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# **Chapter 15**

## **Timeline**

## Summary

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This Chapter lists in chronological order the important events that have or will occur in and around The Basin.

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- 1827**  
First recorded white visitor to the area now known as The Basin by W. H. Hovell.
- 1837**  
Rev. James Clow takes up a Depasturing licence for “Corhanwarrabul” which includes an area in The Basin.
- 1839**  
Thomas Napier granted a Depasturing licence for a run near Wantirna.
- 1840**  
Daniel Bunce travels through The Basin on route to exploring The Dandenongs.
- 1840**  
County of Bourke proclaimed.
- 1844**  
William Turner moves with his family to Croydon.
- 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).
- 1853**  
Baron Von Mueller establishes a camp on the creek flats near what later became William Chandler’s property.
- 1857**  
Parish of Scoresby proclaimed in the County of Mornington.
- 1860**  
William Turner & family leave The Basin.
- 1862**  
Berwick Road District Board proclaimed.
- 1864**  
Berwick Road District Board enlarged to include the Parish of Scoresby.
- 1867**  
First land in The Basin purchased by William Watson.  
Land purchased by Emma Dorrington.
- 1868**  
First map (by John Hardy) showing “The Basin”.
- 1870**  
Land granted to William Hall.
- 1871**  
Samuel Collier settled.
- 1872**  
William Hill purchases land in The Basin.  
J. J. Miller purchases land in The Basin.  
David Dobson purchases land in The Basin.  
William Chandler purchases land in The Basin.
- 1875**  
Woodhouse selects land.  
Archibald Chandler born  
Chandler Oak Tree planted.
- 1877**  
Samuel and James Collier purchase land  
Edmund Wicks selects land in The Basin.  
Tyner selects land in an area later known as “Ferndale”.  
State forest boundary altered.
- 1878**  
John McClare selects land.  
Como, William and Kate Chandler’s second home, built.
- 1880**  
First The Basin Primary School opened in Doongalla Road. Known as the Dandenong Range School
- 1882**  
John Chambers selects land.  
Rail line extended from Camberwell to Ringwood.  
First Church service in The Basin School in Doongalla Road
- 1884**  
Education department officially recognises that the Dandenong Range School be now called The Basin” State School No. 2329, North Scoresby.
- 1888**  
Melrose House, J. J. Miller’s house built.  
James Griffiths purchases land.  
Proposal for tramway from Bayswater to Olinda through The Basin.
- 1889**  
Ferndale built.  
Fern Tree Gully Shire proclaimed. J J Miller first President.  
Rail service extended from Ringwood to Fern Tree Gully.

- 1890**  
First mail to The Basin carried by Archibald Chandler.
- 1891**  
Severe flood in The Basin which severely damages Fern Glen and the Chandler gardens.  
Doongalla built.
- 1892**  
Bayswater hall opened.
- 1893**  
Cleve House built.  
Regular coach trips to The Basin commence.
- 1894**  
William Chandler elected President of Shire of Fern Tree Gully.
- 1895**  
Arthur Goode establishes a coach service between Bayswater and Sassafras via The Basin.
- 1897**  
Salvation Army purchases Dobson Land.
- 1898**  
Severe fire in The Basin.
- 1899**  
First The Basin Primary School in Doongalla Road closed.
- 1900**  
Patrick Rafferty granted the mail contract between Bayswater and Sassafras via The Basin.  
Puffing Billy opened from Upper Ferntree Gully to Gembrook.
- 1901**  
The Basin Primary School re-located & reopened on present site.
- 1902**  
The Basin gazetted as “receiving only” Post Office.
- 1903**  
Methodist Church built in The Basin.
- 1906**  
David Dobson dies.
- 1910**  
Salvation Army No 2 Home in Mountain Highway destroyed by fire.
- 1911**  
William Chandler dies.
- 1912**  
Bayswater Telephone Exchange opened.
- 1913**  
Salvation Army Home No 2 in Mountain Highway destroyed by fire.
- 1915**  
First telephone service to The Basin (Doongalla).
- 1916**  
First The Basin Post Office run by Mrs Ada Dickson in Mountain Highway.
- 1917**  
Switzerland Heights Estate opened.  
Janet Wicks dies.
- 1919**  
Saw mill built in The Ravine.
- 1920**  
Boronia Station opened.

