

**A Brief History  
of  
The Basin**

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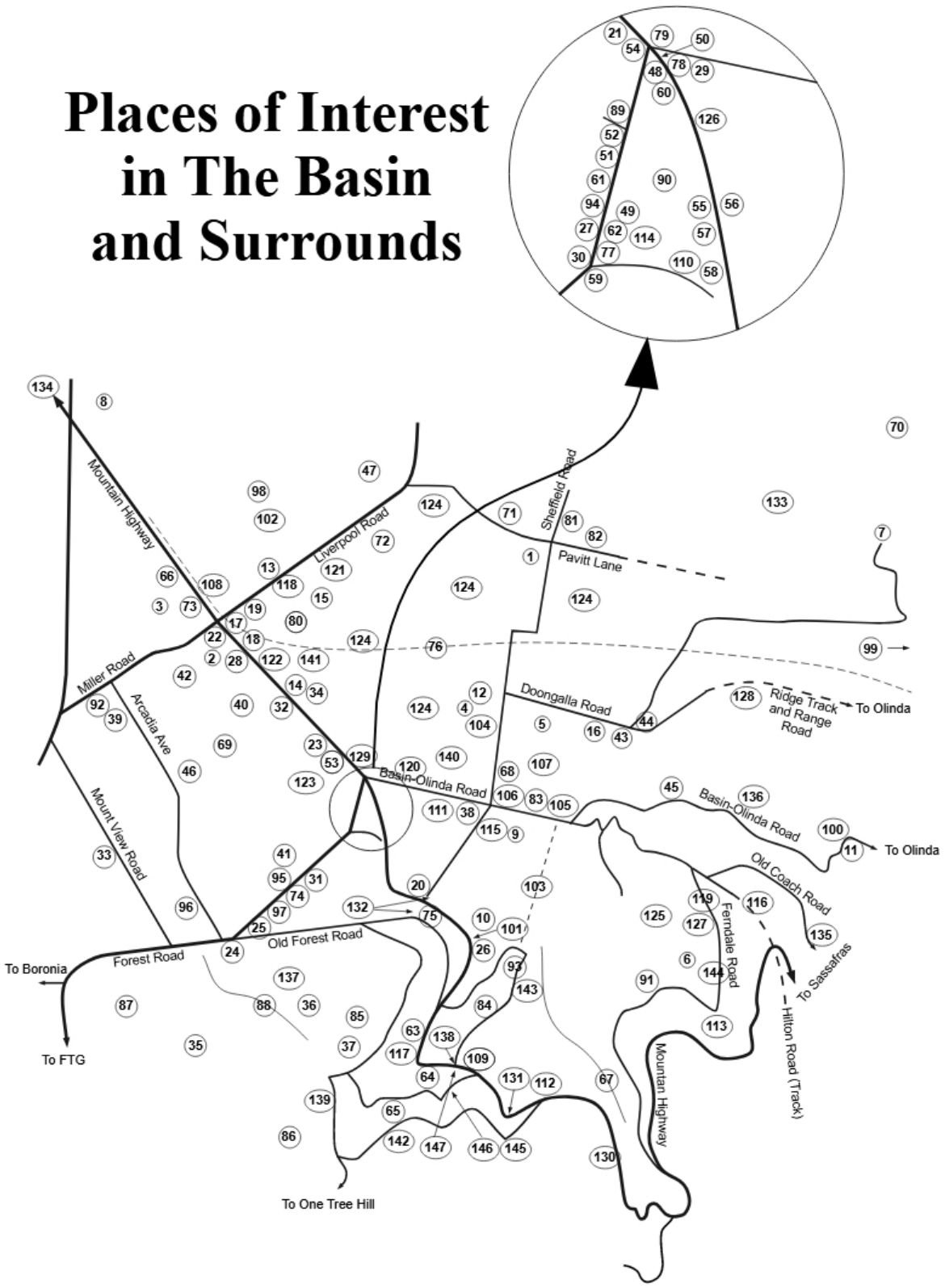
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# Places of Interest in The Basin and Surrounds



1. Site of house and cultivation associated with the first known freehold land in The Basin. Freehold title granted in 1867 to William Watson. An 1866 map shows the location of a house and cultivation on the corner of Sheffield Road and Pavitt Lane beside the Dandenong Creek.  
Records show that William and Margaret Turner resided in The Basin in 1851 but it is not recorded where their house was. This site is the most likely site of their house which was taken over by William Watson. See also Places of Interest No. 4.  
The land was purchased in 1867 by Emma Rachel Dorrington who sold it to David Dobson in 1872 who sold it to the Salvation Army in 1897. In 2024, land is still owned by the Salvation Army.
2. Site of "*Bayswater*", the original home of James John Miller. Original house no longer exists and is a residential property.
3. Site of the second home of James John Miller. When purchased by John Yeadon in 1907, he renamed it Melrose. In 2024, the house has been restored to its original state, is managed by the City of Knox, and known as "*Millers Homestead*".
4. Site claimed by descendants of William Turner to be the location of the first known house in The Basin built by William Turner in 1851. Turner may not have built his house here, but in the location of Places of Interest No. 1 because it is closer to a good supply of water from the Dandenong Creek and the land is flatter.
5. Site of Como House, second house of early settler William Chandler and family. Original house no longer exists and is a residential property.
6. Site of Ferndale homestead built by early settler James Griffiths around 1900. Destroyed in the 1962 bushfires. In 2005, a new owner erected a new building with its view aligned to the tallest building in the (Melbourne) Central Business District (CBD). Major landscaping finished restoration of the property which is maintained by full time gardeners.
7. Site of house and property called "*Fern Glen*" built in the 1880s. House partly destroyed by a flood in 1891.  
Sir Matthew Davies purchased the property in 1891 and erected a mansion called Invermay. Davies was declared bankrupt in 1892. The bank foreclosed on the property and took possession.  
In 1908, it was purchased from the bank by Ms Helen Archbald Luke Simson and later by T. M. Burke. The house was destroyed by a bushfire in 1932.  
The site was purchased by the government in 1950 and in 2024 is part of the Doongalla Forest Reserve.
8. Land purchased by early settler Samuel Collier in 1871.
9. Site of Wicks Homesteads. First house built in 1877 close to The Basin-Olinda Road. Replaced with a more prominent house higher on the hill in 1905. Destroyed by bushfire in 1962. In 2024, the site is a residential property.
10. Site of property first known as "*Cleve House*" built in 1893 by Charles Chandler, brother of early settler William Chandler. Later used as a guest house and camp for many years and known as "*Clevedon House*". Destroyed by fire in 1972.  
In 2010, the site was the base for a Christadelphian Heritage College for 10 years. In mid-2020, the school relocated to Ferntree Gully.  
Fernbrook School commenced operation in 2020, taking over the land and buildings from the Christadelphian Heritage College.
11. Site of building known as "*Hazel Dell*". Built in the 1880s as the home of early settler Thomas Hodgson. Later became a guest house run by various families. Later a church camp run by the Uniting Church. In 2024, a residential property.
12. Site of Salvation Army Boys Home No. 1 (1897-1987). In 2024, used by the Salvation Army as a alcohol and drug rehabilitation program known as "*The Bridge*".
13. Site of the Salvation Army Boys Home No. 2 (1899-1983). In 2024, site of a thrift shop with some community support services and The Basin Salvation Army Church.
14. Original site of Salvation Army Boys Home No. 2. Destroyed by fire in 1913. In 2024, residential properties.
15. Building first built by the Salvation Army and used as a Boys Home Special School. A fire early 1972 destroyed almost half of the buildings, and they eventually became vacant.  
The Basin Primary School started using the remaining buildings in the early 1980s. The buildings and land were later amalgamated with The Basin Primary School.
16. Site of The Dandenong Ranges School (The Basin State School) 1880 - 1899. In 2024, a residential property.
17. The Basin State School was moved from its site in Doongalla Road to this corner site in 1901. A new building was erected in 1925 away from the corner.
18. The Basin Primary School 2024 site. Has one of the largest grounds in the State of Victoria.
19. Site of Methodist Church from 1903-1958. The building was shifted to Boronia in 1958. Land was purchased by the Education Department and added to The Basin Primary School.
20. Site of Church of England 1934-1948. In 2024, residential property.
21. Second site of Church of England 1949-1989. See 20 for original site. In 1990, the land and buildings were purchased by a Hindu religious group and a Hindu temple erected.
22. Site of garage first established in 1962 by Fred and Maurie Cook. In 1997, this station was demolished, and a modern new service station erected with car wash

