

History of The Basin

Chapter 15

Timeline

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Summary

This Chapter lists the important events in and around The Basin in chronological order.

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| 1827 | - First recorded white visitor to the area now known as The Basin by W. H. Hovell. | 1895 | - Arthur Goode establishes a coach service between Bayswater and Sassafras via The Basin. |
| 1837 | - Rev. James Clow takes up a Depasturing licence for "Corhanwarrabul" which includes The Basin. | 1897 | - Dobson's land sold to Salvation Army. |
| 1839 | - Thomas Napier granted a Depasturing licence for a run near Wantirna. | 1898 | - Severe fire in The Basin. |
| 1840 | - Daniel Bunce travels through The Basin on route to exploring The Dandenongs. | 1899 | - First The Basin Primary School in Doongalla Road closed. |
| 1840 | - County of Bourke proclaimed. | 1900 | - Patrick Rafferty granted the mail contract between Bayswater and Sassafras via The Basin. |
| 1849 | - Counties of Evelyn and Mornington proclaimed. | 1901 | - The Basin Primary School re-located & reopened on present site. |
| 1851 | - First house erected in The Basin by William Turner. | 1902 | - The Basin gazetted as "receiving only" Post Office. |
| 1851 | - First known white child born at The Basin (Louisa Turner). | 1903 | - Methodist Church built in The Basin |
| 1857 | - Parish of Scoresby proclaimed. | 1912 | - Bayswater Telephone Exchange opened. |
| 1860 | - William Turner & family leave The Basin. | 1912 | - First Salvation Army Home No 2 in Mountain Highway destroyed by fire. |
| 1862 | - Berwick Road District Board proclaimed. | 1915 | - First telephone service in The Basin (Doongalla). |
| 1864 | - Berwick Road District Board enlarged to include the Parish of Scoresby. | 1916 | - First The Basin Post Office run by Mrs Ada Dickson in Mountain Highway. |
| 1867 | - First land in The Basin purchased by William Watson. | 1917 | - Switzerland Heights Estate opened. |
| | - Land purchased by Emma Dorrington. | 1920 | - Boronia Station opened. |
| 1870 | - Land granted to William Hall. | 1924 | - Forest Heights Estate opened. |
| 1871 | - Samuel Collier settled. | 1925 | - Smith's Store - first shop in The Basin opens. |
| 1872 | - William Hill purchases land. | | - New The Basin Primary School built. |
| | - J. J. Miller purchases land. | | - Electric trains to Fern Tree Gully. |
| | - David Dobson purchases land. | | - James & Emily Griffiths killed at Bayswater railway crossing. |
| 1875 | - William Chandler purchases land. | 1926 | - Ferndale Estate opened. |
| | - Woodhouse selects land. | | - Eden Park Estate opened. |
| | - Archibald Chandler born | | - The Basin Progress Association formed. |
| | - Chandler Oak Tree planted. | | - Nine people killed at Boronia railway crossing, accident |
| 1877 | - Samuel and James Collier purchase land | | - Cain's store built. |
| | - Edmund Wicks selected land. | | - Barn added to rear of Smith's Store. |
| | - Tyner selects land at "Ferndale". | 1927 | - Boronia Progress Hall opened. |
| | - State forest boundary altered. | | - The Basin Bush Fire Brigade formed. |
| 1878 | - John McClare selects land. | | - Forest Heights Estate opened |
| | - Como, William and Kate Chandler's second home, built. | 1930 | - Somerville Park Estate opened. |
| 1880 | - First The Basin Primary School opened in Doongalla Road. | | - The Basin Children's Hospital Auxiliary formed. |
| 1882 | - John Chambers selects land. | 1931 | - The Basin Progress Hall completed. |
| | - Rail line extended from Camberwell to Ringwood. | | - First carols by candlelight in The Basin at "Como". |
| | - First Church service in The Basin School in Doongalla Road | 1932 | - Doongalla destroyed by fire. |
| 1888 | - Melrose House, J. J. Miller's house built. | | - The Basin Brigade gets first fire alarm - a bell. |
| | - James Griffiths purchases land | 1933 | - The Basin Tennis Club formed. |
| | - Proposal for tramway from Bayswater to Olinda through The Basin. | 1935 | - First Church of England services in The Basin. |
| 1889 | - Ferndale built. | | - The Basin Presbyterian Church built. |
| | - Ferndale Glen built. | 1937 | - The Basin Badminton Club formed. |
| | - Fern Tree Gully Shire proclaimed. J J Miller first President. | | - Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp opened in The Basin. |
| | - Rail service extended from Ringwood to Fern Tree Gully. | 1938 | - The Basin Red Cross branch formed. |
| 1890 | - First mail to The Basin carried by Archibald Chandler. | 1939 | - Church of England built in The Basin. |
| 1891 | - Severe flood in The Basin. | | - Reticulated Electricity to The Basin. |
| | - Fern Glen destroyed by flood. | | - Severe bushfires in Victoria "Black Friday". |
| | - Doongalla built. | 1940 | - First buses to The Basin. |
| 1892 | - Bayswater hall opened. | 1942 | - Wicks Reserve proclaimed. |
| 1893 | - Cleve House built. | 1943 | - Timetabled bus services commence. |
| | - Regular coach trips to The Basin commence. | 1944 | - Country Fire Authority formed. |
| 1894 | - William Chandler elected President of Shire of Fern Tree Gully. | 1945 | - The Basin Bush Fire Brigade disbanded. |
| | | 1946 | - The Basin Bush Fire Brigade reconstituted. |
| | | | - The Basin Football Club formed. |
| | | | - The Basin Cricket Club formed (under different name). |
| | | | - Salvation Army Home rebuilt after fire. |
| | | | - Batterham Reserve proclaimed. |

