Erskine Park – Timeline

Erskine Park was the name of a 3,000 acre grant made in 1818 to James Erskine (1765-1825). The grant covered an area east of the present Mamre Road to Rope's Creek taking in what are now the suburbs of St. Clair and Erskine Park. James Erskine was born in 1765 in Ireland and was a career soldier who fought in the West Indies, Ireland and the Peninsular Campaigns. He arrived with his regiment in Sydney on the "Matilda" in August 1817. He was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor on September 12, 1817. In recent times (1980-81), there were controversial moves within the community to change the name of this historic suburb to St. Clair – a name having no historical connection with the area. The matter was finally resolved in the latter half of 1981, when the Geographical Names Board created two separate suburbs, Erskine Park and St. Clair.

1818	8 May	James Erskine given land grant of 3000 acres located from Mamre Road to Ropes Creek
1823	30 June	1600 acres south Great Western Highway granted to John MacHenry
1960		Rick Pisaturo purchased 120 acres of an old dairy farm and named it Mandalong Park
1968		Sydney Regional Outline Plan identified land at St Clair and Erskine Park for future residential development
1981		Name of suburb officially recognised
1981		A new breed of beef cattle developed from the Charolais breed at Mandalong Park called Mandalong Specials were officially recognised by the Royal Agricultural Society
1982	13 January	Erskine Park suburb declared by the Geographical Names Board
1990	17 October	First Local Environmental Plan for Erskine Park Employment Area went on display
1992	13 May	Second Local Environmental Plan for Erskine Park Employment Area went on display
1992	21 September	Local Environmental Plan for Erskine Park Employment Area is gazetted
1992		CSR Readymix owners of Erskine Park quarry site plan to rehabilitate the site into parkland
1993	April	Erskine Park Community Centre and Hall opened
1993	12 July	Andrew Thompson Park named