



Leonay – Timeline

The suburb of Leonay situated on the western banks of the Nepean River to the south of Emu Plains, takes its name from the riverside property of the well-known Australian wine grower Hermann Paul Leopold Buring – better known as Leo Buring – and his wife Ida –nicknamed Nay. They built a house on this 376 acre property in 1920 and combined their names to call it Leonay. Here they developed a commercial vineyard most of which was sold for housing development upon the death of Leo Buring in 1961. Nay however continued to live in the house until her death.

Although the area was known locally as Leonay it wasn't officially gazetted as such by the NSW Geographical Names Board until ca 1974 after a poll of residents in 1973. The alternative suggestion by the Emu Plains Progress Association of Emu Ridge was rejected.

1818	15 November	Sir John Jamison, Lieut. Johnston, John Wentworth and Thomas Jones discovered and named Glenbrook Creek at its entrance into the Nepean River at Leonay
1826	6 October	Land grant to Francis Forbes, Chief Justice of the colony of 120 acres at Emu Plains (now Leonay) which he named Edinglassie
1851		30 hectares of the Jamison estate at Emu Plains (now Leonay) sold to W. Russell. House from on the estate is now located in Bunyan Road
1914	18 June	Leo and Nay Buring purchase the Edinglassie Estate (376 acres) for 2200 pounds
1920		Leo and Nay move into their home naming it Leonay
1923		First wine produced at Leonay
1931		First commercial vintage wine produced
1940	8 February	Nepean Times reported that the Leonay Golf Club had been formed at a meeting in Penrith, with the support of the Buring's who had a 19 hole golf course designed on their property
1946		Golf Club reforms after the war
1961	29 September	Leo Buring dies aged 85 and the bulk of the property is sold to developers Barnay Pty Ltd
1961	October	A development application was lodged for the residential development of the land

1963	1 November	The whole area named Emu Plains is transferred from Blue Mountains Council to Penrith City Council
1964		The Golf Club now renamed Penrith transfers to new premises
1965	March	Leonay subdivided for residential development
1968		Leonay Golf Club reformed
1969	April	The Emu Plains Sporting & Recreation Club began trading
1973		Leonay rather than Emu Ridge is chosen in a poll of local residents to be the name of a new neighbourhood within Emu Plains
1974		Geographical Names Board officially gazettes the neighbourhood name Leonay
1987	4 April	Leonay Sporting Complex opened