23. Site of Harrison's Weaving Mill (Locksley Textiles) which opened in 1946 and was an early source of local employment. It closed in the 1960s and the buildings and site were taken over by Low Line Industries which closed in 2016. The land was subdivided in 2017 and became the Mount View Estate.
24. Store most popularly known as "*Wrights Store*". Original store was built in 1926 and run by Albert James Gandini. Various owners over the years. Rebuilt in 1972. A takeaway food section was added in 1999. In 2024, is still operating and has as a public phone box and letter box outside.
25. Site of store known as the "*Junction Store*" first run by the Fielder family It operated from the early 1930s to the 1940s. In 2024, a residential property.
26. Site of store built in 1938 by George Langdon and first known as "*Langdon's Store*". Had a public phone box, letter box and fire alarm bell outside store. In 1950, Mr Langdon sold the store, and it was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Usher for about one year and then later by Rod Travis and his wife. It closed in 1965. The store may have been used for a while as an antiques store. A picture of the building from the 1960s has a sign "*1901 SLEEPY HOLLOW*" and below that "*AGE FURNITURE AND OTHER SURPRISES.*" In 2024, a residential property.
27. Site of store first known as "*Howe's Greengrocer*". Later the Forest Lodge Restaurant. In 2024, The Acorn Bar and Restaurant.
28. Site of store known as the "*School Store.*" Owned by Eddie and Alice Williams. Had a public phone box and letter box outside store. Opened in 1949 and closed in the late 1960s. In 2024, a residential property.
29. Site of house known as the "*Lolly lady's*" in the 1930s. In 2024, a residential property.
30. Site of the first garage in The Basin built around 1928-1930. Owned by the Thompson family and known as "*Thompson's Garage.*" Sold to the Cook family in 1953 and closed and dismantled in 1960. In 1985, a group of shops were erected which in 2024 are known as "*The Basin Central shops.*" In 2024, the Oak Tree Tavern is the longest tenant in one of the buildings, having been there since 2000. One of the shops is said to be haunted.
31. Site (rear of 334 Forest Rd) of bus depot when Wilson took over the bus run in 1950. Continued as a depot until early 1960s when Wilson sold to Nugent. In 2024, a residential property.
32. St. Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School. Established in 1983. A Community Hall was added in 1997.
33. Original site of Boronia Heights Secondary College. First called Boronia Technical School. Established in 1973. Closed in 2014 and land slated for residential development.
34. Water tanks Mountain Highway. Opened in 1978.
35. Water tank Hansen Track. Opened in 1960.
36. Water tank Bayview Crescent. Opened in 1981. Previously, there was a house on this site built by Tom Stephens in 1931. Tom was the father of Distinguished Resident Jim Stephens. In the late 1960s, a resident of this house was fatally burnt when he attempted to refill a generator with petrol. The petrol ignited, and he was unable to escape the flames. The house was destroyed by an arsonist in 1972.
37. Water tank Schneider's Hill (underground). Built in 1987.
38. Wicks Reserve. In 1942, The Shire of Ferntree Gully purchased a section of land owned by John Wicks. His family had considerable influence in the early development of The Basin.
39. Batterham Reserve. Home of The Basin Football Netball Club and The Basin Cricket Club. Named in honour of Edgar Rowstone Rowley Batterham who sold the land to The Shire of Fern Tree Gully to be used as a reserve.
40. Grumont Reserve. The name "*Grumont*" is in recognition of George Grumont, a resident of The Basin for over 60 years, who contributed much to the development of The Basin.
41. Mortiboy Reserve. Named in memory of Mr Ted Mortiboy who originally owned the land the reserve is situated on. Ted, a keen scouter, bought 4 blocks of land in Stuart Street in the 1920s and often brought his troop, the 6th Malvern Scouts, there for weekend camps. A bunkhouse was built and many a pleasant weekend enjoyed. Ted and his scouts attended the scene of the first Boronia level crossing accident on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1926 rendering help to the injured survivors. A plaque on Mortiboy Reserve commemorates their efforts.
42. Gravenstein Reserve. Created in 1974 when the Goodwin Estate opened in the area once used as an apple orchard. The name "*Gravenstein*" follows the naming of areas in the estate after types of apples.
43. The first The Basin Theatre called "*The Hut.*" Used for productions from 1963 to 1973. In 2024, still exists and used.
44. The Basin Theatre. Built in 1973, extended in 1989.
45. Seventh Day Adventist Camp & Conference Centre. Established in 1935, closed in 1999. Purchased in 2001 by the Romanian Seventh Day Adventist Church.
46. Goodwin Estate Pre-School. Established in 1979. Stopped operating in 2024.
47. Retarding Basin. Constructed in 1969/70. Controls the runoff from 1450 hectares of hilly semi-rural catchment and protects extensive residential and industrial development on the downstream flood plain. In 2022, rumours spread that a trout farm would be established at the Retarding Basin, but was later found to be a prank.

48. The Basin Progress Hall. Land was purchased in 1930 by three residents as trustees for The Basin Progress Association. Building commenced in 1930 using voluntary labour and completed in 1931. Many improvements were made over time and trustees changed.  
In 2004, The Basin Progress Hall and land were sold to The City of Knox for \$1.  
In 2015, the stage and surrounding walls were removed and rebuilt which included a new stage, a new entrance, and windows facing towards a new pavilion.
49. The Basin Senior Citizens Hall. Built in 1973. The Basin Senior Citizens group used the hall until 2018 when the group disbanded. In 2024, the hall is used by community and private groups with bookings organised by The Basin Community House.
50. Site of the first store in The Basin known as “*Smith’s Store*”, built in 1924. In 1926, a barn was added to the rear of the store. First run by R B Smith, later Harold and Edith Poulter, Bert Horsfield, Keith and Mary Youl, Davey and Spong. In 2024, site of bookstore, Post Office and cafe.
51. The Basin Pre-School Kindergarten. Established in 1958. In 1967, the Shire of Knox allocated a portion of land at the rear of the kindergarten to be used as a playground which was previously used by The Basin Scouts.
52. Site of store built in 1934 by Bert Gretton. He operated the shop for a year or two. The land was eventually donated to the Shire of Ferntree Gully. In 1956, on this land and the adjacent block, The Basin Maternal & Child Health Centre opened.
53. First site of The Basin Post Office. 1916-1953. Located at approximately 1288-1290 Mountain Hwy. The Dickson family owned the property and had a house at the rear. The Post Office was a separate small building in the front yard. The building can be seen in the land brochure for the Eden Park Estate.
54. Second site of The Basin Post Office 1953-1964 with two public phone boxes and letter box located outside. In 1964, the Post Office moved across the road with the phone boxes and letter box.  
In 1965, a service station was built on the site and the Cook family operated the business. Fritz Vanderlee took over the business. Later owners included Hart and Riley. In 2009, the station became known as “*Hillview Motors*” run by Ian Hedrich. It closed in 2016. In 2024, the site is owned by a property developer and is vacant.
55. Site of butcher shop run by Mr. Herbert (Bert) Clarke and his daughter from about 1928 to 1934. Bert was active in local affairs and was a member of the first The Basin Bush Fire Brigade. In 2024, part of The Basin Triangle.
56. Site of another early Butcher shop. Not known who owned the shop. In 2024, a residential property.
57. Site of service station owned by Benson in the 1950s. In 2024, part of The Basin Triangle.
58. Site of shop built by Claude Cane and known as “*Canes Store*” which opened in 1925. Demolished in 1973. In 2024, part of The Basin Triangle.
59. Site of Presbyterian Church from 1935 to 1964 when the congregation moved to St. David’s in Boronia. The church building and land was later purchased by The Basin Scouts and used as a Scout Hall. The building was destroyed by fire in 1972 in suspicious circumstances. In 2024, a residential property.
60. Site of the first The Basin Fire Brigade station which was a shed filled with firefighting gear. The shed was located behind The Basin Progress Hall. It was used by The Basin Fire Brigade up until 1953 when the second station was built.  
In 1932, the Doongalla residence was destroyed by fire. The owner, T. M. Burke, in appreciation for the Brigades efforts in attempting to save his house, donated to the Brigade the large bell that was located in the belfry of Doongalla. The bell was placed in the shed and served as one of the fire alarms.  
In 2024, the bell is mounted on a stand and given pride of place in the current The Basin Fire Brigade station meeting room.
61. Site of second The Basin Fire station opened in 1953 built by voluntary labour. The Brigade’s first siren was installed on an old windmill stand. Also, the site of a temporary fourth station used while the fifth station was constructed on the opposite of the road. In 2024, a commercial property.
62. Site of the third The Basin Fire station opened in 1967. It was financed by fundraising and local contributions and built using volunteer labour. This was later demolished, and the fifth station opened in 1977 on the same site. A fourth temporary station was used on the opposite side of the road for about one year whilst the fifth station was built.
63. Stone wall. Originally built by sustenance workers during the depression of the 1930s. Has been repaired several times.
64. Site of log loading bay used between 1936 and 1940. A bullock team pulled the logs down to the high bank of Mountain Highway and the logs were rolled into a truck.
65. New Mystic Lake Estate opened in 1953. A few houses were erected, but some were destroyed in the 1962 bushfires. Land and remaining houses progressively purchased by the Government to become part of the Dandenong Ranges National Park. There are numerous unofficial walking tracks in the area.
66. Site of quarry established by John Yeadon and later purchased by The Shire of Ferntree Gully. The location can be easily pinpointed as the roadside margin has a peculiar bend around the site. It was used as a source of stone for local roads. Not used after about 1935.

67. “*Griffiths Falls.*” Also known as “*Ferndale Falls*” or “*The Basin Falls.*” Accessible by following the creek upstream from the end of Golden Grove. Difficult terrain with many logs across the creek. Was once accessible via a track from Mountain Highway and there was a bridge across the creek above the falls.
68. Oak tree planted in 1875 by William Chandler. One of the finest specimens of English Oak in Australia. Also site of Centenary cairn erected by the Chandler family as part of The Basin centenary celebrations in 1967.
69. Site of training and trotting tracks known as “*The Trotto*” built by James John Miller. In 2024, residential properties.
70. Land known as “*Barne’s Lookout*” until 1927 when T. M. Burke, a local Real Estate Agent, presented seven acres, including the lookout, to the Crown to be used as a public park. He also asked it to be known as “*Burke’s Lookout*” from then on. Officially gazetted in 1929.
71. Site of pig farm established by The Salvation Army in the 1950s. In 2024, residential property.
72. Dobson’s orchard & packing shed. Also, various old and new houses owned by the Dobson family. Liverpool Road originally ran past this area on the road now called Dobson Lane. A new straightened Liverpool Road was added in the 1960s.
73. Remnants of a hawthorn hedge bordering James John Millers land.
74. Site of Les Greenwell’s case factory operating from 1960 to 1973. In 2024, a residential property.
75. Site of Mrs. Helen Walker’s Estate agency which operated in the 1950s in a building at the front of the property. In 2024, a residential property.
76. Approximate route of a proposed tramway to run from Bayswater station to Olinda township past The Basin. Promoted in 1888 by a consortium including James John Miller. The proposal gained high level support and permission was granted by the Shire of Berwick to build the tramway. The tramway was to operate as either Cable or Electric. The proposal never got past the planning stage.
77. Site of The Basin Scout Hall built in 1984 by voluntary labour and financed by the sale of the old site. See 59.
78. Site of The Basin Tennis Club courts that operated from 1932 to 1954. In 2024, the courts would have been behind The Basin shops.
79. The Basin Centenary Garden. In 1967, land was donated to The City of Knox by The Salvation Army to place a time capsule, cairn and plaque commemorating The Basin Centenary in 1967. The time capsule was opened in 2022 and in 2024 its contents are on permanent display at The Basin Community House. The display includes two History of The Basin books. A new plaque was erected in the same location as the old plaque. A new time capsule was created in 2024 and is stored in the current The Basin Fire Brigade station meeting room. The capsule is due to be opened in 2042.
80. Site of time capsule buried at The Basin Primary School in association with Victoria’s 150th Birthday in 1985. The capsule was recovered before a new basketball stadium was erected over it, and in 2024 is held in The Basin Primary School office. The capsule is due to be opened in 2035. The basketball stadium was erected in 2018 and is home to The Basin Wildcats. It is used extensively by The Basin Primary School.
81. Doongala Horse and Pony Club. Officially registered in 1971. First building erected in 1971.
82. Lilydale Bowmans Club. Established in 1977.
83. Baron Von Mueller, a botanist, camped in this area in 1853 and reputedly thought of the name “*The Basin*”. From the camp, he made excursions into the bush collecting botanical specimens. The first written reference to “*The Basin*” is in a 1868 field book by surveyor John Hardy.
84. “*The Ravine*”. So named because it was once difficult to access and resembles a gorge with steep sides. The land was carved up as Schneider’s Estate in 1913 which included the Bayview Crescent and Mercia Avenue areas. Lot 581 was purchased by the Ferntree Shire in 1950 and converted into a road to give Inverness Avenue access to Mountain Highway. Before 1984, Inverness Avenue was cut by a creek splitting the community living there. This changed in 1984 when the road was constructed over the creek. All roads in the Ravine were constructed in 1985/86.
85. Schneider’s Hill. So named because this hill was the highest part of the “*Schneider’s Estate*” first offered for sale in 1913. A track runs to the top of the hill, constructed by the landowner who owned property on top of the hill. The owner never had a chance to erect a house because the surrounding land was reclaimed by the Government to become part of the Dandenong Ranges National Park.
86. Chandler’s Hill. Unknown how named.
87. Boronia Hill Estate. First offered for sale in 1920. A few houses were erected on the higher slopes but those and others were purchased by the Government and amalgamated into the Dandenong Ranges National Park.
88. “*Old Joe’s Creek.*” Runs underground in pipes from where it crosses Bayview Crescent. Intermittent flow. Sources near the junction of Crete and Hansen Tracks. Thought to have been named after Joseph Gadd (“*Old Joe*”) who lived in a humpy alongside the creek above Bayview Crescent.
89. Site of Butcher shop and Milk Bar run by distinguished resident Roy Ritchie. Operated from 1957 to 1987.

