

DATING THE SUBURBS OF FAIRFIELD

WAKELEY

A relatively new suburb, Wakeley was officially established in 1979.¹ The area had previously been sparse farmland and was part of an extensive suburban development project which began in the late 1970s. The area was named after the Wakeley family, who had a historical presence in the area. It was especially inspired by Daniel Wakeley, a young man who arrived in Australia in 1870. He fought during World War II, and his name can be found on the Embarkation and Honour roll at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

16th REINFORCEMENTS.														
(EMBARKED AT SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, PER H.M.A.T. A16, "PORT MELBOURNE," 31st MARCH, 1916.)														
9956	COSTELLO, Edward Michael	Private	43	Chemist	S.	Brother, J. Costello, County Tipperary, Castel, Ireland	R.C.	28.8.15	5 0	30.3.16	5 0	Nil	5 0	1 0
9957	DAVIES, David Tudor	"	43	Station employee	S.	Sister, Miss S. E. Davies, Upper Mount, Southsea, England	C. of E.	15.4.15	5 0	"	5 0	3 0	2 0	1 0
9958	GRIMISH, Leopold Julien	"	29	Tailor	S.	Father, I. Grimish, Wallarunga Mansions, Lower Wycombe-road, Neutral Bay, N.S.W.	Jewish	29.7.15	5 0	"	5 0	3 0	2 0	1 0
9959	LASKER, Robert Sydney	"	20	Medical student	S.	Father, I. Lasker, "Clyde," Cowper-street, Randwick, N.S.W.	Hebrew	16.8.15	5 0	"	5 0	3 0	2 0	1 0
9960	LANGFORD, Reginald William	"	24	Boilermaker	M.	Wife, Mrs. E. M. Langford, Beaumont-street, Campsie, N.S.W.	Scots	8.8.15	5 0	"	5 0	3 6	1 6	1 0
9961	NICHOLS, Richard Ambloy	"	25	Carpenter	S.	Mother, Mrs. T. Nichols, York-street, Five Dock, Abbotsford, N.S.W.	Meth.	5.8.15	5 0	"	5 0	3 0	2 0	1 0
9962	WAKELEY, Daniel	"	25	Theological student	S.	Father, D. Wakeley, Buller-road, St. John's Park, Canley Vale, N.S.W.	C. of C.	9.8.15	5 0	"	5 0	2 6	2 6	1 0
9963	BEST, Harold Edwin	"	22	Clerk	S.	Mother, Mrs. E. A. Best, President-avenue, Sutherland, N.S.W.	Cong.	14.2.16	5 0	"	5 0	3 6	1 6	1 0
9964	ADAMS, Ernest William	"	21	Plumber	S.	Father, A. J. Adams, "Oakloo," Ocean-street south, Bondi, N.S.W.	C. of E.	6.1.16	5 0	"	5 0	3 6	1 6	1 0
9965	MATHEWS, Leonard Edwin	"	21	Grocer	S.	Father, W. Mathews, Veda-street, Hamilton, N.S.W.	Bapt.	"	5 0	"	5 0	3 0	2 0	1 0
9966	DICKIN, Francis William George	"	42	Commercial traveller	M.	Wife, Mrs. E. E. Dickin, Cain-street, Rockdale, N.S.W.	C. of E.	20.12.15	5 0	"	5 0	4 0	1 0	1 0
9967	MAYNE, Frank	"	19	Chemist's unregistered assistant	S.	Father, T. Mayne, "Ailoo," Edward-street, North Sydney, N.S.W.	R.C.	30.12.15	5 0	"	5 0	4 0	1 0	1 0

Australian War Memorial, First World War Embarkation Roll: Daniel Wakeley,
https://www.awm.gov.au/images/collection/items/ACCNUM_LARGE/RCDIG1067712/RCDIG1067712--175-.JPG

just a few days away, Mrs Maria Edwards is reminiscing about the days when the suburb was little more than an empty plain.

Eighty-six-year-old Mrs Edwards is the daughter of Daniel Wakeley, after whom the suburb was named just two years ago.


Daniel, a Shropshire lad by birth, settled in Australia with his brother in 1870.

The two men set about building up the then sparsely populated St Johns Park area.

Several years later, Daniel married Maria and built for them a slab, wattle junior still lives just and daub homestead. a buggy ride from Today, Maria her wattle and daub birthplace.

The family property, formerly bordered by Canley Vale, Humphries, Burns, Bibby's and Smithfield Roads, has steadily disappeared beneath the wheels of progress.

Even so, Maria Edwards is proud to see that Wakeley has been able to provide homes for so many new settlers, and now, a modern new home for council staff.



"Pioneer Looks Back On Wakeley," *Fairfield Advance*, November 25, 1981, 14.

¹ Municipality of Fairfield Council Minutes, Wednesday 6th June, 1979.

BONNYRIGG

Bonnyrigg was officially established as a suburb in 1979.² The newly released area was the site of an extensive housing commission development in response to growing immigrant populations. Commercial enterprise and housing rapidly advanced in the 1980s. Soon after it's establishment, a shopping centre was built and local community organisations prospered. However, the name Bonnyrigg originates from the early nineteenth century, when the area's beautiful undulating hills caught the eye of settlers. The name has Scottish origins: "bonny" meaning pretty and "rigg" meaning 'land elevation'.³ Bonnyrigg was a part of an Orphan School grant, which was given by Governor King in 1803 to support much needed orphan initiatives. The area eventually became the site of the Male Orphan School, which ran from 1821 to 1835.⁴ The original Male Orphan School homestead, built in 1826, still stands today, although it has now blended in with residential surroundings.⁵

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BONNYRIGG: IT'S ALL GO IN. NEW SUBURB

RESIDENTS of Bonnyrigg Housing Commission Estate meet every Wednesday morning for a chat and to work out ways of establishing more support groups and basic services.
THE RESIDENTS of Bonnyrigg Housing Commission Estate are not letting the grass grow under their feet.

In addition to a thriving gardening club, residents have formed their own newsletter called Hilltalk, a play group, a children's action group and several sporting groups.

