



Emu Heights – Timeline

The name Emu Heights was formally assigned in early 1976. Prior to this time it was known locally as The Estate and was a neighbourhood of Emu Plains. Originally the area consisted of orchards and dairy farms but these gradually disappeared as the farms were sold and redeveloped. Residential development in the area, the topography, and the already growing usage of the name before 1976, all contributed to the name's official assignment.

1789	26 June	Captain Watkin Tench set out to explore western-most parts of the colony
1790	26 August	Tench & Dawes explored the Nepean river and 'saw three cassowaries' – a precursor to naming Emu Plain
1806	12 September	Proclamation by William Bligh to prohibit crossing of the Nepean River
1808	8 July	Rebel Governor, Major Johnston, issued a land grant at Emu Plains to his son
1819	11 September	Proclamation to set up a convict Agricultural Establishment with Richard Fitzgerald as Superintendent.
1831		George Innes, a free settler from Bathurst obtained 400 acres near McCann's Island and named it Emu Heights
1832	20 May	Village of Emu was laid out by the Government Surveyor
1930s		Emu Heights estate sold and subdivided as the Nepean Rver Estate
1972		Emu Heights Primary School opened
1976		The name Emu Heights formally assigned to the neighbourhood
1996		Aboriginal paintings discovered in a cave near Emu Heights