90. The Basin Triangle. Originally residential properties. Progressively purchased back by the City of Knox and developed to be used as a recreation area and passive park.. In 2024, site of The Basin Progress Hall, The Basin Fire Brigade, The Basin Scouts and The Basin Elderly Citizens Hall. Major developments include car park, childrens' playground and public toilets. Major events held there are The Basin Music Festival and Carols by Candlelight.
91. Site of Ferndale Camp. Used by the Congregational Church as a youth camp from 1962 to 1992. Site acquired in 1992 by the government to become part of the Dandenong Ranges National Park.
92. Batterham Park Tennis Club, part of Batterham Reserve. Founded in 1972.
93. Site of saw mill used in the 1920s. In 2024, residential property.
94. Site of store known as "*Youl's Store*". Later became the Moonshiners restaurant (1974-1997). Later, the Calendula restaurant which closed in the late 2000s. In 2024, the Peacock Den.
95. Site of Les Greenwell's wood merchant yard. Operated from 1950 to 1960. In 2024, a residential property.
96. Martin Luther homes for the aged. Established in 1967.
97. Site of Hornby's Dairy. Commenced operation in the early 1930s and ceased in the late 1930s when local shops began selling milk. In 2024, a residential property.
98. Sugar Loaf Hill. Unknown how named.
99. Property originally known as "*Dodd's Gully*" and named after George Dodd, the original land selector. Located near the source of the Dandenong Creek below Olinda. Land first settled in the 1880s and is known for its scenic setting. The area has not been subjected to any bushfires in modern times. The property was purchased in 2014 by the Government and in 2024 is known as "*Rainbow Gully Reserve*".
100. House and property first known as "*The Bungalow*" and later as "*Glen Elborn*" when it became well known for its three hectares of botanical gardens. In 2024, the property is a bed and breakfast called Glen Elborne Estate.
101. Miss Girlie Lee Monument. In memory of Miss Girlie Lee who died in the tragic accident between a bus and a train at the Boronia level crossing in 1952. Nine people were killed. The monument was repainted by residents in 2014.
102. Site of Salvation Army Boys Home No. 3 (1931-1946).
103. Site of the Mill Track. Used in the 1920s for access to a sawmill and residents in The Ravine. In 2024, residential properties.
104. Early settler David Dobson's original house site. This house was demolished by the Salvation Army in the 1970s and a new house erected. In 2024, still used by the Salvation Army.
105. Site of Como Nurseries. Established by early settler William Chandler and carried on by later generations. Closed in 1988. In 2024, a residential property.
106. Site of "*Mail Bag Corner*". From 1900 to 1920 a mail post was located on the corner of The Basin-Olinda and Sheffield Roads and a loose bag hung there to collect mail. Also site of the "*Bert Chandler Gardens*", a display and retail outlet for Como Nurseries. In 2024, a residential property with portions of the gardens retained.
107. Site of early settler William Chandler and the family first home called "*Fern Glen*". Later the name was changed to Como as Fern Glen was the name of another property near The Basin. See 7.
108. Miller Park Reserve. Established in 1982. In 2024, home of Boronia Park Football Netball Club junior teams and Miller Park Tennis Club.
109. Site where accomplished surgeon Dr Yoffa resided in a tent. In 1959, she was killed in the tent by a deranged young man.
110. Site of the Glideaway Hall. Was attached to Canes Store. Demolished in 1979. In 2024, part of The Basin Triangle.
111. The "*Ferdinand Von Mueller Raingarden*" bio-infiltration system established in 2011. The system captures storm water and filters it through layers of sandy soil and plants, and then passes this clean water into Dobsons Creek.
112. Track running from Claremont Avenue, Golden Grove, and Inverness Avenue to Mountain Highway through Crown land. Can be used as a fire escape for residents of the Ravine or access for emergency vehicles. Shown as Inverness Track on maps.
113. Dam on a creek once used by Ferndale as its water supply. In 2024, the dam is partly intact, with a section of the top of the dam wall collapsed. It can be accessed via an overgrown track from Mountain Highway.
114. Plaque and flowering gum in memory of Colin Hart. He served with The Basin Fire Brigade for forty years, filling many roles. Colin is best remembered for the key role he played in the introduction of the Wajax fire hose couplings into the CFA.
115. Wicks East Nature Reserve. Established in 1972.
116. Section of track formerly known as "*Cobblestone Road*" and used as a coach route through The Basin to Ferny Creek and beyond. Steeper sections of the track were lined in cobblestones. When the road was closed, the cobblestones were recovered. In 2024, it is called Hilton Track and closed to vehicles.
117. Site of Boyup guest house. Operated in the 1920s. In 2024, a residential property.
118. Site of quarry created by John Yeadon after he purchased part of Crown allotment 72 from John Bruce in 1904. Operated for about 10 years. At the time, the land was not part of The Basin Primary School land but was later purchased by the Education Department.



119. Ferndale Road was originally created in the 1880s by Rivers Beachcroft Dickinson as a private road through his selection up to his property "*Hilton*", in Ferny Creek. It was marked "*Private*" on early maps. Past Mountain Highway, the road continued on tracks now known as Stewart, Edith, Helen and Danieda tracks.  
In 2024, Ferndale Road is part closed and all other tracks are closed to vehicles.
120. In 2021, an area for a "*Fire Authority Reserve*" of about 0.6 Hectares appeared on public maps. Thought to be reserved for a new fire station for The Basin Fire Brigade.  
In 2023, the site was officially purchased by the CFA from the Salvation Army.
121. Site of The Basin Community House 2019-2024. Displayed in a glass cabinet are historical books and contents of the time capsule opened in 2022.
122. Site of The Basin Community House 1987-2019.
123. Site of 2009 proposed healing centre in Augusta Road which never eventuated.
124. In 2024, Salvation Army Land. Approx size 88 ha or 217 acres. Purchased in 1897.
125. Site of lemon orchards grown in the 1930s by the Beaumont's and the Crawfords.
126. Site of George Leake's chemist shop which operated from 1963 to 1999 (36 years), making him in 2024, the longest serving shop proprietor in The Basin.
127. Site of proposed Ferndale School in 1983. The Health Department inspected the site and gave tentative approval. The proposal was squashed when The Shire of Sherbrooke advised the use of the property as a school was prohibited.
128. Track following a ridge to Olinda. First known as the "*Bullock Track*" created in the late 1840s. Used by early botanists, settlers, and timber workers. In 2024, the track is known as Ridge Track and Range Road, and both are closed to vehicles.
129. Site of public toilets erected in 1967 on land purchased by the Shire of Knox from the Salvation Army. The toilets were removed in 2010 when new, more modern, public toilets were erected in The Triangle. In 2024, used as a car park.
130. Mountain Highway from The Basin to Sassafras. The primary survey was made in 1914. Construction commenced in 1920 and finished in 1925 as a gravel road. Sealed in late 1936. First known to as the "*I in 20*" Road because of the road gradient.
131. Track into the rear of Inverness Road properties. Can be used as fire escape. Not shown on maps.
132. Vacant land between Old Forest Road and Mountain Highway and vacant land between Mountain Highway and Wicks Road. Both these blocks were part of the first surveyed road which came up Boronia Road, Forest Road, Old Forest Road, down to Toorak Road, across Mountain Highway and down Wicks Road. These sections were originally all connected and called Government Road. It was intended to be the main road into the area and was considerably wider than other roads. When Schneiders Estate and Mountain Highway were planned, the Shire of Ferntree Gully converted the sections of Government Road into vacant land and blocked vehicle access.
133. Doongalla Forest Reserve. Originally part of Doongalla estate. In 1950, the estate was offered for sale with a proposal to subdivide part of it into 339 blocks. The Government stepped in and purchased the land, creating the Doongalla Forest Reserve.
134. Mountain Highway Bayswater to The Basin. First called Bayswater Road.
135. Old Coach Road. Used for a coach service between Bayswater, through The Basin, to Sassafras until the mid-1920s when other routes and motor vehicles were used, and it was closed to vehicles.  
The road passed through land selected by John McClare. A steep section was known as "*McClare's Hill*" and is marked on early maps. The hill was so steep some lower-class coach passengers helped push the coach up this hill.  
In 2024, the road is partly closed to vehicles.
136. Up to the 1950s, the road stopped near Hazel Dell. The Shire of Ferntree Gully purchased land and extended the road to Olinda naming it "*The Basin – Olinda Road.*"
137. When land in the Bayview Crescent and Mercia Avenue area was subdivided in 1913, the streets were not connected except at Nyora Avenue. In the 1950s, lot 135 was purchased by the Shire of Ferntree Gully and converted into a road to connect Mercia Avenue and Bayview Crescent midway.
138. When land in the Ravine was subdivided in 1913, Inverness Avenue did not connect to Mountain Highway because the Highway had not yet been constructed. In the 1950s, the Shire of Ferntree Gully purchased lot 581 and converted it into a road to connect them.
139. Government Road and Outlook Track. These roads were not surveyed in the original land selections but added around 1880 after complaints by selectors that they had no road access to One Tree Hill.
140. Dobson Creek. Originally called Blind Creek. Renamed in 1967 after a submission by The Basin Progress Association.
141. Released in 1997, the Mountain Gateway Estate was the first major housing subdivision of land purchased by the Salvation Army in 1897.
142. Block of land on Tobruk Avenue that once had a house. In 2024, a driveway, levelled area and collapsed chimney can still be seen.