"One quarter of the planned population has already settled into the estate," said estate social worker Alison Wannan.

Of the 1000 people who have moved into the estate during the past six months, over half the adult population was born outside of Australia, she said.

Although the range of nationalities is diverse, the people are pulling together to provide for themselves some of the services severely lacking in Bonnyrigg.

As each new family moves into the estate, Ms Wannan pays them a home visit where the needs and interests of each person is gauged.

Most of the groups have been started by Ms Wannan putting similarly interested people in contact with one another.

Latest venture is the birth this year of the Bonnyrigg Bombers Junior Rugby League Team and the Bonnyrigg Belles senior and junior basketball team.

A women's tennis group has been operating successfully for many months now.

The establishment of resident self help groups is vital in an area such as Bonnyrigg, believes Alison.

To date, families have been placed in sections of the estate.

The rapidly growing number of groups and activities are one of the only ways for the families to meet and help each other.

By the end of the year, Bonnyrigg Housing Commission should have its full complement of families Alison predicts.

WE CALL ourselves fair dinkum Aussies, straight down



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'We should

"Bonnyrigg: It's All go in New Suburb", *Fairfield Advance* February 25 1981, p. 4.

² Stephen Gapps, *Cabrogal to Fairfield City: A History of Multicultural Community* (Fairfield: Fairfield City Council, 2010), p. 394.

³ Vance George, *Fairfield: A History of the District*, 2nd edition (Fairfield: The Council of the City of Fairfield, 1991), p. 118.

⁴ George, p. 102-112.

⁵ George, p. 139.

HORSLEY PARK

Horsley Park was part of a large grant, called the "King's Gift", awarded to Colonel George Johnston in 1804. However, he himself never lived on this property. Instead, it was inherited by his daughter, Blanche. She married George Weston, who named the property "Horsley Park" after his birthplace "West Horsley Manor" in Surrey, England. He began construction on the "Horsley Homestead" in 1832, and lived there until his death in 1856.⁶ A small village did surround the homestead but Horsley Park only started to develop into a more modern area in the 1930s. However, the suburb's beginnings are usually associated with its pioneer owners, the Westons (1832). When postcodes were established in the Fairfield region in 1967, Horsley Park was on the list, which suggests its recognition as a suburb came earlier, despite its semi-rural topography. Local festivals still celebrate 1832 as the beginnings of the suburb.

Post coding in District", *The Biz*, June 15, 1967, p.1.

Post coding in district

The PMG has released a new letter sorting system, under the name Postcode, which will come into operation this year.

Special numbers have been designated for all suburbs in the Fairfield district.

The numbers, or codes, are used after the address on letters, parcels, packages and newspapers.

District codes are Fairfield 2165, Cabramatta, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Edensor Park, Lansvale, St. John's Park, all 2166, Carramar 2163, and Smithfield 2164.

Outer district areas' codes are Bonnyrigg, Cecil Park and Hoxton Park 2171, Bossley Park, Horsley, Wetherill Park and Wallgrove 2164.

Villawood is 2163, Bass Hill 2197, Georges Hall 2198, Green Valley 2168, Yennora 2161, and Chipping Norton, Liverpool, Mount Pritchard and Warwick Farm 2170.

A PMG spokesman said use of the postcodes was not compulsory.

"We are trying to encourage people to use them, and since the release of the 1967 phone book, we have had 500 telephone enquiries.

"The postcost system is allied with the electronic sorting machines at Redfern mail exchange," he said.

"The numbers will speed up sorting and consequently speed up the delivery of all mail".

Celebrations at Horsley Park

Horsley Park residents will celebrate 151 years of history with day-long festivities on Saturday, November 27.

To add to the 151st anniversary revels, Horsley Homestead, built last century, will be open to the public for the day and will be the venue for afternoon tea at 3pm.

Festivities begin at 9.30am with a tree planting ceremony at Horsley Park Park.

Special guests will include the Minister for Education, Mr Ron Mulock, the State Member for Fairfield, Mrs Janice Crosio, and Fairfield mayor, Alderman Brian Wunsch.

Horsley Park residents, past and present, are invited to "lay down their roots" by planting a tree.

Specially prepared name plaques to adorn the trees can be made for \$10 by arrangement with the Horsley Park Showground Committee.

There will be a barbecue lunch in the park between 11.30am and midday.

Anniversary celebrations will be officially opened in the Horsley Homestead grounds at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea at 3pm.

The Horsley Park Bush Fire Brigade will hold a village dance in the Horsley Park Hall at 7.30pm.

People are invited to bring their families along in period dress and join in the fun.

DOG OF WEEK



Meet Tiger, our affectionate Fairfield Dog of the Week.

Tiger is a one and a half-year-old Afghan dog, and he has a long black and white coat and long floppy ears.

He has been in the pound for about two weeks now and is desperately looking for a new home.

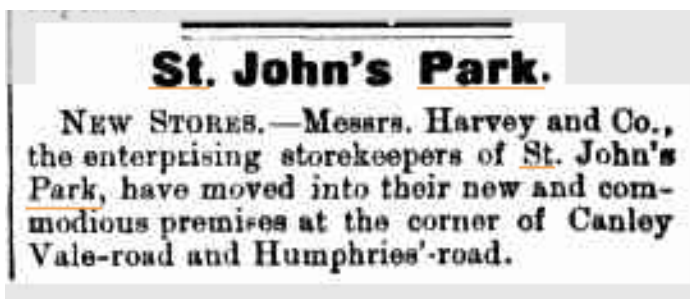
If there is room for Tiger in your home, visit the pound on the corner of 7th and 30th Avenues, Austral, or phone 606 0580.

"Celebrations at Horsley Park", *Fairfield Champion*, November 7, 1982, p.6.

⁶ George, p. 142-143.

