Quakers Hill - 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.

The name Quakers Hill was first mentioned in James Meehan's surveyor report in 1806. The railway siding in this area was known as Douglas' Siding. When subdivision of large properties was undertaken in the early 1900s, the developers named the suburb Quakers Hill, a name that had been associated with the hill since 1806. The suburb is 925 hectares in size.

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4000	was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1806	The name Quakers Hill was first mentioned in a surveyor's report in 1806.
1813	700 acres of land granted to Major West, (Major is his first name) west of Baulkham Hills known as Quaker Hill.
1815	400 acres of land granted to William Henry Allcock.
1816	695 acres of land granted to Joseph Pye.
1863	Railway line extended from Blacktown to Richmond passing through the Pye property.
1872	Douglas Siding (original name for the railway station in Quakers Hill) built.
1904	Major West's former estate subdivided into farmlets varying in size from ½ acre to 15 acres by Arthur Rickards.
1907	Richard Hockaday appointed postmaster. Post Office built in 1915.
1912	Quakers Hill Public School opened October in the Presbyterian Church in Osborne Road.
1913	The Intercolonial Investment Land and Building Co Ltd bought Pearce's property and in May 1915, the first subdivision sale was held. Most of the farms were about 5 acres.
1914	Quakers Hill Public School moved to current location in Quakers Road.
1917	A small ticket office was built at Douglas Siding.
1919	Presbyterian Church was built in Highfield Road.
1922	St Stephens Church of England was built.
	Catholic Church built as a church hall.
	Frank Sherwood opened first butcher's shop.
1923	Brass Band established.
1925	Public hall on the corner of Lalor Road and Pearce Road built. This was also known as the Empire Theatre when it was licensed to show movies on Friday and Saturday nights in 1928.
1932	City water piped to homes.
1933	Population 510 (Census).
1934	Supply of electricity commenced.
1941	Pye Estate taken over by the Commonwealth Government for the construction of Schofields aerodrome (later HMAS Nirimba).
1944	Country Women's Association (CWA) was formed, meetings held in the public hall until CWA hall completed.
1955	Country Women's Association (CWA) hall built in Railway Rd.
1959	Quakers Hill East Public School opened January.
1960	BP service station opened on Lalor Road.
	1st Quakers Hill Scout group formed.
1967/68	Marayong/Quakers Hill Bush Fire Bridge formed.

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1968	Public hall demolished. Replaced by community centre in 1974 built opposite original location.
1973	Quakers Hill High School opened January.
1974	Quakers Hill Community Centre opened on 7 September.
1975	Quakers Hill Park (Reserve 88) name assigned on 27 March.
1976	Population 2,400. The number of dwellings is 673. (Census)
1981	Population 7,090 (Census).
1983	Quakers Hill Child Care Centre opened in May.
	Quakers Hill Toastmasters Club established.
	John Aquilina Children's Library opened at Quakers Hill.
1986	Population 8,533 (Census).
1987	Opening of Quakers Hill Parish Primary School (Mary Immaculate) in
	February.
	Quakers Hill War Memorial officially opened on 11 April.
1990	Quakers Hill Christian School opened 7 May.
	Quakers Hill Plaza officially opened on 26 September 1990
	Sherwood Park (Reserve 204) name assigned on 16 March. Named after
	Francis (Frank) Sherwood, a long-time resident came to Quakers Hill in 1904.
1991	Population 14,630 (Census).
1992	New Community Centre constructed at corner of Farnham Rd and Goddard
1992	Road
	Barnier Public School opened in April. The school was officially opened on 6
	May 1994.
1993	Quakers Hill Toastmasters established.
1000	Wright Reserve (Reserve 565) name assigned on 7 May. Named after
	Anthony Joseph Wright (1900-1959) a carpenter/builder who lived in the area.
1994	Quakers Hill Neighbourhood Centre officially opened on 2 July 1994 by
	Blacktown City Mayor, Jim Anderson.
1995	Opening of Nirimba Education Precinct on former HMAS Nirimba site. Site
	included TAFE, University of Western Sydney, public and private secondary
	schools.
1996	A new suburb, Acacia Gardens was established in the northeast section of
	Quakers Hill.
	George Brown Reserve (Reserve 491) name assigned on 20 September and
	name reassigned as George W I Brown Reserve on 13 February 1998.
	George Whiteman Islab Brown and family settled in Quakers Hill in 1910 -
	1912. They built their home, 'Torella' on Eastern Road and established
	orchards and vineyards. The farm became known as 'Browns Vineyard' and
	produced wine. Its products won many prizes at both local and Sydney shows.
1997	Opening of Quakers Hill Police Station.
	Quakers Hill Parkway overpass opened on 25 May.
1999	Wyndham College opens.
	Paterson Reserve (Reserve 706), name assigned on 5 March 1999. Named
	after John Paterson, who started an all age soccer team in 1953 which formed
	the basis of a team in the State Soccer League.
	Waite Reserve (Reserve 710), name assigned on 17 December 1999. Named
	after Edith and Walter Waite who started a poultry farm on part of the site in
	1940. The Waite family were heavily involved with fundraising for the Parklea
	Primary School P&C.
	Greenhalgh Reserve (Reserve 380) name assigned on 17 December. Named
	after Samuel Greenhalgh, born in the area in 1876 and married Sarah Lalor in
	1896. Mr Greenhalgh was employed at Old Quakers Hill Saw Mill and hauled

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	logs. In December 1910 he made first delivery of timber for the Old Quakers Hill School and was involved in its construction.
2001	Population 22,893 (Census).
2001	George Alder Reserve (Reserve 703), name assigned on 29 June 2001. Named after George Alder, who settled in Quakers Hill in 1931, and was a pioneer in the poultry industry. Henry Mitchell Reserve (Reserve 712) name assigned on 2 November. Named after Henry Mitchell (1875 -1964) who arrived in Quakers Hill from England in 1917. He played a big part in establishing the poultry industry in the area and was active in community issues. Mihkelson Reserve (Reserve 567) name assigned on 21 November. Erna Emmeline Mihkelson (1910 – 1995) arrived in Sydney on 11 February 1947 with a landing permit. She was a poultry farmer and active in community affairs in Quakers Hill, being conferred with Life Membership of the Progress Association.
2006	Duplication of Quakers Hill Parkway, between Hambledon Road and M7 officially opened on 17 August. Population 25,015 (Census).
2009	Corbin Reserve (Reserve 709) name officially assigned on 24 April.
2010	Oppy Reserve (Reserve 593) name assigned on 26 March. Named after Edward (Terry) Oppy (1920-1997), who was Post Master at Quakers Hill for 33 years, retiring in June 1987. He held executive positions in many community and sporting groups.
2011	Population 26,166 (Census). Fire at Quakers Hill Nursing Home killed 11 residents. Douglas Siding Reserve (Reserve 585) name officially assigned on 3 June.
2016	Population 27,080 (Census). New Quakers Hill Police Station opened in May.
2019	Off-leash dog park at Paterson Reserve opens.
2020	Suburb boundary realigned on 6 November. It now excludes some areas to the new suburb of Nirimba Fields.
2021	Population 27,893 (Census).