143. An extensive tiered bio-infiltration system in Golden Grove and Bowen Avenue within the council reserve immediately next to the creek. Associated with the “*Ferdinand Von Mueller Raingarden*” bio-infiltration system established in 2011. See 111.
144. A noticeboard created by a local resident displaying historical information about Ferndale. In 2024, the display is in poor condition.
145. Site of the Tozers’s home where they lived from the late 1950s. The Tozer family owned the Lower Ferntree Gully Grocery Store for many years. The house was next to a creek with a beautiful waterfall and rock ledges. There was a set of pipes, and a pump drawing plentiful water from a creek into tanks for their personal use. The waterfalls were a magnificent sight in wintertime. A track once followed the creek up the hill to Tyson Track. A dam accessible from Tyson Track was constructed after the 1968 bushfires on the same creek. In 2024, the levelled house area, driveway and non-native vegetation were still visible. In 2024, part of the Dandenong Ranges National Park.
146. Site of a house built from 1953 by William and Yola Pope, for his mother-in-law Stella Patrone. She lived there alone, on tank water and kerosene lighting/refrigeration up until around 1968 when she fell into poor health. No telephone or electricity was available for many years in the street. In 2024, part of the Dandenong Ranges National Park.
147. Site of two-story house built by a Mr. Meisel. He originally ran the Men's Clothing business of the name “*American Tailors*” (In 2024, still in operation in Bourke St Melbourne by the owners since the 1990s). The house had a table tennis in the cellar, a huge lounge on the patio overlooking the highway, and a magnificent in-ground pool in the yard. The house had the luxury of an inside toilet, and a second water tank for making hot running water. In 2024, part of the Dandenong Ranges National Park.

## Timeline The Basin and Surrounds

### 1820

- Jacob Friedrich Schneider born in Switzerland.

### 1827

- First recorded white visitor to the area now known as The Basin by W. H. Hovell.

### 1828

- Thomas Hodgson born in England.

### 1829

- George Leach born in England.
- William Murphy born in Ireland.

### 1831

- George Dodd born in England.

### 1832

- John McClare born in Ireland.

### 1835

- Richard Murphy born in Ireland.

### 1838

- Rev. James Clow takes up a Depasturing license for “*Corhanwarrabul*”, which includes an area near The Basin.
- David Dobson born in England.
- John Rosney born in Ireland.

### 1839

- Thomas Napier granted a Depasturing license for a run near Wantirna.

### 1840

- The “*Bullock Track*” created from The Basin to Olinda.
- Daniel Bunce passes through The Basin on route to exploring The Dandenongs.
- John Munro Bruce born in Ireland.
- William Tyner born.

### 1841

- George Williamson Bruce born in Ireland.

### 1842

- Samuel Collier born in England.

### 1844

- William Turner & family take up residence in Croydon.

### 1847

- William Turner and Margaret Killean married.
- Pre-emptive Right act passed.
- Settled District established embracing the area now know as The Basin.

### 1848

- Kate Chandler (née Timewell) born,

### 1849

- Counties of Evelyn and Mornington proclaimed.

### 1851

- First house erected in The Basin by William Turner.
- First known white child born at The Basin (Louisa Turner).
- Devastating fires in Victoria known as “*Black Thursday*”.

### 1852

- Baron Von Mueller appointed Government Botanist to the State of Victoria.

### 1853

- County of Bourke proclaimed.
- Baron Von Mueller camps in The Basin.

### 1854

- David Dobson arrives in Melbourne.

### 1856

- First election in Victoria for Upper and Lower Houses.
- Van Dieman’s Land renamed Tasmania.

### 1857

- Parish of Scoresby proclaimed in the County of Mornington.

### 1860

- William Turner & family leave The Basin.

### 1861

- John Yeadon born.

### 1862

- Berwick District Road Board proclaimed.

### 1864

- Berwick District Road Board enlarged to include the Parish of Scoresby.

### 1865

- Samuel Collier marries Emma Britnell.

### 1867

- First freehold title (Crown allotment A) in The Basin granted to William Watson (Vol 220 Fol 823).
- William Watson’s land purchased by Emma Rachael Dorrington.
- David Dobson marries Mary Ann Lum.
- Ferntree Gully Club hotel established by William Kennedy Ross.
- An area of 26,500 acres in the Dandenongs declared a State Forest reserve and called “*Dandenong and Woori Yallook State Forest*”

### 1868

- First map by John Hardy with “*The Basin*” marked. Also shown in his 1968 field book.
- Berwick District Road Board becomes the Shire of Berwick.

### 1869

- Janet Russell marries Edmund Wicks.

### 1870s

- Baron Von Mueller sets up a camp on the creek flats near what later became William Chandler’s property.

### 1872

- William Hill granted title (Vol 644 Fol 667) to Crown allotment 63A.
- David Dobson granted title to Crown allotment 72A (Vol 528 Fol 572) and purchases Crown allotment A from Emma Rachael Dorrington.
- Boundaries of the State Forest reserve declared in 1867 altered, but the area remained the same.

### 1875

- Archibald Chandler born.
- “*Chandler Oak Tree*” planted.
- Ferntree Gully Cemetery established in 5 acres of land reserved for the purpose.

### 1877

- James John Miller granted title to Crown allotment 71 (Vol 994 Fol 799).
- Wicks Homestead built.

**1878**

- Como, William and Kate Chandler's second home, first occupied.
- F. W. Woodhouse granted title to Crown allotment 72 (Vol 1055 Fol 813).
- 10,000 acres of the State Forest reserve declared in 1867 made available for selection.

**1879**

- Petition prepared by David Dobson to set up a school in The Basin.
- James John Miller granted title to Crown allotment 74 (Vol 1114 Fol 644).

**1880**

- Dandenong Range School opened in Doongalla Road.
- Edmund Wicks dies.

**1881**

- Janet Wicks granted title to Crown allotment 75 (Vol 1275 Fol 893).
- Thomas Hodgson granted title to Crown allotment 83 (Vol 1345 Fol 957).
- John Rosney granted title to Crown allotment 82 (Vol 1337 Fol 378).
- James John Miller granted title to Crown allotment 64 (Vol 1315 Fol 863).

**1882**

- Rail line extended from Camberwell to Ringwood.
- First Church service in The Dandenong Range School in Doongalla Road.
- Bayswater Progress Hall opened.
- Area of 412 acres between One Tree Hill and Ferntree Gully declared a National Park.
- James Richards granted title to Crown allotments 79 (Vol 1422 Fol 283) and 92 (Vol 1422 Fol 284).
- Margaret Jane Turner (née Killean) dies.

**1883**

- William Turner marries Harlettie Louisa Groombridge.

**1884**

- Education department officially recognises the Dandenong Range School be known as "*The Basin State School No. 2329, North Scoresby*".
- Legislation allowing married women the right to own property in Victoria.

**1885**

- Samuel Collier granted title to Crown allotment 54 (Vol 1700 Fol 826).
- Albert Selman the first person interred at Ferntree Gully cemetery.

**1887**

- John Barns granted title to Crown allotment 52A (house called Torwood erected there).

**1888**

- James John Miller's second house erected. Later known as "*Melrose*" (Miller's Homestead).
- James and John Griffiths granted title to Crown allotment 87 (Vol 2085 Fol 873).
- Proposal for tramway from Bayswater to Olinda past The Basin.
- John Barns granted title to Crown allotment 60 (Vol 2022 Fol 365).

- George Williamson Bruce granted title to Crown allotment 55 (Vol 2079 Fol 609). The title erroneously states his name as "*George Wilkinson Bruce*".
- Jacob Schneider granted title to Crown allotment 91 (Vol 2010 Fol 903).
- Richard and William Murphy granted titles to Crown allotments 89 (Vol 2014 Fol 602) and 88 (Vol 2022 Fol 333) respectively.

**1889**

- Ferndale built (this is disputed and may have been about 15 years later).
- Rail line extended from Ringwood to Fern Tree Gully.
- Shire of Fern Tree Gully proclaimed. James John Miller first President.
- Upper Ferntree Gully Hotel (The Royal) built.
- John Munro Bruce granted title to Crown allotment 56 (Vol 2164 Fol 780).
- George Bruce granted title to Crown allotment 52 (Vol 2238 Fol 438).
- Richard Murphy dies.

**1890**

- First mail to The Basin carried by Archibald Chandler.

**1891**

- Sir Matthew Davies purchases Crown allotments 52 (Vol 2238 Fol 438), 54 (Vol 1700 Fol 826), 55 (Vol 2079 Fol 609) and 56 (Vol 2329 Fol 618).
- Severe flood in The Basin, which damages Fern Glen and the Chandler gardens.
- Invermay built.
- Land slips in The Dandenongs.

**1892**

- Bayswater hall opened.
- George Dodd dies.
- Sir Matthew Davies declared bankrupt.

**1893**

- Cleve House (Clevedon) built.
- Regular coach trips through The Basin commence.
- William Turner dies.
- Frederick Weber (executor of George Dodd) granted title to Crown allotment 59 (Vol 2440 Fol 937).
- 10,000 acres of the State Forest reserve declared in 1867 made available for selection.