ST JOHN'S PARK

According to the Geographical Names Board of NSW, St John's Park was officially assigned as a suburb in 1991.⁷ However, the history of St John's Park goes back as far as the mid-nineteenth century. As such, the Name Board's date does not take into consideration earlier developments. Although it did not become a modern 'suburb' until the 1970s it did have a small settlement as early as the 1870s. Land subdivision began in the early 1880s and continued to encourage local settlement. By the end of the nineteenth century, it had become a lively little village and by 1930, St Johns Park developed a local identity, as seen through local clubs and thriving small businesses.⁸ A post office was established in 1888, considerably earlier than many other Fairfield suburbs. It also had its own Progress Association and the first school opened in 1891.⁹ Given the lack of sources which confirm the suburb's "official" proclamation, the year 1888, with the establishment of the post-office and subsequent school, soundly suggests St John's Park establishment as a developed area.



Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, 10 March, 1900.

St Johns Park was well established by the end of the nineteenth century.

“St
John’s
Park”,
The

The sporting presence at St Johns Park was prominent during the early twentieth century

“Rookwood Waratah v. St John’s Park”, *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Association*, 22 December, 1909.

ROOKWOOD WARATAH v. ST. JOHN'S PARK.	
Played at Rookwood on Saturday.	
Scores:—	
Rookwood Waratah.	
W. Fenton, c and b N. Smith	1
A. Ridley, h.o.w., b N. Smith	0
A. Bryant, c A. Baglee, b N. Smith	28
S. Kelly, not out	108
A. Walker, c Dalziel, b S. Smith	8
H. Ridley, c W. Baglee, b N. Smith	1
G. Bailey, not out	28
Sundries	4
Innings closed, 5 for 173	
Bowling.—W. Baglee 0 for 46, N. Smith 4 for 35, S. Smith 1 for 19, P. Bailey 0 for 26, A. Bagloe 0 for 29, H. Baglee 0 for 10.	
St. John's Park.	
H. Baglee, not out	28
W. Baglee, b Finley	14
S. Smith, c Fenton, b Bailey	10
N. Smith, b Sheerman	8
A. Baglee, c Kelly, b Bailey	8
P. Bailey, c and b Sheerman	1
L. Dalziel, not out	11
Sundries	0
5 wickets for 73	
Bowling.—R. Finley 1 for 29, G. Bailey 2 for 22, H. Sheerman 2 for 14, A. Bryant 0 for 2.	

⁷ Geographic Names Board of NSW, accessed November 10, 2014,

http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au/place_naming/placename_search/extract?id=TRjLZxZTMa.

⁸ Gapps, p. 306.

⁹ Vicki Movizio, *A Journey in Time: a history of St John's Park and its People* (Fairfield: Fairfield City Council, 2015).

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“St John’s Park”, 1880-1889, *Digital Collections Maps*, National Library of Australia, <http://www.nla.gov.au/apps/cdview/?pi=nla.map-lfsp428-s2-v>

Land subdivisions increased during the early 1880s, bringing people, particularly farmers, and small businesses to the area.

YENNORA

The word "Yennora" has Aboriginal origins, meaning "to stroll". Yennora was officially established in 1927. A railway station was built in that year and named Yennora. The surrounding area, otherwise loosely known as "Orchardleigh", took on the official name of Yennora. Railway development consequently brought settlement to the area. By 1929, the area was well established as a township. However, the area's history is extensive and the founder of the area is considered to be Henry Whitaker, who expanded his property, Orchardleigh Estate, over present-day Yennora, in 1843.¹⁰ Land subdivisions continued into the early twentieth century, bringing settlement to the area. However, it remained largely agricultural up until the end of World War II. The area developed rapidly in the 1970s, both in housing and industry, when extensive housing development began in much of Fairfield.¹¹



There were protests surrounding the name Yennora. Many residents wanted the Station (and area) to be named after the original Orchardleigh Estate.

"Railway Station's Name", *Sydney Morning Herald*, 14 May 1927, p.19.



"Yennora Station", *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 October 1927, p. 17.

¹⁰ George, p. 83.

¹¹ Gapps, p. 393.

Yennora Cycle Club

Last week, at a meeting held in the residence of Mr. Simmons, Yennora, a cycle club was formed, Mr. Simmons presiding.

The following officers were appointed: President, Mr. Don Campbell; patrons, Messrs. Liddell, Pugsley and Maddock; secretary, Mr. R. Simmons; treasurer, Mr. J. Liddell; handicappers, Messrs. Simmons, A. Maddock and A. Pugsley; turning steward, Mr. Gerald Maddock.

On the motion of Messrs. Pugsley and G. Maddock nomination fee was fixed at 1s, and acceptance at 6d.

Meetings will be held each Tuesday.

The meeting resolved upon two prizes—1st 3/6; 2nd 2/6. Messrs. Maddock and Simmons donated 1s and 2s respectively.

The following members were nominated: Messrs. A. Pugsley, A. Conway, E. Cross, T. Richardson, R. Newman, R. Simmons, R. Pugsley, J. Liddell, T. W. Graham, G. Maddock, A. Maddock, J. Charwood, G. Clarke and T. Walden.

Club's First Race.

The inaugural race was held on Saturday, over 11 miles—to Liverpool and back, via Cabramatta. The starters were: A. Pugsley (over), R. Newman (30 secs.), T. Richardson (1 min.), R. Simmons and A. Conway (2 mins.), J. Liddell (3 mins.), T. Walden (3½ min.), G. Clarke (4 mins.), R. Pugsley (7 mins.).

Results: J. Liddell 1 (12½ mins.), R. Simmons 2, A. Conway 3. Fastest time R. Newman (10 mins.).

"Yennora's Cycle Club", *The Biz*, 7 June 1929, p. 1.

By early 1929, the area surrounding the station had taken on the name Yennora. This local Club demonstrates that Yennora had become a part of local identity.

Yennora Subdivision

QUESTION OF FRONTAGES.

