Vineyard - 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 suburb was originally part of Windsor's winegrowing district. The current suburb of Vineyard is divided between Hawkesbury Shire Council and Blacktown City Council. The suburb boundary is Bandon Road on the west and Windsor Road on the north. The size of the suburb within the Blacktown City local government area is 309 hectares.

Pre 1788	Prior to the settlement of New South Wales by Europeans, the Blacktown district was inhabited by the Darug Aboriginal people
1830s	Jean (John) Paul Ouvrier, a French immigrant, plants the first vineyard in the area.
1848	The Bee Hive Inn built by James Barnett on the Windsor Rd.
1872	Vineyard Provisional School opened. Became Vineyard Public School in 1880.
1870s?	Joseph Schofield owned a vineyard on the Windsor Rd known as "Vineyard Park".
1884	St Andrew's Church of England, Vineyard opened. Also known as The Vineyard Mission School Church
1892	Plague of phylloxera insects impacts on vineyards in the area.
1894	Vineyard-Mulgrave Progress Association in operation.
1895	Vineyard Receiving Office (forerunner to the post office established).
1901	The Vineyard Post Office established. First postmistress Mrs Annie Alcorn. Name changed to Vineyard Post Office in 1902.
1902	Vineyard Post Office established.
1916	First telephone installed at the Post Office.
1920s	Joseph Edward Newton opened a general store on the southern side of Windsor Rd near Junction Rd
1920s-30s	Ada Schoffel and daughter Esma Johnnie opened a general store with two hand operated petrol pumps on the Windsor Rd
1931	Construction of a new Church of England hall
1933	New community hall built (Rivoli Dance Hall) officially opened on 25 August.
1935	Small railway siding with waiting room built and opened on 14 July.
1937	Electricity arrived on 7 June for residents in the Windsor Shire Council. Electricity was extended to some residents in Blacktown Shire Council who lived southeast of Windsor Rd in 1938 including the public school and Vineyard Church hall.
1939	Bushfires in the Vineyard district see the establishment of a Bush Fire Brigade in the town.
1939	Platform at Vineyard Railway Station extended from 9.19 metres (32 ft.) another 128.32 metres (421 ft.) at the southern end, making the total length of the platform 138 metres (453 ft.). The station was an unattended station.
1975	Vineyard Railway Station officially gazetted/assigned on 27 March.
1976	Population 168 (Census). The number of dwellings is 54.
1986	Population 298 (Census)
1991	Population 289 (Census)
1991	Station rebuilt as part of the electrification of the line from Riverstone to Richmond.

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2001	Population 6,595 (Census) Figure for Riverstone/Vineyard
2006	Population 6,204 (Census) Figure for Riverstone/Vineyard
2011	Population 6,381 (Census) Figure for Riverstone/Vineyard
2013	Planning for the Vineyard Precinct of the North West Growth Priority Area released in August.
2016	Population 7,401 (Census) Figure for Riverstone/Vineyard
2020	Suburb boundary realigned on 6 November. Part of Vineyard retains its original boundaries. Areas excluded from Vineyard now form part of the new suburb of Richards, and areas included from part of Riverstone. The suburb area is located in the Blacktown and Hawkesbury LGAs.
2021	Population 1,147 (Census).