**1894**

- William Chandler elected President of Shire of Fern Tree Gully.
- 1,100 acres of the State Forest reserve declared in 1867 made available for selection.

**1895**

- Arthur Goode starts a coach service between Bayswater and Sassafras via The Basin.
- Robert Lum Dobson marries Janet Wicks.
- James Griffiths pays for erection of the Sassafras Mechanics Hall.

**1897**

- Salvation Army purchases land from David Dobson and John Schild and commences operation in The Basin.

**1898**

- Severe fire in The Basin including the National Park.

**1899**

- The Basin State School in Doongalla Road closes.

- Salvation Army leases James John Miller's land and home from the London Chartered Bank of Australia and commences operation of the No 2 Home.

#### 1900

- Patrick Rafferty granted the mail contract between Bayswater and Sassafras via The Basin.
- Puffing Billy line opened from Upper Ferntree Gully to Gembrook.
- John McClare granted title to Crown allotment 84 (Vol 2814 Fol 662).
- The Basin Primary School moved from Doongalla Road to the corner of Mountain Highway and Liverpool Road.
- Salvation Army erects a telephone service between its properties in The Basin.

#### 1901

- John Bruce dies.
- The Basin State School in Doongalla Road moved to the corner of Mountain Highway and Miller Road.

#### 1902

- The Basin gazetted as "receiving only" Post Office.
- Robert Lum Dobson dies.
- Salvation Army purchases 108 acres from the estate of John Bruce.

#### 1903

- Methodist Church built in The Basin.
- Louisa Kate Elizabeth Chandler marries John Maguire.

#### 1904

- Belgrave station named (formerly known as Monbulk from 1900 to 1904).

#### 1905

- Mary Barns (nee Tozer) dies.
- Ferndale built.
- Snow in The Basin.

#### 1906

- David Dobson dies.
- "Wicks Homestead" finished.
- Annie Victoria Wicks marries Arthur Harris in Wicks Homestead.
- Salvation Army purchases 59 acres from John Yeadon.

#### 1907

- Mary Ann Dobson (née Lum) dies.

#### 1908

- George Bruce dies.
- Miss Helen Archbald Luke Simson purchases Crown allotments 52, 54, 55 and 56, formerly owned by Sir Matthew Davies, and renames the mansion erected there "Doongalla".
- Miss Helen Archbald Luke Simson purchases Crown allotment 60 from John Barns.

#### 1909

- Miss Helen Archbald Luke Simson purchases a "right of carriageway" through Crown allotment 80 which becomes the main road into Doongalla.
- First lookout tower at One Tree Hill erected by Joe Saville

#### 1910

- Salvation Army No 2 Home destroyed by fire and is rebuilt.
- Esther Marion Chandler marries Franklin John Goodwin.

#### 1911

- William Chandler dies.

#### 1912

- Bayswater Telephone Exchange opened.
- Miss Helen Simson (Doongalla) dies.
- Sir Matthew Henry Davies dies.

#### 1913

- Salvation Army Home No 2 destroyed by fire.
- Schneider's Estate opened.

#### 1915

- First telephone service to Doongalla in The Basin.
- Land to create roads around a Triangle (later The Basin Triangle) purchased from Wreford Chandler by The Shire of Fern Tree Gully.
- Boronia Progress Association formed.

#### 1916

- First The Basin Post Office run by Mrs Ada Dickson in Mountain Highway opens.
- John Barns dies.
- Percival Bertram Chandler dies.

#### 1917

- Switzerland Heights Estate (formerly Schneider's Estate) opened.
- Janet Wicks (née Russell) dies.
- Bert Piergrosse sets up the "Bayswater Coach Service".
- William Murphy dies.

#### 1918

- Telephone service to "Como".

#### 1919

- Saw mill built in The Ravine.

#### 1920

- Boronia Station opened.
- Emma Collier dies.
- Construction of the 1 in 20 road (Mountain Highway) commences.

#### 1921

- Sidney Myer purchases "Vallego", a property in Ferny Creek.
- John Herbert Wicks dies.

#### 1922

- James John Miller dies.
- Doongalla sold to T. M. Burke.

#### 1923

- Chandlers Hill Estate opened.

#### 1924

- Forest Heights Estate opened.
- Smith's Store opens.
- Belgrave Lower renamed Tecoma and railway station opened there.

**1925**

- A new The Basin Primary School built away from the corner of Mountain Highway and Liverpool Road.
- Electrification of the railway line from Ringwood to Fern Tree Gully.
- James & Emily Griffiths killed at Bayswater railway crossing.
- Ferndale Estate opened.
- Canes store opened.
- South Sassafras renamed Kallista.
- Barn added to the rear of Smiths Store.
- Jean Campbell Hudson dies (wife of R. B. Smith)
- 1 in 20 road (Mountain Highway) construction finished in gravel.1926
- Eden Park Estate opened.
- The Basin Progress Association formed.
- Nine people killed at Boronia railway crossing accident.
- Boronia Progress Hall opened.
- Severe bushfires in Noojee, Kinglake, Warburton, Erica and Dandenong Ranges "*Black Sunday*".
- Mystic Lake Estate opened.

**1926**

- Boronia Progress Hall opened,.

**1927**

- The Basin Bush Fire Brigade formed.
- Forest Heights Estate opened.
- A revamped "*Ferndale Estate*" opened.
- Tecoma "*Star Theatre*" opened.

**1928**

- Salvation Army No 1 Home rebuilt in brick.
- Doongalla officially sold to T. M. Burke Proprietary Limited.

**1929**

- The Basin "*Queen Competition*" concept conceived to raise funds to purchase land and build The Basin Progress Hall.
- Burke's lookout proclaimed.
- New lookout tower (a disused poppet head) erected at One Tree Hill.

**1930**

- Somerville Park Estate opened.
- The Basin Children's Hospital Auxiliary formed.
- Land in The Triangle for The Basin Progress Hall purchased.

**1931**

- First stage of The Basin Progress Hall finished (no stage, kitchen or inside toilets).
- First carols by candlelight in The Basin at "*Como*".
- Salvation Army No 3 opens.
- The Basin Presbyterian Church founded.
- The Basin "*Queen Competition*" held.
- Lysterfield Progress Hall opened.

**1932**

- Doongalla destroyed by fire.
- The Basin Brigade gets its first fire alarm. A bell donated by T M Burke stored in a shed behind The Basin Progress Hall. In 2024, the bell is stored in the current The Basin Fire Brigade meeting room.
- The Basin Tennis Club formed.

- Tecoma "*Star Theatre*" closed. It was not equipped to show films with sound.
- Robert Dobson marries Kathleen Burden.
- Tom Turner (son of William Turner) dies.

**1933**

- First Church of England services in The Basin.
- Samuel Collier dies.
- Sidney Myer sells "*Vallego*", a property in Ferny Creek.

**1934**

- Doongalla Estate Mount Dandenong opens.
- Severe flood in The Basin.
- The Basin Presbyterian Church purchases land on the corner of Forest Road and Church Street.
- Sidney Myer dies.

**1935**

- The Basin Presbyterian Church building opened in The Basin.
- The Basin Badminton Club formed.
- Saw mill built in Doongalla.
- Cameo theatre in Belgrave opened. Built by Alex Jaensch.

**1936**

- Somerville Park Estate (formerly Schneider's Estate) opened.
- Norma Ann Sykes (Sabrina) born.
- 1 in 20 road (Mountain Highway) sealed.
- Glen Elbourne wins the best garden in the mountain district award.

**1937**

- Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp on Basin-Olinda Road opened.
- Emily Wicks and Annie Harris (nee Wicks) donate a block of land to build St Mary's Church of England on the corner of Wicks Road and Mountain Highway.
- Glen Elbourne wins the best garden in the mountain district award.
- Doongalla Native Game Sanctuary declared.

**1938**

- The Basin Red Cross branch formed.
- Glen Elbourne wins the best garden in the mountain district award.
- Jane McGaughan Murphy (nee Madden) dies.
- Clevedon auctioned.
- Smiths Store leased to Harold and Edith Poulter.
- Langdon's Store on Mountain Highway built.
- Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp issued permit to pump water from the creek (in 2024, Dobsons creek) for swimming pool.

**1939**

- St Mary's Church of England building opened in The Basin.
- Reticulated electricity to The Basin.
- Electra theatre opened in Boronia.
- Loyalty theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully opened. Built by Albert Rundle Glidden Tonkin.
- Severe bushfires all over Victoria "*Black Friday*".
- James (Jim) David Dobson dies.
- Lawrence Wreford Chandler dies.

#### 1940

- First buses to The Basin (not timetabled).1942
- Wicks Reserve proclaimed.
- First ambulance in The Dandenongs driven by Mrs. H. Chandler and others.
- Severe bushfires in South Gippsland.
- Stage, kitchen & inside toilets added to The Basin Progress Hall.

#### 1943

- Timetabled bus services to The Basin commence.
- Severe bushfires in Wangaratta.

#### 1944

- Country Fire Authority formed.
- Temporary Baby Health Centre established in The Basin Progress Hall.
- Severe bushfires in central and western districts, Morwell and Yallourn.

#### 1945

- The Basin Bush Fire Brigade disbanded.
- Land purchased by Shire of Ferntree Gully for Baby Health Centre.
- The Basin Post Office moves to a room beside a small shop on the western corner of The Basin roundabout.
- Concept of the Martin Luther Homes first vented.

#### 1946

- The Basin Bush Fire Brigade reconstituted.
- The Basin Football Club formed.
- The Basin Cricket Club formed (under different name).
- Salvation Army No 1 Home extended.
- Salvation Army No 3 Home closes.
- Harrison's Weaving Mill (Locksley Textiles) opened in The Basin.
- Janet Dobson dies.

#### 1947

- Land on Mountain Highway purchased to move St Mary's Church of England.
- The Basin Presbyterian Church purchases another block of land beside the church for future use.
- The Country Fire Authority purchases land opposite the Basin Triangle.

#### 1948

- Colchester-Basin Cricket Club players combine with The Basin Football Club.
- The Basin Cricket Club disbanded.
- St Mary's Church of England in The Basin re-located to land on Mountain Highway.