The works overseer of Holroyd Council submitted to the aldermen the following report in connection with the Yennora sub-division:

"I have examined the plan of proposed subdivision of part of Sec. J. Whittaker's Estate, Fairfield, and shown on the plan as Yennora No. 1 Subdivision, and find that there are about 40 lots with 20ft. frontage, and about 150 lots with frontages from 40 to 45 feet, also a few with frontages from 30ft. upwards. This subdivision is on the western side of Fowler Road. The eastern side of Fowler Road to Byron Road has been subdivided by Mr McCredie into lots having 50ft. frontage, and a number of lots provided near the station with 20ft. frontages, suitable for the erection of two storey buildings. z

"If council approves of this plan of part of section J, it will lower the standard already fixed for this district by McCredie's subdivision, and it would no doubt result in the re-designing of McCredie's subdivision on the same lines. I think McCredie's lots are small enough for this district. It will be 10 to 15 years before modern drainage is provided in this locality, and a generous area of land should be provided to minimise the disabilities of suburban residence; even 66ft. lots would not be extreme. I would recommend that the subdividor be asked to make the lots generally 50ft. in frontage to provide additional drainage for

"Yennora Subdivision", *The Biz*, 23 February 1929, p. 1.

Soon after the railway, land subdivisions ensued, making way for residential and commercial development. Also see "Yennora Subdivision Plans", State Library of NSW,

http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/content_lists

VILLAWOOD

Villawood, like Yennora, was established after a railway station was built in 1924. Prior to the railway, the area had been bushland but development rather quickly after transportation became more effective. The name "Villawood" has a rather quirky origin. When the station was being developed, the original name given was Woodville, named after the local Woodville Road.¹² However, when the station was opened, the same name was found to belong to an area in Newcastle, which created postal confusions. The two syllables of "Woodville" were swapped to create Villawood in order to stay true to the original inspiration.¹³ Land subdivisions, commercial and residential development began almost immediately after the railway's opening and the area took on the name Villawood. However, the suburb did remain relatively small up until the end of World War II, when it became a part of the housing boom and an important thoroughfare for newly-arrived immigrants.¹⁴



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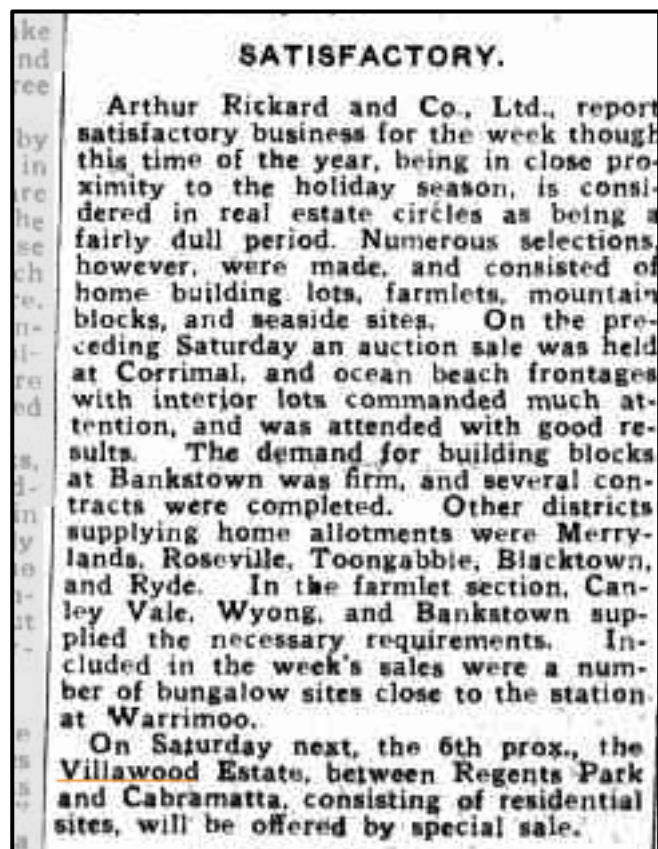
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SATISFACTORY.

Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd., report satisfactory business for the week though this time of the year, being in close proximity to the holiday season, is considered in real estate circles as being a fairly dull period. Numerous selections, however, were made, and consisted of home building lots, farmlets, mountain blocks, and seaside sites. On the preceding Saturday an auction sale was held at Corrimal, and ocean beach frontages with interior lots commanded much attention, and was attended with good results. The demand for building blocks at Bankstown was firm, and several contracts were completed. Other districts supplying home allotments were Merrylands, Roseville, Toongabbie, Blacktown, and Ryde. In the farmlet section, Canley Vale, Wyong, and Bankstown supplied the necessary requirements. Included in the week's sales were a number of bungalow sites close to the station at Warrimoo.

On Saturday next, the 6th prox., the Villawood Estate, between Regents Park and Cabramatta, consisting of residential sites, will be offered by special sale.

Subdivision and development began soon after the opening of the railway

"Villawood Estate", *Truth*, 30 November 1924, p. 16.

"Real Estate: Activities of the Firm", *The Sunday Times*, 30 November, 1924, p. 12.

¹² George, p. 89.

¹³ Frances Pollon, *The Book of Sydney Suburbs* (North Ryde: Angus and Robertson, 1991), p. 260.

¹⁴ Gapps, p. 383.

CARRAMAR

Carramar officially became a suburb in 1926. In light of Yennora and Villawood, Carramar was born of the new railway lines developed in 1924. Although originally called "South Fairfield", it was changed to Carramar- Aboriginal for "shade of trees".¹⁵ It prompted many of the old farming lots and estates to be subdivided, giving way to residential development.¹⁶ However, the area's history goes further back. One individual connected with Carramar is Captain John Horsley, who purchased land in the area some time between 1817 and 1820, building his prominent Mark Lodge Estate.¹⁷ The area was eventually subdivided into small farm allotments in the early 1880s. Carramar's inaugural post office opened in 1927 and by the early 1930s, the suburb had a general store and school. However, the area, like Villawood, remained relatively small up until the end of World War II, which saw a boom in immigration and Housing Commission construction.¹⁸

The Council has vigorously proclaimed its desire for the removal of the railway trucking yards from the main street of the town, but so far without the success hoped for. The agitation by the Council for the change of name of the South Fairfield railway station resulted in the commissioners substituting the name of Carramar. The long-drawn-out wrangle with the firm of Teesdale Smith Limited over the delivery of spoil from the railway construction works was brought to a conclusion, the other side consenting to a compromise, wherein was reflected the ability of Council to handle the matter in dispute.

