

Dharruk - Timeline

Before the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people, who are the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land. We pay our respect to elders past and present, and acknowledge the Aboriginal people for their custodianship of the land.

Named for the Indigenous tribe associated with the area west of Sydney.

The Dharruk area was originally part of Mount Druitt. For information before the 1960s please see the Mount Druitt district timeline.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1960's	Resumption of land for housing by the NSW Housing Commission.
1960's	Mount Druitt High School officially opened.
1969	Mount Druitt High School opened.
1971	Construction of Dawson Public School commences. School to have 12 classrooms.
1972	Dawson Public School opened in January. School named after Peter Smith Dawson, a famous Australian singer who visited his brother William Miller Dawson, who lived in the area.
1974	Dawson Public School officially opened 12 June by Mr J Thomson, Director of Education, Metropolitan West area.
1975	Dawson Preschool opened.
1976	Population 2,423 (Census).
1978	1 st Dharruk/Hebersham Cub troop formed
1981	Population 3,135 (Census).
1983	Building Workers Club (now known as West Tradies Club) opened.
1985	Two storey primary block at Dawson Public School severely damaged by fire. Some classes held in the Infants Hall.
1986	Population 3,337 (Census).
1991	Population 3,329 (Census). Dharruk/Hebersham groups merged in 1991 and later the same year, merged into North Mt Druitt.
1996	Population 3,010 (Census).
2000	Housing Department plans for a complete site redevelopment for some residents of Dharruk. Mount Druitt High School becomes a campus of Chifley College.
2001	Population 2,866 (Census).
2003	Mount Druitt Rotary Park name assigned on 30 May.
2006	Population 2,804 (Census).
2009	Wyanda Reserve (Reserve 370) and Pangari Park (Reserve 384) name officially assigned on 24 April.
2011	Population 2,765 (Census).
2016	Population 2,774 (Census).
2021	Population 2,806 (Census).