#### 1949

- The Basin Rural Fire Brigade formed.
- Richard Bartlett Smith, owner of the first store in The Basin, and tireless community worker dies.
- School shop opens opposite The Basin Primary School.
- Dandenong Ranges Fire Brigades Group formed.
- Letterbox installed at Langdon's Store.
- Croydon District Badminton Association formed with The Basin as a foundation member.
- Ted Mortiboy becomes proprietor of the Wine Saloon on Mountain Highway, Bayswater.
- The Basin Tennis Club wins its first premiership (B Grade).

#### 1950

- Mountain Highway Estate opened.

- The first Carols by Candlelight held in The Basin Progress Hall.
- The Basin Football Club joins the Croydon Ferntree Gully Football League.
- Bill and Blon Wright take over "*Walkers Store*" and rename it "*Wrights Store*".
- Part of Doongalla subdivided and offered for sale, but it was purchased by the Government and became known as Doongalla Estate.
- Langdon's Store on Mountain Highway sold.
- Land for Batterham Reserve purchased by The Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

#### 1951

- Reserve Estate opened.
- Clevedon Estate opened.
- The Basin Tennis Club wins first A Grade premiership.
- Bert Horsfield purchases Smiths store.
- The Basin Cricket Club suspended from the FTG District Cricket Association.
- Snow recorded in The Basin.

#### 1952

- Dunlop's Aviation Division factory opened in Bayswater.
- Nine people killed and 17 injured at Boronia railway crossing accident. Flashing lights later installed.
- The Basin Badminton Club A Grade premiers.
- School shop sold to the Davis family.
- Electricity connected to Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp.
- Victorian Drama League (VDL) established.

#### 1953

- New Mystic Lake Estate opened.
- Second The Basin Fire Brigade Station opened.
- The Basin Fire Brigade gets first siren.
- Croydon & Mountain District Badminton Association (C&MDBA) formed.
- Walkers Store purchased by William and Edna Wright.
- Thompson's garage sold to the Cook family.
- Puffing Billy line from Upper Ferntree Gully closed by a landslide.

#### 1954

- The Basin Theatre Group begins productions.
- The Basin Tennis Club disbanded.
- Guy Turner elected to the Shire of Ferntree Gully.
- The Basin Fire Brigade receives its first official vehicle. Austin 400 gallon Tanker.
- Fern Tree Gully Technical School opened.

#### 1955

- The Basin Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary formed.
- Reserve Estate Extension opened.
- Don Maguire elected The Basin Rural Fire Brigade Captain.
- Two adjacent blocks purchased to build a church hall St Mary's Church of England.  
Annie Victoria Harris (nee Wicks) dies.
- Keith and Mary Youl take over The Basin Store (formerly Smith's Store).
- The Basin Football Club temporarily suspended.

#### 1956

- The Basin Baby Health Centre opened.
- Granger's Butchers opens.

- Rowville Drive-In opens.

### 1957

- 2nd The Basin Scout group formed.
- The Basin Football Club reformed.
- The Basin Football Club first clubrooms. Tin shed.
- Granger's Butchers taken over by Roy Ritchie.
- Meeting room for the second The Basin Fire Station opened.
- The Basin Theatre Group officially formed.

### 1958

- British Nylon Spinners (first known as Fibremakers) opened factory in Bayswater.
- 1st The Basin Scout group formed.
- The Basin Pre-School Kindergarten opened.
- Edgar Rowstone (Rowley) Batterham passes away.
- The Basin Methodist Church building moved from near The Basin Primary School to Boronia.
- The Basin Badminton Club A Grade premiers.
- The Basin Cricket Club reforms as Basin Footballers Club.
- The Basin Primary School contributes 1,130 eggs to the Royal Melbourne Hospital egg appeal.
- Salvation Army No 2 Home rebuilt.
- Prudence Jane clothing company commences operation in The Glideaway.

### 1959

- Reticulated water arrives in The Basin.
- Local delivery of mail commenced.
- Robert John Dobson dies.
- First The Basin family picnic and baby show held.
- New trustees for The Basin Progress Hall.
- Sabrina (Norma Ann Sykes) visits The Basin.
- Dr Yoffa is killed in a tent on Mountain Highway.
- The Basin Junior Fire Brigade formed.

### 1960

- Boronia High School opened.
- Youl's store built.
- Salvation Army No 1 home renamed the Youth Training Centre.
- The Basin No. 1 Water storage tank near the top of Nyora Avenue finished.

### 1961

- George Grumont awarded life membership of the Mountain District Badminton Association.
- Guy Turner passes away.
- Concrete cross erected outside Clevedon in memory of Miss Girlie Lee, killed in the tragic level crossing accident at Boronia in 1952.

### 1962

- The Basin Women's Basketball (Netball) Club formed.
- Severe bushfires in The Basin, Christmas Hills, Kinglake, St Andrews, Hurstbridge, Warrandyte and The Dandenongs.
- The Basin Football Club joins the EDFL.
- The Basin Football Club Seniors win their first premiership (Div. 3).
- Ferndale destroyed by fire.
- Wicks Homestead destroyed by fire.
- First The Basin Theatre Group Building opened called "*The Hut*".
- Max Toole takes over The Basin Post Office.
- Garage on Corner of Mountain Highway and Miller Road first established by Fred and Maurie Cook.
- Electrified rail service extended from Upper Fern Tree Gully to Belgrave.
- The Basin Progress Association launches a monthly newsletter circulated around The Basin.
- "*Howe's Greengrocers*" taken over by Mrs Radford.
- Puffing Billy line between Belgrave and Menzies Creek reopened.

### 1963

- Knox Shire formed by severing from Fern Tree Gully Shire.
- New shopping centre built in The Basin.
- The Basin Scout Troop renamed 5th Knox.
- First debutante ball held in The Basin Progress Hall.
- Prudence Jane clothing company closes.
- George Leake opens a chemist shop in The Basin
- Foyer and toilet block added to The Basin Progress Hall.

### 1964

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Basin Guide company formed.
- 1<sup>st</sup> The Basin Brownie pack formed.
- The Basin Presbyterian Church congregation moves to Boronia.
- The Basin Badminton Club A Reserve premiers.
- First A Grade premiership to The Basin Women's Basketball (Netball) Club.
- First Basketball (Netball) court constructed in Batterham Reserve.
- Post Office moved from the west side of The Basin roundabout to the east side.
- St Mary's Church of England hall opened in The Basin.
- Michael Spry awarded the Australian Daffodil Championship.
- Stage modernised in The Basin Progress Hall.



## 1965

- The Basin Elderly Citizens Club begins operation as The Basin Pensioners Association.
- Knox Fire Brigade Group formed with The Basin Brigade as a member.
- Langdon's Store closes.
- Salvation Army No 1 Home opens a swimming pool.
- Don Maguire appointed chairman of the Ferntree Gully National Park Committee
- The Basin is allocated postcode 3154.
- Severe bushfires in Longwood and Gippsland.
- New service station built on the corner of Mountain Highway and Miller Road.
- New kitchen installed in The Basin Progress Hall.

## 1966

- Knox Technical School opened. 1967
- The Basin Centenary celebrations.
- Land donated to City of Knox by the Salvation Army to place a cairn, time capsule and plant a cedar tree in association with centenary celebrations.
- Third The Basin Fire Brigade Station opened.
- Public toilets erected near The Basin roundabout on land purchased by the Shire of Knox from the Salvation Army.
- Helen Chandler awarded MBE.
- Bill Wright awarded Knox Citizen of the year award.
- Women employed in the Australian public service no longer required to give up their jobs once they married.
- Dobson Creek renamed after a submission by The Basin Progress Association. Previously known as Blind Creek.
- Chandler family erects cairn under oak tree in Doongalla road.
- Scouts purchase The Basin Presbyterian Church land and building.
- Eastland opens.
- Land purchased for Martin Luther Homes.
- Shire of Knox allocates a portion of land at the rear of The Basin Pre-School Kindergarten to be used as a playground. Land previously used by The Basin Scouts.

## 1968

- Severe bushfires in The Basin and The Dandenongs.
- Boronia Heights Primary School opened.
- Millers Homestead classified by the National Trust.
- Land on The Triangle rezoned by Knox Council to "*passive park*".
- Loyalty theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully closes.
- Picnic ground established in Wicks Reserve
- John Maas becomes The Basin Scouts first Queen Scout.

## 1969

- The Basin Brownie packs 1st and 2nd combine.
- Meeting to form Doongala Pony Club.
- Instigated by The Basin Progress Association, the section of road between Basin-Olinda Road and Mountain Highway renamed Wicks Road.
- Severe bushfires in Lara, Daylesford, Bulgana, Yea, Darraweit, Kangaroo Flat and Korongvale.
- First buildings for Martin Luther Homes.

- Retarding Basin on Liverpool Road constructed.
- Shire of Knox becomes a city.

## 1970

- Severe flood in The Basin.
- Women's basketball name changed to Netball.
- Bert Chandler (Como Nurseries) dies.

## 1971

- Riding for the Disabled group formed in The Basin.
- Brick extension to old Scout Hall (church) finished.
- Doongala Pony Club officially registered.
- Kevin Gale awarded Knox Citizen of the year award.
- The Basin Theatre Group purchases land in Doongalla Road.
- Max White becomes Mayor of Knox.
- The Basin Progress Association adopts as their symbol a small blue native flower — *Brunonia Australis*, commonly known as Blue Pincushion.
- Roy Ritchie opens a Milk Bar run by Mrs Radford.

## 1972

- Clevedon destroyed by fire.
- The Basin Scout Hall in Church Street destroyed by fire.
- Boom gates installed at Boronia railway crossing.
- Batterham Park Tennis Club formed.
- Library finished at The Basin Primary School.
- Fire destroys main building at Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp.
- Fire destroys half of the Salvation Army Special School.
- Lower Fern Tree Gully railway station name changed to Ferntree Gully.
- Lysterfield Progress Hall destroyed by fire.
- 1812 theatre opened in Upper Ferntree Gully.
- First shed erected for Doongala Pony Club.
- Site of an early house destroyed by fire (near the top end of Bayview Crescent). Now The Basin No. 2 Reservoir.
- Martin Luther Homes chapel opened.
- Ferntree Gully District Camp at Yumbunga. Lake Eppalock established and used by The Basin Primary School.