MAIN ROADS.

"Municipality of Fairfield: Mayor's Minutes", *The Biz*, 24 November, 1928, p. 8.

Changing "South Fairfield" to "Carramar"

Meaning of Carramar (Carramara is a variation)

"Carramara: 'Shade of Trees'", *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 28 May 1926, p. 13.

Carramara

"Shade of Trees"

The Railway Commissioners have decided to change the name of South Fairfield station to Carramara.

Fairfield Council some time ago asked that the name be altered to Riverview but the Commissioners, in a letter to the Council on Tuesday night, stated that as there were other places of similar name throughout the Commonwealth, the request could not be granted.

When the letter was received at Tuesday night's meeting of the Council, the decision of the Commissioners met with approval.

Carramara is a good Australian name and means 'shade of trees.'

¹⁵ George, p. 89.

¹⁶ Gapps, p. 280.

¹⁷ Gapps, p. 107.

¹⁸ George, p. 181.

REAL ESTATE AUCTION SALES

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ROADS.

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247 ERNEST STREET.

NORTH SYDNEY, KIRRIBILLI.—FLATS, NOS. 48 and
49, McDOUGALL STREET.

COOGEE-MAROUBRA.—DETACHED COTTAGE,
"GLENELG," EDGECROFT AVENUE.

VAUGHAN.—VACANT LAND, DERBY STREET.

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Properties up for sale in Carramar soon after its proclamation, encouraging both residential and commercial development

"Real Estate Auction Sales", *Sydney Morning Herald*, 25 May 1927, p. 23.

Carramar established its first Progress Association in 1927, which sort to make local improvements improvements, particularly in areas of electricity, water works, schooling, etc.

"Annual Meeting: Carramar Progress Association", *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 9 June 1929, p. 16.

Annual Meeting

Carramar Progress Association

The second annual meeting of the Carramar Progress Association took place on Tuesday evening, to review the past year's work.

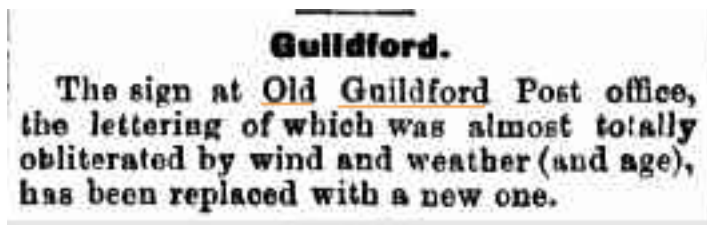
Mr. G. H. Kindred, the secretary, reported a very good financial year, and remarked that 72 members constituted a splendid registration for the first year.

Officers elected for the year were: Mr. Finns (president), Mr. G. H. Kindred (secretary), Mr. Cox (treasurer). The committee elected were: Messrs. Stewart, McGuire, Bradbury, Matthews, Kerr and Anderson.

Alderman Stinson apologised for the absence of the Mayor (Ald. Clancy), whose son-in-law died suddenly at Cooma-mundra.

OLD GUILDFORD

The date of establishment of Old Guildford is hazy because it has two distinct historical stages. In its early life, the suburb was named Guildford, but it was later changed to Old Guildford when the railway station was built north of the settlement. The commercial centre shifted, thus creating the newer and bigger Guildford.¹⁹ Nevertheless, settlement at Old Guildford is considered to have begun when a Lieutenant Samuel North was granted land in the area in 1837. The name Guildford, given by North, was inspired by the English Earl of Guildford, a title originating back from the seventeenth century, whom North was distantly related to.²⁰ A small township ensued, although when exactly this happened is unclear. The little village established by the late 1860s. A school was established in 1860 and in 1867, the town acquired a post office.²¹ The township took on the name of Old Guildford around 1876, when the settlement surrounding the newly installed Guildford railway station outgrew the older township. Often sources are vague when it comes to Old Guildford, because it is unclear which Guildford is being referred to. This suburb is certainly a great opportunity for future research.



"Guildford", *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 26 November 1898.

By the turn of the century, the name "Old Guildford" had been well established.

¹⁹ Pollon, p. 117.

²⁰ George, p. 85.

²¹ George, p. 93.

WETHERILL PARK

Wetherill Park, like many of the older suburbs, is a challenging case when trying to pin down the official date of establishment. The suburb was named after John Wetherill, who owned an estate in the area. He donated some of his land for public use in the early 1890s, and the area was consequently named Wetherill Park.²² Close analysis of newspaper articles and Council records suggest that Wetherill Park became an official township in the early 1890s. Although land subdivisions began in 1881, it wasn't until the 1893 that any sign of an "official" township developed. This can particularly be seen through the inclusion of Wetherill Park in the electoral roll in 1893. It is also listed as being a key polling location for voters. Discussions also began in 1893 about building a school in Wetherill Park, as proposed to the "Department of Public Instruction", which did eventuate in 1897. The Wetherill Park Cricket Club was established in 1896, which suggest that the town was, by then, well established and a key part of local identity. The Wetherill Park Reserve, donated by John Wetherill, was also placed under the jurisdiction of the Fairfield Council in 1893.²³

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, on the Ground, on SATURDAY, 30th MARCH, at 3 o'clock, **WETHERILL PARK, SMITHFIELD.** 500 ACRES TO CHOOSE FROM, subdivided as follows:—
SECTION A.—ELEVEN BLOCKS of Land, areas from 5½ acres to 8½ acres.
SECTION B.—TWENTY-TWO BLOCKS of Land, areas from 3 acres to 6 acres.
SECTION C.—Nineteen Lots of Land, areas from 4 acres road 20 perches to 5 acres.
SECTION D.—Eight Lots, areas 5 acres each.
SECTION E.—SIX LOTS of land, areas 5½ acres each
SECTION F.—TWO LOTS of land, areas 2 acres and acres 2 roods 20 perches.
SECTION G.—TWELVE LOTS OF LAND, areas 4 acres to 5 acres.
SECTION H.—TWELVE LOTS of land, areas 6 a. ; each.
SECTION I.—TEN LOTS of land, areas from 4 acres to 4 acres.
SECTION K.—Ten lots, areas from 4½ acres to 8 acres.
SECTION L.—Twelve lots, areas 5 acres each.
SECTION M.—Twelve lots, areas from 5½ acres to 8 acres.