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- Harrison's Weaving Mill (Locksley Textiles) opened in The Basin.
- 1947** - The Basin Church of England re-located to Boronia.
- 1948** - Colchester-Basin Cricket Club players combine with Basin Football Club.
 - The Basin Cricket Club disbanded.
- 1949** - The Basin Rural fire brigade formed.
- 1950** - Mountain Highway Estate opened.
 - Dandenong Ranges Fire Brigade Group Formed
- 1951** - Reserve Estate opened.
 - The Basin Tennis Club wins first premiership.
- 1952** - Dunlop's opened.
 - Nine people killed at Boronia railway crossing accident.
 - The Basin Badminton Club A Grade premiers.
- 1953** - New Mystic Lake Estate opened.
 - First The Basin Fire Brigade Station opened.
 - The Basin Fire Brigade gets first siren.
- 1954** - The Basin Theatre Group formed.
 - The Basin Tennis Club disbanded.
- 1955** - Fern Tree Gully Technical School opened.
 - The Basin Football Club temporarily suspended.
- 1956** - The Basin Baby Health Centre opened.
- 1957** - 2st The Basin Scout group formed.
 - The Basin Football Club reformed.
 - The Basin Football Club first clubrooms - tin shed.
- 1958** - Bri-Nylon (Fibremakers) opened.
 - 1st The Basin Scouts formed.
 - The Basin Pre-School Kindergarten opened.
 - The Basin Methodist Church moves to Boronia.
 - The Basin Badminton Club A Grade premiers.
 - The Basin Cricket Club reforms as Basin footballers Club.
- 1959** - Reticulated water to The Basin.
 - Local delivery of mail commenced.
- 1960** - Boronia High School opened.
 - Youle's store built.
- 1962** - The Basin Basketball (netball) Club formed.
 - Severe bushfire in The Basin and Dandenongs.
 - First Football Premiership for The Basin Football Club.
 - "Ferndale" destroyed by fire.
 - First The Basin Theatre Group Building opened - "The Hut".
 - Max Toole takes over The Basin Post Office.
- 1963** - Knox Shire formed by severing from Fern Tree Gully Shire.
 - New shopping centre built.
 - The Basin Scout Troop renamed 5th Knox.
- 1964** - The Basin Guide company formed.
 - The Basin Brownie pack formed.
 - The Basin Presbyterian Church moves to Boronia.
 - The Basin Badminton Club A Reserve premiers.
 - First A Grade premiership to The Basin Basketball (netball) Club.
 - Scout Troop purchases Presbyterian Church building.
 - Post Office moved to its present location.
- 1965** - The Basin Pensioners Association formed.
 - Knox Fire Brigade Group formed with The Basin Brigade as a member.
 - Langdon's Store closes.
- 1967** - The Basin Centenary celebrations.
 - Second The Basin Fire Brigade Station opened.
 - Public toilets erected in The Basin.
 - Helen Chandler awarded MBE.
 - Bill Wright wins Knox Citizen of the year award
- 1968** - Severe bushfire in The Basin and Dandenongs.
 - Boronia Heights Primary School opened.
- 1969** - The Basin Brownie packs 1st and 2nd combine.
- 1971** - "Riding for the Disabled" group formed in The Basin.
 - Brick extension to Scout Hall completed.
- 1972** - Clevedon destroyed by fire.
 - The Basin Scout Hall in Church Street destroyed by fire.
 - Flashing lights installed at Boronia railway crossing.
 - Batterham Park Tennis Club formed.
 - Library completed at The Basin Primary School.
 - Boronia Technical School opened.
 - The Basin Elderly Citizens Hall opened on The Triangle.
 - New The Basin Theatre Group Building opened.
 - Children's Hospital Auxiliary closes.
- 1973** - Grumont Reserve proclaimed.
 - Lowline Industries commences operation in The Basin.
- 1974** - Playgroups started in The Basin Infant Welfare Centre.
 - The Basin Basketball Club formed.
- 1975** - Toddler Groups started in The Basin Infant Welfare Centre.
 - The Basin Progress Association celebrates 50 years.
 - The Basin Basketball Club womens team formed.
 - Art/Craft room completed at The Basin Primary School.
- 1976** - Third The Basin Fire Brigade Station opened.
 - Don Maguire awarded BEM.
 - The Basin Football Club - first premiership win by the under 15's.
 - Lilydale Bowman Club formed.
- 1977** - Edna Chandler awarded MBE.
 - The Basin Scout Troop name changed back to 1st The Basin.
 - The Basin Scout Troop Ladies Auxiliary formed.
 - The Basin Basketball Club junior boys team formed.
 - Bart Bortolussi takes over The Basin Post Office.
- 1978** - The Basin Primary School Centenary.
 - Severe bushfire in Doongalla Estate.
 - Goodwin Estate Kindergarten opens.
 - YWCA Friendly Circle formed.
 - Land on Triangle allocated for new Scout Hall.
- 1979** - The Basin Basketball Club junior boys team formed.
 - The Basin Junior Field Naturalist Club formed.
 - The Basin Pensioners Association became known as The Basin Elderly Citizens Club.
- 1980** - Urban status to The Basin Fire Brigade.
 - Erection of new Scout Hall on Triangle commences.
 - The Basin Red Cross closes.
 - Neil Whittorn takes over The Basin Post Office.
- 1981** - Neighbourhood Watch commences in The Basin.
 - Miller Park Tennis Club formed.
- 1982** - The Basin Primary School involved in Victoria's 150th year celebrations.
 - Time capsule buried at The Basin Primary School.
 - The Basin Community House formed.
 - Salvation Army Youth Training Centre closes.
- 1983** - New The Basin Scout Hall opened on The Triangle.
 - Salvation Army commences Skillshare.
 - Como Nurseries closes.
- 1984** - St. Mary's Church closes.
 - Como Nurseries no longer with the Chandler family.
- 1985** - St. Mary's Church closes.
- 1986** - Como Nurseries closes.
- 1987** - Como Nurseries closes.
- 1988** - Como Nurseries closes.
- 1989** - Como Nurseries closes.

