



Kemps Creek – Timeline

The name of this suburb is taken from Anthony Fenn Kemp (1773-1868), who was granted two adjoining properties in this district. The largest, granted in 1820 was of 500 acres (Parish of Melville) and was named Mt Vernon, presumably after George Washington's home in Virginia in America. While the other, granted in 1810, was of 300 acres and is in both the Parish of Melville and Cabramatta, straddling Elizabeth Drive and Mamre Road). In 1816, Kemp sold his land and left New South Wales for Tasmania. Kemps Creek township, located outside of the Penrith LGA, is situated on Kemp's former estate.

1805	18 December	Richard Fitzgerald granted 300 acres which he named Restitution Farm
1805	18 December	Nicholas Bayly granted 680 acres which he named Kings Down
1809	8 June	Anthony Fenn Kemp granted 300 acres
1810	1 January	Nicholas Bayly granted 1070 acres which he named Macquarie Place
1810	1 January	Nicholas Bayly granted 550 acres which he named Bayly Park
1815	10 June	George Johnson Jr granted 600 acres which he named Lochwood
1815	10 June	Nicholas Bayly granted 330 acres
1816		George Chartres granted 200 acres
1817	11 September	Charles Gray granted 200 acres which he named Kings Down
1820		Anthony Fenn Kemp granted 500 acres which he named Mt Vernon
1821	9 January	James Scott granted 360 acres
1822	4 July	Henry Bayly granted 360 acres which he named Redhill
1823	13 June	Richard Driver granted 110 acres
1823		Nicholas Bayly died at Bayly Park
1825		Edward King granted 300 acres which he named Kingswood
1826		Richard Jones purchased Bayly Park and renamed it Fleurs
1883	6 March	Fleurs, a family mansion surrounded by grounds under cultivation was sold to land speculators
1887	May	Fleurs again sold to land speculators

1888		Fleurs was re-subdivided into 20 acre allotments
1894	7 September	Kemps Creek Public School removed from Liverpool's jurisdiction to St Mary's
1908	28 March	Nepean Times correspondent reported the district 'could not look better – grass everywhere and crops growing amazingly'
1908	28 March	A report in the Nepean Times stated that a ghost had haunted Kemps Creek Bridge for many years
1908	29 April	Foundation stone laid by Mrs F. W. A. Downes for St Andrews Church at Kemps Creek
1927		Post office opened
1930	15 October	Fleurs auctioned. 2311 acres six miles south of St Marys.
1942		A diversionary airstrip was built at Fleurs and used by the RAAF at Richmond
1949		Fleurs became a field laboratory for the CSIRO's Division of Radiophysics
1950s		The Mills Cross, Shain Cross and Cris Cross radio telescopes were built
1963		Orphan School Road changed name to Elizabeth Drive in honour of Queen Elizabeth's visit