Land subdivisions began in the early 1880s. "Richardson and Wrench", *Sydney Morning Herald*, 1 March 1818, p. 9.

Wetherill Park.

Department of Public Instruction,
Sydney, 12th May, 1893.

Gentlemen,—I am directed to acquaint you that the Minister of Public Instruction has had under notice the formal application, dated 21st April, for the establishment of a public school at Wetherill Park, near Smithfield, together with a report upon the merits of the case. Having carefully considered all the circumstances, the Minister cannot see his way to accede to the application, inasmuch as it would appear that the children of school age at Wetherill Park are within reach of the existing schools at Prospect Reservoir and Smithfield, and can be accommodated at those schools. Moreover, he is of opinion that it would be a waste of public funds to erect another school in the neighbourhood at the present time.—I have, etc., E. JOHNSON, Under Secretary.

"Wetherill Park", *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 20 May 1893, p. 2

Application for a school at Wetherill Park was made in 1893. Although initially rejected, a school was eventually built in 1897.

²² See Municipality of Fairfield Council Minutes records for 1890-1893. A J. Wetherill is often mentioned in regards to Wetherill Park.

²³ Municipality of Fairfield Council Minutes Records, Wednesday 27 December, 1893.

Granville, by half-past 7, at which hour the result of the poll was declared. Between 800 and 1000 people were present at the time.

The RETURNING OFFICER said he had promised to declare the poll at 8 o'clock, but as he had now received the whole of his returns from the 33 polling places, he would declare the result at once. (Applause.)

He read the return as follows, amidst loud cheers:

Polling places.	McCredie.	Nobbs.	Informal.
Auburn	135	89	5
Bankstown ..	41	31	1
Baulkham Hills ..	60	12	—
Blacktown ..	64	20	2
Canley Vale ..	38	7	—
Carlingford East ..	35	3	—
Castle Hills ..	59	18	1
Cross Roads ..	21	23	1
Dundas	64	28	1
Dural	15	42	—
Enfield West ..	7	1	—
Fairfield	73	16	2
Gosston	32	18	2
Gladesville ..	79	32	1
Granville	429	267	9
Hawkesbury River	29	23	1
Homewood ..	6	3	—
Hornsby	16	20	—
Hornsby Junction	11	27	—
Hunter's Hill ..	78	14	—
Liverpool ..	151	86	4
Minto	23	2	—
Parramatta ..	206	82	1
Pennant Hills ..	45	18	—
Prospect	22	23	—
Rookwood	158	116	5
Rydalmere ..	43	7	1
Hyde	128	40	—
Smithfield ..	83	31	—
Sutherland ..	29	32	2
Sydney	245	159	—
Wetherill Park ..	22	5	—
Windsor Road ..	20	8	1
	2417	1292	40

Wetherill Park.

Cricket Club.—A meeting was held at Wetherill Park recently, at which it was decided to form a local cricket club. The names of intending members were enrolled and officers elected. It has been resolved to petition the aldermen with a view to getting four acres of the Wetherill Park recreation reserve cleared for a cricket ground, and the club will thereon lay a wicket.

“Wetherill Park: Cricket Club”, *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 19 September 1896, p. 8.

Wetherill Park noted as a polling place for the first time in 1893.

“Central Cumberland Election”, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 8 May 1893, p. 3.

GREENFIELD PARK

Greenfield Park was officially established as a suburb in 1979.²⁴ The area was a part of St Johns Park but became a separate suburb as a result of extensive residential and commercial development in the area during the late 1970s (similar to Prairiewood and Wakeley). It was named after a road which was a part of historic St Johns Park.²⁵ A shopping centre was established in 1982, bringing commercial and residential development to the area.

187. GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES BOARD. (7-10-7)
NEIGHBOURHOOD NAMES.

Advising that the Board has considered Council's submission and has approved the names of Greenfield Park, Prairiewood and Wakeley to be assigned to new neighbourhood names in accordance with the wishes of Council. In accordance with the requirements, the names assigned will be notified in the Government Gazette and advertised in local newspapers allowing a period of one month for lodgement of objections and requesting that the attached maps be displayed in the Council Chambers for the period of one month from 22nd June, 1979 in order to afford local residents the opportunity of perusing the suggested boundaries.

Town Planner's Report - "The maps will be displayed as requested."

Municipality of Fairfield Council Minutes, 19th June, 1979, article 187.

The new suburbs of Greenfield Park, Prairiewood and Wakeley were officially "suburbs" in 1979.

²⁴ Municipality of Fairfield Council Minutes, 19th June 1979, article 187.

²⁵ George, p. 118.

SMITHFIELD

Smithfield is one of the oldest suburbs of the Fairfield District. Smithfield was officially proclaimed a district in 1888, when the Municipality of Smithfield and Fairfield was established in December 1888. Elections and local politics were well underway soon after. However, the establishment of Smithfield began much earlier. In *Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer and Road Guide*, written 1866, Smithfield is described as being an "agricultural and fruit-growing district [...] being taken up by small farmers". Most particularly, "Smithfield has a post office, 2 stores, a church of England, and Baptist Chapel, and National School [and] there are also 2 hotels".²⁶ Such descriptions suggest that Smithfield was established much earlier than 1888.

