

History

A brief early history of BUNDOORA

[Part of Bundoora previously Greensborough]

This area was inhabited by the Aborigines, who were a tribe of the Wurundjeri clan.

The name Bundoora is said to be taken from "Keelbundoora" the name for the favourite haunt of the Kangaroos.

Europeans are said to have settled here in 1835, they were impressed with the amount of large wetlands around the area, also the wetland birds, herbs and other small useful plants growing there.

In 1842, George and Francis Coulstock built and ran a flour mill, on the Plenty River, they named their property "Mill Park". The Mill closed in 1862.

The area was surveyed in 1837 and in 1838 the land was sold. Those who purchased the land were mostly speculators and wealthy people, who, within a few months, again subdivided the land into smaller farming blocks and sold them. This was most likely part of the reason for further settlement in the 1850's.

The Post Office was opened on 1st October 1863, in what had been the General Store owned by William Elm's at Prospect Hill, on the corner of Greensborough Road (later Grimshaw St) and Plenty Road.

The Government took control of education in 1872, this was when the state school system was introduced, and in 1877 Bundoora State School number 1915 was opened.

Bundoora Historic homestead was built in 1900 for John Matthew Smith, a prominent person in the horse racing and breeding industry. He, his wife and four children lived at "Bundoora Park" for about twenty years, he sold it in 1920.

Mont Park Psychiatric Hospital was opened in 1912.

Bundoora Repatriation Hospital opened soon after WW1, it housed approximately thirty patients as well as nursing and domestic staff.

In some history written about Greensborough, it was called "The Bundoora".

Those who are interested in Paranormal research, you may like to check on "Bundoora Homestead Ghosts"

Family names of some of the early settlers.

Horatio Cooper, Doig, Cleland, Coulstock, Clements came in 1840's.

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