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- 1924**  
Forest Heights Estate opened.  
Smith's Store - first shop in The Basin opens.
- 1925**  
New The Basin Primary School built.  
Electric trains to Fern Tree Gully.  
James & Emily Griffiths killed at Bayswater railway crossing.  
Ferndale sold at auction.  
Ferndale Estate opened.
- 1926**  
Eden Park Estate opened.  
The Basin Progress Association formed.  
Nine people killed at Boronia railway crossing accident  
Cain's store built.  
Barn added to rear of Smith's Store.  
Boronia Progress Hall opened.  
Severe bushfires in Victoria.
- 1927**  
The Basin Bush Fire Brigade formed.  
Forest Heights Estate opened.
- 1928**  
Salvation Army No 1 Home rebuilt in brick
- 1930**  
Somerville Park Estate opened.  
The Basin Children's Hospital Auxiliary formed.
- 1931**  
The Basin Progress Hall completed.  
First carols by candlelight in The Basin at "Como".  
The Basin Presbyterian Church founded.  
The Basin "Queen Competition" held.
- 1932**  
Doongalla destroyed by fire.  
The Basin Brigade gets first fire alarm - a bell.  
The Basin Tennis Club formed.
- 1933**  
First Church of England services in The Basin.
- 1934**  
Doongalla Estate Mount Dandenong opens.
- 1935**  
The Basin Presbyterian Church building opened in The Basin.  
The Basin Badminton Club formed.  
Saw mill built in Doongalla.
- 1936**  
Norma Ann Sykes (Sabrina) born.
- 1937**  
Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp opened in The Basin.
- 1938**  
The Basin Red Cross branch formed.
- 1939**  
St Marys Church of England building opened in The Basin.  
Reticulated Electricity to The Basin.  
Severe bushfires in Victoria "Black Friday".
- 1940**  
First buses to The Basin.
- 1942**  
Wicks Reserve proclaimed.
- 1943**  
Timetabled bus services commence.
- 1944**  
Country Fire Authority formed.  
Baby Health Centre established in The Basin Progress Hall.
- 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 No 1 Home extended.  
Batterham Reserve proclaimed.  
Harrison's Weaving Mill (Locksley Textiles) opened in The Basin.
- 1947**  
Land donated for Baby Health Centre.
- 1948**  
Colchester-Basin Cricket Club players combine with The Basin Football Club.  
The Basin Cricket Club disbanded.  
St Marys Church of England in The Basin relocated to land on Mountain Highway.
- 1949**  
The Basin Rural Fire Brigade formed.
- 1950**  
Mountain Highway Estate opened.  
Dandenong Ranges Fire Brigade Group Formed
- 1951**  
Reserve Estate opened.  
Clevedon 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.

### 1955

The Basin Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary formed.

Reserve Estate Extension opened.

### 1956

The Basin Baby Health Centre opened.

Grangers Butchers opens.

### 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.

Salvation Army No 2 Home rebuilt.

### 1959

Reticulated water to The Basin.

Local delivery of mail commenced.

First The Basin family picnic and baby show held.

### 1960

Boronia High School opened.

Youle's store built.

Salvation Army No 1 home renamed the Youth Training Centre.

### 1962

The Basin Basketball (netball) Club formed.

Severe bushfire in The Basin and Dandenongs.

The Basin Football Club joins the EDFL.

The Basin Football Club Seniors wins their first premiership (Div. 3).

"Ferndale" destroyed by fire.

First The Basin Theatre Group Building opened - "The Hut".

Max Toole takes over The Basin Post Office.

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### 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

### 1964

The Basin Guide company formed.  
The Basin Brownie pack formed.  
The Basin Presbyterian Church congregation moves to Boronia.  
The Basin Presbyterian Church building sold to the Scout Association  
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.  
St Marys Church of England hall opened in The Basin.

### 1965

The Basin Pensioners Association formed.  
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.

### 1967

The Basin Centenary celebrations.  
Second The Basin Fire Brigade Station opened.  
Public toilets erected in The Basin on land donated by the Salvation Army.  
Helen Chandler awarded MBE.  
Bill Wright wins Knox Citizen of the year award  
Dobson Creek named.

### 1968

Severe bushfire in The Basin and Dandenongs.  
Boronia Heights Primary School opened.

### 1969

The Basin Brownie packs 1st and 2nd combine.  
Meeting to form Doongala Pony Club.

