



## Werrington – Timeline

The suburb of Werrington is named after Werrington estate. Mary King, the youngest daughter of Governor Philip King received a land grant of 790 acres in 1806. After her marriage to Robert Copland Lethbridge in Cornwall she returned to NSW with her husband. Lethbridge purchased an additional 600 acres adjoining his wife's grant. It is on this land that their home Werrington House was built and completed in 1832. The house remained in the King-Lethbridge family until quite recently.

Werrington covers, not only the area of this grant, but also a grant of 600 acres (Frogmore) to Mary Putland. She married Maurice O'Connell in 1810. This grant lies south of the Western Railway Line and north of the Great Western Highway. Confusion occasionally arises between Werrington House and the house now part of the University of Western Sydney campus, Werrington Park (Frogmore). Originally the homestead on the O'Connell estate was named Frogmore. It was re-named Werrington Park in 1935 by the owners, the Williams family.

1806	1 January	Grant of 790 acres to Mary King, daughter of Governor Philip King. Named Marys Farm
1806	1 January	Grant of 600 acres to Mary Putland, daughter of Governor William Bligh. Named Frog more
1810	8 May	Mary Putland married Maurice O'Connell
1827	24 January	Robert & Mary Lethbridge arrive in Sydney
1832		Werrington House completed.
1848		Sir Maurice O'Connell died in Darlinghurst
1855	November	Frogmore sold to land speculator, Andrew Hardie McCulloch
1855	December	Frogmore subdivided and sold
1860		Sir Henry Parkes leased Werrington House for 12 years
1864		Mary O'Connell died in London
1865		Robert Copland Lethbridge died
1868	2 May	Parkes Platform opened as a private railway platform for Sir Henry Parkes
1872		Mary Lethbridge died
1878		Parkes Platform opened for public use
1883	17 March	Werrington estate was sold, including Werrington House
1893		Parkes Platform renamed Werrington
1906		St Aidan's Church of England was consecrated
1935		Alan Williams purchased the homestead on Frogmore and renamed it Werrington Park

1938		Second storey added to Werrington Park
1944		Part of Williams' property resumed by the Commonwealth for army use
1954	June	NSW Child Welfare Department purchased Werrington Park to house intellectually disabled boys
1959	3 June	Thorndale School opened
1973	20 October	Werrington Community Hall opened
1978		Cobham Remand Centre was built
1981		Railway overpass constructed over railway line near Werrington Station
1985		Kingsway sporting fields completed
1999		The diaries of John King Lethbridge, grandson of Governor King, found buried on what once was Werrington estate
2000		University of Western Sydney began extensive restructuring involving the formation of new Colleges and Schools at Penrith & Werrington