- Extensions to The Basin Theatre Group Building opened.
- Major building upgrade at The Basin Primary School.
- 1990**
 - The Basin Rotary Club formed.
 - Playgroups at The Basin Infant Welfare Centre cease.
 - Council proposes to close The Basin Kindergarten.
 - Sheila and Ron Phelan take over The Basin Post Office.
- 1991**
 - New courts at Miller Park Tennis Club.
 - Boronia High School closes.
 - Toddler Groups at The Basin Infant Welfare Centre cease.
 - Former The Basin Primary School teachers residence opened as Basin Community House building.
- 1992**
 - Hindu Temple opened.
 - The Basin 125 Year celebrations.
 - Ferndale camp closed.
- 1993**
 - Major building alterations to The Basin Kindergarten.
 - Clevedon celebrates its centenary.
- 1995**
 - New classrooms completed The Basin Primary School.
- 1997**
 - Severe bushfire in The Basin and Dandenongs.
 - St. Bernadette's Community Hall opened.
- 1998**
 - Rail line underground at Boronia crossing.
- 2002**
 - Grass courts installed at Miller Park Tennis Club.
- 2004**
 - The Basin Progress Hall sold to City of Knox and The Basin Progress Association disbanded.
- 2005**
 - The first Basin Music Festival held.
- 2006**
 - Basin Progress Hall kitchen upgraded.
- 2007**
 - New toilets at Basin Progress Hall.
- 2017**
 - Time capsule at The Basin Centenary garden to be recovered.
- 2027**
 - The Basin Fire Brigade Centenary.
- 2035**
 - Time capsule at The Basin Primary School to be recovered.
- 2067**
 - The Basin township Bi-Centenary.
- 2080**
 - The Basin Primary School Bi-Centenary.