In 1836, John Ryan Brenan bought the land that is now Smithfield. Brenan had an ambitious plan to establish one of the biggest cattle markets in Sydney and also create an adjacent settlement. He originally named the area Donnybrook, but changed it to Smithfield in honour of the meat markets of London.²⁷ The Smithfield Markets were officially opened in 1841. Although the venture was not as successful as anticipated, a settlement did indeed develop, soon becoming the township described in Bailliere's guide. A provisional school was built in 1843, which was later improved in 1850. A Baptist minister was appointed as early as 1842.²⁸ Despite his unfulfilled venture, the layout of Smithfield today resembles the subdivision plans created by Brenan back in 1838. Given the quick establishment of Smithfield soon after Brenan's influence, 1841 seems to be the year that Smithfield truly began to establish itself as a town.

²⁶ Robert P. Whitworth, *Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer and Road Guide* (Sydney: F.F Bailliere, 1866), p. 502.

²⁷ Pollon, p. 245.

²⁸ George, p. 26.

PROSPECTUS.—PERIODICAL FAIRS AND WEEKLY MARKETS TO BE HELD AT SMITHFIELD MARKET, DONNYBROOK.

—This may be deemed a novel mode of introducing to notice a projected market-place; nevertheless, it will be found, on perusal, to justify such an introduction to public attention, and it is confidently expected, if it meets the support it merits, that it will prove what it professes to confer—a public benefit!

The time has now arrived, and necessity now exists in this colony, for the establishment of periodical fairs, and regular weekly markets, for the sale of live stock of all kinds; also, a suitable market-place for the wholesale of wool, cheese, butter, and other produce; but more especially for the sale of live stock, and that, too, at a convenient distance from Sydney, where they can be accommodated with secure and commodious paddocks, good water, and a sufficiency of food, both natural and artificial, as the owners may desire, until a suitable sale should be effected.

The public are therefore invited attentively to consider the advantages proposed to be conferred on the colony, by the establishment of such periodical fairs and markets, and to lend their aid in carrying out so desirable an object, by their countenance, support, and patronage, which is confidently expected from the universal approbation of the stockholders, and others, whose opinions have been taken on the subject.

SMITHFIELD MARKET, DONNYBROOK.

It is proposed under the above names to throw open to the public a town, very beautifully arranged, and most judiciously laid out with a market-place, on quite a new and extensive scale!! both as to internal and external accommodation, suited to the peculiarities of this colony, where it is notorious that stock are of necessity driven great distances to market. It will be seen that the selection of the site for the town and general market place is eminently suited for the purpose, both as to locality and extent: and in fact no other situation within

and Two, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 5499

FREE GRANT OF LAND!!!

TO

Mechanics of the following description:—

STONEMASONS	WHEELWRIGHTS
BRICKLAYERS	SAWYERS
HOUSE CARPENTERS	SHOEMAKERS
BLACKSMITHS	BRICKMAKERS
HORSE SHOERS	AND
NAILERS	HARNESMAKERS.

SMITHFIELD MARKET, TOWN OF PROSPECT.

THE Proprietor, being desirous of meeting the views, wishes, and wants of the public, who have so generally manifested their approbation of Periodical Fairs and Markets to be held at the above Market, has determined, at the outset, to afford every facility to the formation of a large and flourishing town, by insuring the immediate settlement of a sufficient number of the above useful mechanics, by giving to each, free of charge, an allotment in the township, an advantage which has never been afforded by the founder of any of the numerous townships in the Colony, on the following conditions:—

Notice is hereby given, that an allotment at the Township of Prospect will be given to a certain number of mechanics of the above description, free of charge, who can produce testimonials of sober and industrious habits, upon one condition only, namely, that of residing on the allotment for at least twelve months from the 1st of January next; and as a further encouragement to their settling in the township, in addition to the free grant of an allotment each, they will be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Smithfield Market, to cut and take to the Towns of Parramatta and Liverpool firewood (of which there is a great quantity) during the above period. They will also be allowed, free of charge, the run of one cow or one working bullock for the like period. Every encouragement and support will also be given them in procuring employment, &c.

Application to be made to Mr. C. E. Langley, surveyor, at his office, No. 8, George-street, opposite the Commercial Bank. 5517

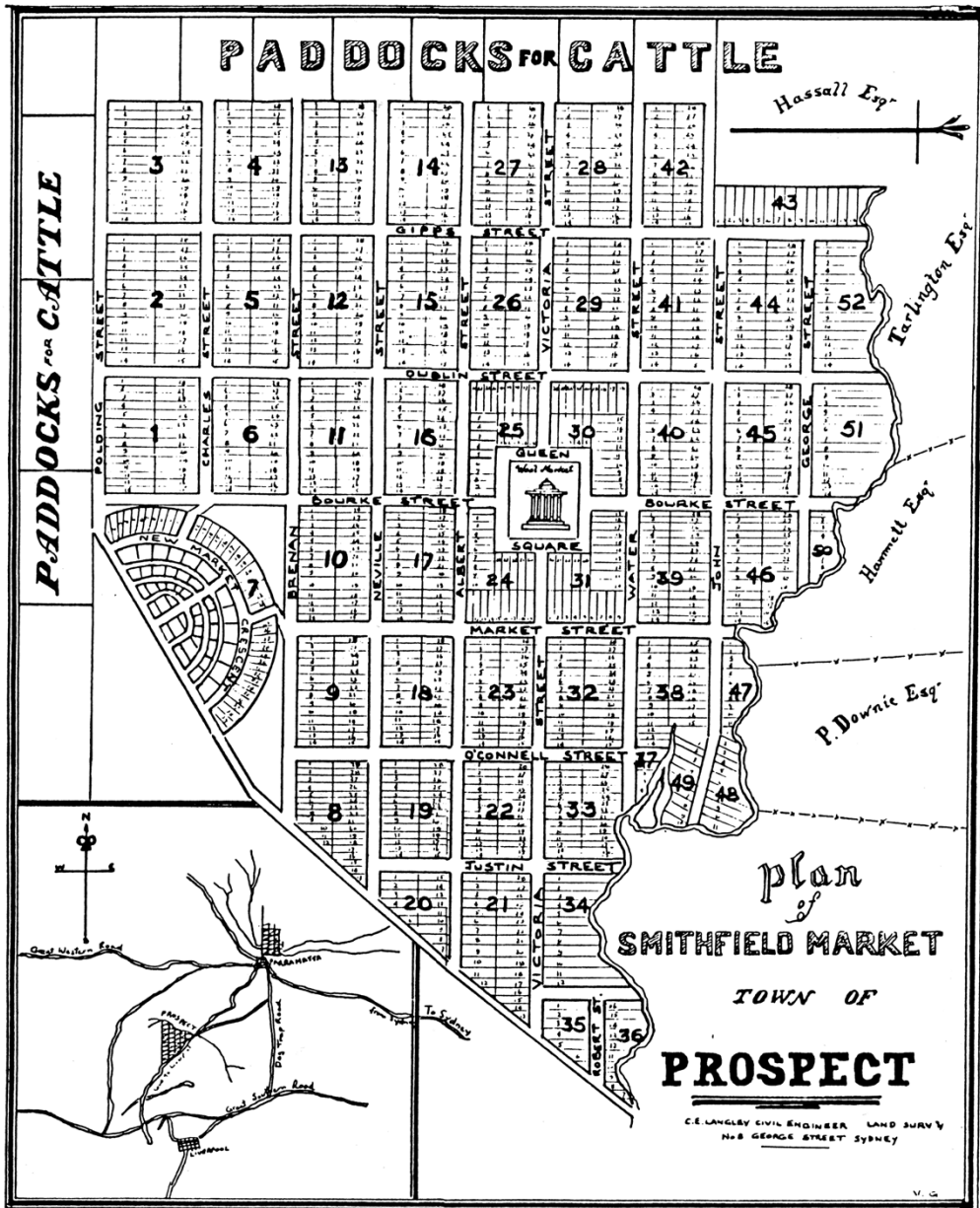
“Smithfield Market”, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 18 November 1841.²⁹