At the instigation of The Basin Progress Association, the section of road between Basin-Olinda Road and Mountain Highway was renamed Wicks Road and where Wicks Road connects to Mountain Highway was blocked to vehicle traffic.

### 1971

"Riding for the Disabled" group formed in The Basin.  
Brick extension to Scout Hall completed.  
Doongalla Pony Club officially registered.

### 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.  
Fire destroys main building at Seventh Day Adventist Youth Camp.  
Fire destroys the Salvation Army Special School.

### 1973

Boronia Technical School opened.  
The Basin Elderly Citizens Hall opened on The Triangle.  
New The Basin Theatre Group Building opened.  
The Basin Children's Hospital Auxiliary closes.  
Fire in The Basin Progress Hall damages stage.

### 1974

Grumont Reserve proclaimed.  
Lowline Industries commences operation in The Basin.  
Church Street closed at Mountain Highway.

### 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.

### 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 completed at The Basin Primary School.  
Goodwin Estate opens.

### 1977

Third The Basin Fire Brigade Station opened.  
Don Maguire awarded BEM.  
The Basin Football Club - first premierships win by the under 15's.  
Lilydale Bowman Club formed.

### 1978

Edna Chandler awarded MBE.  
The Basin Scout Troop name changed back to 1st The Basin.

### 1979

The Basin Scout Troop Ladies Auxiliary formed.  
The Basin Basketball Club junior boys team formed.  
Bart Bortolussi takes over The Basin Post Office.  
Glideaway building on The Triangle demolished.

### 1980

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.

### 1981

The Basin Basketball Club junior boys team formed.

### 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.

### 1984

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.

### 1985

The Basin Football Club Seniors wins their second premierships (Div. 3).  
The Basin Venturer unit formed.

### 1986

Neighbourhood Watch commences in The Basin.  
Miller Park Tennis Club formed.  
First "Claremont Cup" in The Ravine held.

### 1985

The Basin Primary School involved in Victoria's 150th year celebrations.  
Time capsule buried at The Basin Primary School.  
The Basin Central Shopping Centre opens.  
Salvation Army No 1 Home closed as a Youth Training Centre.

### 1987

The Basin Community House formed.  
Salvation Army Youth Training Centre closes.

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### 1988

New The Basin Scout Hall opened on The Triangle.  
Salvation Army commences Skillshare.  
Como Nurseries closes.  
The Basin/Ferntree Gully Salvation Army Cricket Club formed

### 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.  
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.  
New courts at Miller Park Tennis Club.

### 1991

Boronia High School closes.  
Toddler Groups at The Basin Infant Welfare Centre cease.  
Former The Basin Primary School teachers residence opened as The Basin Community House building.

### 1992

Hindu Temple in The Basin opened.  
The Basin 125 Year celebrations.  
Ferndale camp closes.  
Knox Council proposes an Overall development Plan for Salvation Army land in The Basin.

### 1993

Major building alterations to The Basin Kindergarten.  
Clevedon celebrates its centenary.

### 1994

The Basin Football Club Seniors wins their third premiership (Div. 3).

### 1995

New classrooms completed at The Basin Primary School.

### 1997

Severe bushfire in The Basin and Dandenongs.  
St. Bernadette's Community Hall opened.  
Mountain Gateway Estate opened.

### 1998

Rail line underground at Boronia crossing.  
Moonshiners closes.  
Windows 98 released.

### 1999

The Basin YWCA Friendly Circle closes..  
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Seventh Day Adventist Camp site purchased by the Romanian Seventh Day Adventist Church.

### 2002

Grass courts installed at Miller Park Tennis Club.  
The Basin Rotary Club closes.

### 2004

The Basin Progress Hall sold to City of Knox.  
The Basin Progress Association disbanded.

### 2005

The first The Basin Music Festival held.

### 2006

The Basin Progress Hall kitchen upgraded.

### 2007

New toilets at The Basin Progress Hall.

### 2009

Black Saturday.  
Clevedon site leased to the Christadelphian Society to be used as a school.

### 2010

Last house removed from The Triangle and toilets and playground installed.

### 2011

Bio-infiltration system opened in Wicks reserve.  
The Basin Primary School reunion for former students who completed Grade six between 1978 and 1985

### 2014

Permanent pavilion constructed on The Triangle

### 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.