## 1973

- Boronia Technical School opened.
- The Basin Elderly Citizens Hall opened on The Triangle.
- New The Basin Theatre Group Building opened.
- Last private property on Triangle purchased by Knox Council.
- The Basin Children's Hospital Auxiliary closes.
- Fire in The Basin Progress Hall damages stage.
- New buildings erected at Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp.
- Boronia Shopping Town (Boronia Mall) opens.
- Mountain District Badminton Association erects first badminton courts on land known in 2024 as the Kilsyth Sports Centre.

## 1974

- Grumont Reserve proclaimed.
- Lowline Industries commences operation in The Basin.
- Church Street closed at Mountain Highway after a suggestion to Knox Council from The Basin Progress Association.
- Don Maguire awarded The Queens Long Service & Good Conduct Medal.
- Bill and Blon Wright sell Wrights Store. New owners demolish old store and build a new one.

## 1975

- Playgroups commence at The Basin Infant Welfare Centre.
- The Basin Basketball Club formed.
- Salvation Army No 1 Home extended with two-storey extension to existing main building.
- St Mary's Church of England extended.
- The Basin Theatre Group celebrates its 21st birthday.
- New conference centre building erected at Clevedon.
- Chandler family reunion near oak tree in Sheffield Road.
- The Basin Fire Brigade siren testing time changed.

## 1976

- Toddler Groups commence at The Basin Infant Welfare Centre.
- The Basin Progress Association celebrates 50 years.
- The Basin Basketball Club women's team formed.
- Art/Craft room finished at The Basin Primary School.
- Goodwin Estate opens.
- Night classes commence at Boronia Technical School.

## 1977

- Fifth The Basin Fire Brigade Station officially opened.
- Don Maguire awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM).
- Don Maguire stands down as Captain of The Basin Fire Brigade and Allan Small becomes Captain.
- Don Maguire takes up role of Knox Group Officer.
- First premiership win by The Basin Football Club under 15's.
- Lilydale Bowman Club formed.
- The Basin Theatre Group purchases a second block of land in Doongalla Road adjacent to the first block purchased.
- Uniting Church of Australia takes over running Hazel Dell.
- Claremont/Inverness Roads Construction Association formed.
- Knox City shopping centre opens.

## 1978

- Edna Chandler awarded Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).
- The Basin Scout Troop name changed back to 1st The Basin.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Basin Brownie pack formed.
- Attempted robbery on The Basin Post Office.
- The Basin Basketball Club boy's team formed.
- Committee formed to investigate building a new kindergarten in The Basin. Later known as the Goodwin Estate Kindergarten.
- Roy Ritchie closes his butcher shop.

- The "*Boronia*" water tank located on Mountain Highway The Basin built.

## 1979

- The Basin Scout Troop Ladies Auxiliary formed.
- Bart Bortolussi takes over The Basin Post Office.
- Glideaway building on The Triangle demolished.
- Electra theatre in Boronia rebuilt as a twin cinema and renamed the Village Twin.
- Hose drying tower and siren platform erected behind The Basin Fire Station.
- Brick pavilion in Batterham Reserve opened and named The D P Maguire Pavilion.

## 1980

- The Basin Primary School Centenary.
- Severe bushfire in Doongalla Area.
- Goodwin Estate Kindergarten opens.
- The Basin YWCA Friendly Circle formed.
- Chandlers Hill Parkcare Group established.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The Basin Brownie pack formed.
- Roy Ritchie awarded The Queens Long Service & Good Conduct Medal.
- George Hill wins gold at the Culinary Olympics.
- The Basin Fire Brigade obtains first set of breathing apparatus.
- The Basin Boys Home Special School buildings purchased by the Education Department for use by The Basin Primary School.

## 1981

- Doongalla Adult Riding Club formed.
- Land on The Triangle allocated for new Scout Hall.
- The Basin Basketball Club junior girls team formed.
- The Basin Fire Brigade purchases pagers.
- The Basin Salvation Army Home No 2 closes and becomes a Convention Centre, renamed The Salvation Army Mountain Valley Convention Centre.
- The Basin No. 2 Reservoir (off the top end of Bayview Crescent) finished.
- The Basin Scouts sell their old land.

## 1982

- Steel cables attached to oak tree in Sheffield road.

## 1983

- St. Bernadette's RC School opened (initially at St. Joseph's in Boronia).
- The Basin Junior Field Naturalist Club formed.
- The Basin Pensioners Association became known as The Basin Elderly Citizens Club.
- Urban status to The Basin Fire Brigade.
- "*Ash Wednesday*" bushfires. Forty-seven lives lost in Victoria.
- 1<sup>st</sup> The Basin Venturers formed.
- George Hill wins Australian Caterer of the year.
- The Basin Theatre Group consolidates 2 blocks of land in Doongalla Road.
- The Basin Fire Brigade "*Shaft Award*" instigated.
- The Triangle upgraded with a car park, and a path beside it covered by a pergola. Children's play equipment and barbecues installed.
- The Basin Junior Fire Brigade reformed.
- Permission of husbands no longer required for the issue of passports to wives.
- Cottage homes closed at The Basin Salvation Army.

## 1984

- Erection of new Scout Hall on Triangle commences.
- The Basin Red Cross closes.
- Neil Whittorn takes over The Basin Post Office.
- The Basin Theatre Group registered as an incorporated association.
- First Carols by Candlelight in The Triangle.
- Snow recorded in The Basin.
- Road constructed across the creek in the Ravine.
- Oak tree in Doongalla Road classified by the National Trust.
- Clubrooms erected at Lilydale Bowmans Club.

## 1985

- The Basin Football Club Seniors win their second premiership (Div. 3).
- The Basin Primary School involved in Victoria's 150th year celebrations. Time capsule containing school memorabilia buried on school grounds. To be opened in 2035.
- The Basin Netball Club registered.
- The Basin Central Shopping Centre opens.
- The Basin Primary School opens a recycle shop.
- Construction of all roads in the Ravine commences.
- Rowville Drive-In closes.
- Lookout tower at One Tree Hill closed for safety reasons.

## 1986

- Neighbourhood Watch commences in The Basin.
- Miller Park Tennis Club formed.
- First "*Claremont Cup*" in The Ravine held.
- Aquarian Spiritual Church opened in The Basin Progress Hall.

## 1987

- The Basin Community House formed.
- Helen Chandler passes away.
- Boronia Rotary fits roof to The Basin Scout Hall.
- Salvation Army No 1 Home closed as a Youth Training Centre.
- Dandenong Ranges National Park proclaimed.
- Water tank on Schneider's Hill (underground) finished.
- Roy Ritchie closes his shop run by Mrs Radford.
- Nyora Avenue, Bayview Crescent, Mercia Avenue, Wright Street and Government Road between Toorak Avenue and Mercia Avenue constructed.

## 1988

- The Basin Scout Hall opened on The Triangle.
- Como Nurseries closes.
- The Basin/Ferntree Gully Salvation Army Cricket Club formed.
- George Hill awarded a Churchhill Fellowship.
- First court lights at Miller Park Tennis Club.

## 1989

- St. Mary's Church in The Basin closes.
- Como Nurseries no longer with the Chandler family.
- Extensions to The Basin Theatre Group Building opened.
- Village Twin theatre in Boronia closes.
- Major building upgrade at The Basin Primary School.
- "*Skillshare*" commences at the No 1 Salvation Army home.
- The Basin Primary School recycle shop closes.

## 1990

- Playgroups at The Basin Infant Welfare Centre cease.
- Knox Council proposes to close The Basin Kindergarten.
- New brick storeroom and scoreboard opened at Batterham Reserve and named in honour of Arthur Cooper.
- Three new courts with lights installed at Miller Park Tennis Club.
- Village Twin theatre in Boronia taken over by Century cinemas and expanded into 4 screens. Toddler Groups cease operation.
- Sheila and Ron Phelan take over The Basin Post Office.
- Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam purchases St Mary's land and buildings.
- Martin Luther Homes hostel opened.
- Boronia Technical School changes name to Boronia Heights Secondary College.
- Chandlers Hill Parkcare Group formed.
- Arthur Cooper passes away.

## 1991

- Boronia High School closes.
- Rotary Club of The Basin formed.
- Toddler Groups at The Basin Infant Welfare Centre cease.
- Former The Basin Primary School teachers residence opened as The Basin Community House building.
- Blon Wright passes away.
- Martin Luther Homes hostel officially opens.
- Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam temple foundation stone laid.

## 1992

- The Basin 125 Year celebrations.
- "*Fire on the Hill, Flowers in the Valley*". History of The Basin first published.
- Ferndale camp closes.
- Knox Council proposes an Overall development Plan for Salvation Army lands in The Basin.
- Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam temple consecration.
- The Basin Post Office robbed.
- Toorak Avenue constructed. The first street in The Basin to incorporate speed restricting devices.
- First wedding in The Basin Progress Hall.
- Jean Hill wins medals at the Culinary Olympics.

## 1993

- Major building alterations to The Basin Kindergarten.
- Clevedon celebrates its centenary.
- The Basin Gumnut Guide Unit formed.
- Edna Chandler inducted into the Lyrebird Awards Hall of Fame.
- Hazel Dell sold by the Uniting Church of Australia to be used as a residential property.

**1994**

- The Basin Football Club Seniors win their third premiership (Div. 3).
- Don Maguire passes away.
- Cassandra Aroin the first 1<sup>st</sup> The Basin Guides to receive the Baden Powell award.
- Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam temple in The Basin officially opened.
- Sherbrooke Council applies to include The Basin and parts of Ferntree Gully into its boundaries.
- Boronia and The Basin News (BBCN) officially registered as an incorporated association and the first paper produced.
- Gates installed on tracks into Ferntree Gully National Park land once the New Mystic Lake Estate.
- Right-of-Way path between Claremont Avenue and Mountain Highway concreted.

**1995**

- New classrooms finished at The Basin Primary School.
- The Basin Basketball club starts using the name "*The Basin Wildcats*".
- Fergus Chandler passes away.

**1996**

- The Basin Neighbourhood Watch celebrates its tenth birthday.
- A 15 acre block incorporating the Bert Chandler Gardens sold to George and Pat Hetrel.
- Access track constructed from the eastern end of roads in The Ravine up to Mountain Highway.
- Ferntree Gully Technical School closes.

