



## Kingswood – Timeline

Named after Governor Philip Gidley King's (1758-1808) family, who held grants of land in the northern part of this area. Kingswood was formerly known as "Cross Roads", as it marked the intersection of the Great Western Highway with another great road from Richmond to the "Cowpastures" near Camden. The land, on which the greater part of Kingswood is built, forms a part of a grant of 470 acres, given to John Best in 1814. The area was once thickly timbered and remained almost untouched until the advent of the railway in 1862. A temporary platform was opened and then closed, when the line ran into Penrith in January, 1863. The inconvenience of this situation for local residents was remedied in March 1887 when a wooden platform and ticket office were constructed on the present site and given the name "Kingswood Siding". The name was eventually shortened and came into general usage. The first extensive subdivision of land in the area took place in the 1880's. Further development in the area was hastened by the Kingswood or 'St. Stephen's Estate' being offered for sale in 1914.

1814		John Best received 470 acres land grant
1815	10 June	Land grant to Samuel Foster of 300 acres later known as Lautly Farm
1862	7 July	Railway line from St Marys (South Creek) to the Cross Roads (Kingswood) opened
1863	18 January	Railway line from Cross Roads (Kingswood) to Penrith opened
1885	May	William Ireland unsuccessfully applied for post office at his general store on Great Western Highway
1887	20 April	Mr Ireland appointed Receiving Office Keeper of mail. Office named Cross Roads West
1887	4 August	Railway platform name changes from Cross Roads to Kingswood
1891	28 May	Permission given to open a school at Kingswood. Sixty children enrolled
1891	16 June	Kingswood Receiving Station is given the status of a Post Office
1892	September	Kingswood Public School opened with 57 pupils
1898	27 February	St Phillip's Anglican Church opened
1903	September	New 15 acre cemetery in Cox Avenue was gazetted. Expected to be sufficient for 100 years

1906	10 March	Henrietta Tolhurst appointed postmistress, a position she held for 34 years
1911	2 December	Telephone service connected to Kingswood
1914		Penrith Brick Company opened in Copeland Street by Bert Jolley
1952	May	Foundation stone laid for a new district hospital
1956	12 May	Opening ceremony for the new Nepean District Hospital
1960	12 June	St. Dominic's College officially opened
1963	29 January	St. Joseph's School officially opened
1989		Western Sydney University opens
1993		\$92 million redevelopment and upgrade of Nepean District Hospital