centre. Centre was opened on 15 April 1996   |
| 1996      | Winner of the Keep Australia Beautiful Community Facilities/Services category for Lake Woodcroft and its recreation areas.<br>Woodcroft Neighbourhood Centre opened.   |
| 1999      | PGH site at Doonside to be rezoned for residential purposes.   |
| 2001      | Population 4,915 (Census).   |
| 2002      | PGH site at Woodcroft to be subdivided.  |
| 2002      | Blacktown City Council selected for an award of excellence from the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia for ongoing works at the Woodcroft Wetlands. The wetland project also received a highly commended award in the environmental category. |
| 2005      | Woodcroft Lake Festival established.   |
| 2006      | Population 5,334 (Census).   |
| 2011      | Population 6,420 (Census).   |
| 2015      | Woodcroft Neighbourhood Centre destroyed by fire 7 January   |
| 2016      | Population 6,435 (Census).   |
| 2017      | Woodcroft Lake and Woodcroft Reserve (Reserve 830) officially gazetted on 19 May.  |
| 2019      | Woodcroft Neighbourhood Centre officially opened with a community open day on Saturday 15 June.  |
| 2021      | Population 6,597 (Census).   |