**1997**

- Severe bushfires in The Basin and Ferny Creek.
- St. Bernadette's Community Hall opened.
- Mountain Gateway Estate opened.
- Batterham Tennis Club celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- The Basin Fire Brigade celebrates 70 years of establishment.
- Original Service station on the corner of Miller Road and Mountain Highway demolished and a modern new service station erected complete with car wash.
- Forest Lodge Restaurant closes.
- Mountain Gateway Estate opens for sale.
- Goodwin Estate commences a Pre-kinder for 3-year-old's.

**1998**

- Rail line underground at Boronia crossing.
- Moonshiners restaurant in The Basin closes.
- Edna and Fergus Awards instituted by The Basin Theatre Group.
- Windows 98 released.
- Como open gardens commences.

**1999**

- The Basin YWCA Friendly Circle closes.
- George Leake closes his chemist shop which was open for 36 years.
- Allan Small steps down as Captain of The Basin Fire Brigade.
- Roy Ritchie receives the Queens Long Service & Good Conduct Medal.
- Wrights Store adds a takeaway food section.
- Suspicious fire at the Hindu Temple.

- Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp on Basin-Olinda Road closes.

**2000**

- Mal Leather opens the Oak Tree Tavern.
- Wrights Store remodelled to create a takeaway food section.
- Allan Small becomes Group Officer of the Knox Fire Brigades Group.
- BBCN wins the Proud Communication Award.

**2001**

- Seventh Day Adventist Camp land and buildings purchased by the Romanian Seventh Day Adventist Church.
- Kate Hall opens Calendula restaurant.
- The Basin Netball Club deregistered.
- Extensions to The Basin Community House.
- Mal and Aileen Leather open the Acorn on Forest restaurant.

**2002**

- Artificial grass courts installed at Miller Park Tennis Club.
- The Basin Rotary Club closes.
- The Basin Aquarian Spiritual Church incorporated association deregistered
- Boronia Heights Secondary College becomes Boronia Heights College.
- BBCN wins the Proud Communication Award.

**2003**

- Edna Louise Barrett Chandler passes away.
- Time capsule buried in village square in Upwey. To be opened in 2053.
- The Basin Progress Hall land ownership transferred from trustees to The Basin Progress Association.

**2004**

- The Basin Progress Hall and land sold to The City of Knox for \$1.
- The Basin Progress Association disbanded.
- The Basin Theatre Group celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Century cinema in Boronia reopens as Regent cinema then closed for breaching safety regulations.
- Allan Small receives the Australian Fire Services Medal.

**2005**

- First The Basin Music Festival held.
- Bill Wright passes away.
- Jan Flanigan takes over the Oak Tree Tavern.
- The Basin Primary School the first Knox School to be accredited with the Performance and Development Culture award.
- Century cinema in Boronia reopens as Metro cinemas.
- New modern building erected on the Ferndale site with the view aligned to the tallest building in the Melbourne Central Business District.

**2006**

- The Basin Progress Hall kitchen upgraded.
- The Basin Netball Club registered as The Basin Netballers.

**2007**

- New toilets, exterior repaired and painted at The Basin Progress Hall.
- Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam temple in The Basin has extensive renovations and second consecration.
- Miller Park Tennis Club celebrates 21 years.

**2008**

- Barry Valentine takes over the Oak Tree Tavern.
- Allan Small named Knox citizen of the year.
- John Mortimore elected to Knox Council.

**2009**

- “*Black Saturday*” with severe bushfires. 173 deaths.
- Clevedon site leased to the Christadelphian Society to be used as a school.
- Max White passes away.
- Jim Stephens passes away.
- The Basin Marinda Ranger Guide Unit formed.
- VCAT rules against the proposed healing centre in Augusta Road.
- The Basin Rural Fire Brigade deregistered.
- Service station on the corner of Mountain Highway and Forest Road stops selling fuel and concentrates on repairs.

**2010**

- Last house removed from The Triangle and toilets and playground installed.
- Christadelphian Heritage College opens.
- Colin Hart passes away.

**2011**

- Bio-infiltration system installed in Wicks reserve.
- The Basin Primary School reunion for former students who finished Grade six between 1978 and 1985.
- Roy Ritchie passes away.
- Plaque unveiled and flowering gum planted in the Triangle in memory of Colin Hart.
- Thrift shop opens at The Basin Salvation Army Church.

**2012**

- Bio-infiltration System in Wicks Reserve named the “*Ferdinand Von Mueller Raingarden*”.
- The BBCN celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> issue.
- The Basin Big Break Youth Stage (part of The Basin Music Festival) has its own weekend.

**2013**

- April Himmelreich wins the Education Award at the CFA Fire Awareness Awards for “*The Captain Koala and Friends Show*”.
- The Basin Fire Brigade siren reintroduced.

**2014**

- Permanent pavilion constructed in The Triangle. The Basin Progress Hall stage and surrounding walls removed and rebuilt around the pavilion.
- The Basin Football Club incorporates a Netball group into the organisation known as “*The Bearettes*” and changes its name to The Basin Football Netball Club.
- Open days at The Basin Fire Brigade commence.
- Lowline Industries closes.
- The Basin newsagency closes.
- Boronia Heights College closes.

- Monument on nature strip outside what was once “*Clevedon*” on Mountain Highway repainted by residents.

**2015**

- Colin Tan takes over The Basin Post Office.
- Suzanne and Ross Mackintosh take over the Acorn on Forest restaurant.
- Chandlers Hill Parkcare Group celebrates 25 years of service.
- Fiskville CFA training complex closed.

**2016**

- Tony Eastward takes over the Acorn on Forest restaurant.
- Service station on the corner of Mountain Highway and Forest Road closes.
- Bayswater rail line relocated under Scoresby Road and Mountain Highway and new station built.
- Norma Ann Sykes (Sabrina) dies.

**2017**

- Plaque on the cairn in The Basin Centenary garden was to be removed and the bottle containing a copy of The Basin centenary handbook extracted from the brickwork. See **2022**.
- Boronia Heights College buildings demolished.
- The Basin Food is Free project commences.
- Mount View Estate opens.

**2018**

- Time capsule buried at The Basin Primary School in 1985 recovered and stored in the School office. A new basketball stadium being constructed would have covered the time capsule.
- Jack Wallace, founding member of The Basin Cricket Club, passes away.
- The Basin Food is Free Project and Community Garden formed.
- John Mortimore elected mayor of The City of Knox.
- City of Knox declares the Millers Homestead site surplus, but after a public backlash reverses its decision.
- Basketball stadium erected at The Basin Primary School.
- The Basin Basketball Club (*Wildcats*) commences using the new basketball stadium at The Basin Primary School as their base.
- Martin Luther Homes win Victorian Aged Care Provider of the Year.
- The Basin Football Club form the first women’s team to play in competition football.
- George and Pat Hetrel donate \$1,000,000 towards upgrading facilities at Batterham reserve.
- The Basin Elderly Citizens Club deregistered.
- The Basin General Store/Milk bar closes (Alchester milk bar also closes).

**2019**

- The new The Basin Community House opens.
- The Basin Cricket Club 1st’s win their first premiership.
- Como open gardens program closed.

## 2020

- Severe bushfires in Victoria and NSW.
- Coronavirus pandemic.
- Kevin Chen takes over The Basin Post Office.
- Jude Dwight elected councillor for Knox Chandler Ward.
- Christadelphian Heritage College relocates to Ferntree Gully.
- Fernbrook School takes over the Christadelphian Heritage College facilities.

## 2021

- Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam temple in The Basin extensively renovated and has third consecration.
- An area for a “*Fire Authority Reserve*” of about 0.6 Hectares appears on public maps along The Basin Olinda Road.
- Martin Luther Homes win Victorian Aged Care Provider of the Year.
- Coronavirus pandemic.
- An Expression of Interest (EOI) process advertised for the 100 ha of land owned by The Salvation Army in The Basin.

## 2022

- Coronavirus pandemic.
- Plaque on the cairn in The Basin Centenary garden removed and the bottle containing a copy of The Basin centenary handbook extracted from the brickwork. The bottle was cracked and the handbook in poor condition. Cairn and plaque were restored.
- John Mortimore, editor of Boronia and The Basin Community News, receives a Victoria Day Award for community service.
- Rumours spread that a trout farm would be established at the Retarding Basin, but later found to be a prank
- Batterham Tennis Club celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Community picnic held in The Basin Triangle to celebrate opening of the time capsule buried in 1967.
- Vintage W-class tram installed at Acorn Bar and Grill.
- Michael Johnson, founder of The Basin Food is Free Project & Community Garden, receives a Victoria Day Award for community service.

## 2023

- Margaret Penford receives a Victoria Day Award for community service with The Basin and Boronia Community News
- Joel Clarke awarded Knox City Council Clubperson of the year for his involvement with The Basin Cricket Club.
- Ray Brown, a long time volunteer with The Basin Fire Brigade, founder of The Basin Junior Field Naturalist’ Club and local identity passes away.
- Como Gardens opens for Garden Clubs, Weddings, Special Events and Private Functions.
- The Victorian state government approves plans for high density housing at the former Boronia Heights College grounds.
- Vintage W-class tram installed at Acorn Bar and Grill in 2022 removed.
- The Fire Reserve area on The Basin-Olinda Road officially purchased by the CFA.

- Recovered time capsule placed on permanent display at The Basin Community House.
- Jude Dwight elected mayor of The City of Knox.
- Carols by Candlelight cancelled.

## 2024

- New time capsule presented at a community picnic in The Basin Triangle. To be stored in The Basin Fire Brigade current meeting room and opened in 2042.
- The Basin Bakery wins the Triple MMM Best Bakery of Melbourne award.
- Michael Johnson, founder of The Basin Food is Free Project & Community Garden, receives a Tilly Aston community award in recognition of being a finalist in the category of Local Hero Award for 2024.
- Goodwin Estate Kindergarten stops operating.

## 2027

- Centenary of The Basin Bush Fire Brigade formation.

## 2035

- Time capsule stored at The Basin Primary School to be opened. The capsule contains memorabilia associated with Victoria’s 150th year celebrations in 1985.

## 2042

- Time capsule stored at The Basin Fire Brigade current meeting room to be opened celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town. The capsule was prepared at a community picnic in The Basin Triangle in January 2024.

## 2053

- Time capsule located in town square in Upwey to be opened.

## 2067

- The Basin township Bi-Centenary.

## 2080

- The Basin Primary School Bi-Centenary.