Opening of the Smithfield Markets. Notice how settlement in the area is encouraged by offering land incentives for tradespeople.

Brenan published numerous advertisements in local newspapers to advertise the Smithfield Markets. Interestingly, the area was known as Smithfield, Donnybrook, Chisolm’s Bush and Prospect. Smithfield prevailed.

“Prospectus – Periodical”, *The Australasian Chronicle*, 5 August 1841, p. 1.

²⁹ Taken from Vance George, *Fairfield: A History of the District*, 2nd edition (Sydney: The Council of the City of Fairfield, 1991), p. 19.



The plans for the township of Smithfield, as created by John Brenan in 1838.³⁰ Remarkably, the layout of present-day Smithfield follows these plans. One can walk down Brenan street today!

³⁰ Taken from Vance George, *Fairfield: A History of the District*, 2nd edition (Sydney: The Council of the City of Fairfield, 1991), p. 17. The original can be found at the Mitchell Library, Sydney. Also visit Whitlam Library, Cabramatta, to access reproductions and similar maps.

PRAIRIEWOOD

Prairiewood, located between Wetherill Park and Wakeley, was officially instated as a suburb in 1979.³¹ Originally a part of Bossley Park, the area was subdivided and developed as "Prairiewood Park Estate" in the early 1900s. The earliest use of the name Prairiewood is 1911. It is believed that it was named after adjacent roads.³² Modern suburban development began in the early 1970s, similar to the neighbouring suburbs of Wakeley, Greenfield park and Bonnyrigg. Although a quiet suburb, it has a number of facilities, such as the Prairiewood Leisure Centre, Fairfield Hospital and a Golf Course.

BOSSLEY PARK.

At Bossley Park fruit picking has concluded, and in spite of the dry weather the crop was fairly good. The local school is in a declining condition, as a number of people have sold out to others without children of school age. When the drought broke over a month ago over 2 inches of rain were recorded at Bossley Park. At present vegetation is scarce and the soil in a bad way for cultivation purposes.

Bull's Hill and Abbotsbury properties in this district have changed ownership. Mr. Davis, the new owner of the latter, is a very live man. He has already assisted the council with material for the upkeep of the roads. The newly settled Prairiewood Park is attracting a number of settlers, and the population almost daily increasing. Many nice homes and orchards are in the process of establishment. Bossley Park hall requires a hall or some place of assembly for meetings, etc.

Voluntary workers are wanted at Camberfield, on Saturday, 15th March, to assist in clearing land for Private Alick Dickson, who lost an arm at the front. Alderman Geo. Stinson is organising the workers.



The Call of the Open

WHICH appeals to you most? A free life in the fresh air and sunshine, your own master and owner of your own home, or a lifetime spent in the monotonous routine of the office. There is no better means of providing for a future of independence and ease than the possession of a snug little farm. Our Easy Terms will enable you to own one, and if the prospect interests you send for a plan of

Prairiewood Park Estate, Fairfield

The Estate consists of some 1500 acres of very fine grass and poultry farming land, which will be subdivided into handy-sized blocks of four to fifteen acres. By purchasing adjoining lots, larger areas can be obtained as required.

The Estate adjoins the well-known Wetherill Park Subdivision at Smithfield, and is some three miles from Fairfield Station. The Warragoola Irrigation Scheme will have a direct interest for every one who buys a block of land on Prairiewood. Productive orchards are about a mile away from the Estate, and it is almost certain that the property will be included in these areas with water. Well-made roads subdivide the Estate, which already bears one permanent township. Many owners surround it on 2 sides. A creek runs through the Estate, and the abundance of the cattle at present grazing there is a further sign of the quality of the grass.

Apply to any of our salesmen, or to the Sydney Liverpool Road, and under 25 minutes' time 10 acres. The property is now being offered for sale on our Easy Terms. Terms: 10% down, 10% per acre for 25 years, 10% per acre for 25 years, 10% per acre for 25 years.

Arthur Rickard & Co. Ltd
84 Pitt St
Real Estate Specialists Dept. J.

“Bossley Park, *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate*, 29 March 1919, p. 5. Transcription: “The newly settled Prairiewood Park is attracting a number of settlers, and the population almost daily increasing. Many nice homes and orchards are in the prime of establishment”

³¹ See Municipality of Fairfield Council Minutes, Wednesday 6th June, 1979. Refer to Greenfield Park.

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