



## Timeline of Events

1817	Discovered by John Oxley
1823	Convict settlement established
1824	GT Palmer and John Wylde given permission to occupy "grazing runs" late Murrumbidgee and Gobolion
1825	First burial First missionary – John Harper, Methodist
1828	Existence of Wellington Caves recorded by explorer Hamilton Hume
1830s	Wellington Caves fossil deposits were the second recorded finds in Australia
1832	First mail – weekly coach from Sydney / Christian Missionary Society Missionary Settlement
1838	First Post Office (Montefiores)
1840	Village of Montefiores surveyed / Village of Neurea surveyed
1841	Auction sale of 100 allotments at Montefiores Licence for Lion of Waterloo Inn (Nicholas Hieronymus, Montefiores) Licence for White Horse Inn (W Coomber, Neurea)
1845	First race meeting (Wellington Flat)
1846	Village of Wellington proclaimed First land sale at Wellington
1849	First ferry over the Macquarie River First gold found First slab church (Church of England) built at Montefiores
1850	First mass celebrated First vineyard (John Maxwell) First cricket match
1852	First school – Montefiores
1855	First Roman Catholic Church
1858	First sawmill (Joseph Matthews) First record of visiting entertainers (Alpine and Tyrolean Minstrels)
1859	Improvement Society formed (later Progress Association) First cricket club First flour mill (Dunlop – site of water works)
1861	First hospital (in a rented house) First Presbyterian service First National School (Cnr Gobolion and Lee streets)
1863	First hospital built (Reid Street) First church on St Patrick's Catholic Church site
1860s	Roman Catholic Denominational School
1865	Cobb & Co Coaches (Orange to Wellington via Ironbarks and Orange to Wellington via Molong)
1867	St John the Baptist Anglican Church licensed (consecrated in 1869) First bank (Bank of NSW)
1869	First Post and Telegraph Office built (only used as a telegraph office and residence)
1871	First bridge over the Macquarie



	Post and telegraph offices amalgamated First court house built
1872	Wellington Times and Miners Advocate first published
1873	First cordial factory (Gisborne Street)
1874	Agricultural, Pastoral and Historical Society formed (Show Society) First Methodist Church First library established
1875	First agricultural show Bell River bridge opened
1878	First produce store (WP Pridham)
1879	First Masonic Lodge formed First railway bridge built First recorded football match First brass band formed Municipality proclaimed (Joseph Aarons, Mayor)
1880	Railway comes to Wellington Bell Brewery established Rygate Park dedicated
1881	First public hall (Band Hall in Warne Street)
1882	First council chambers First gas used (portable generator used by a storekeeper, Mr Cunningham)
1883	First Presbyterian Church built First telephone between railway and post office First debating society First recorded Lawn Tennis Club First local dramatic club Bank of NSW built (now Oxley Museum)
1884	First Baptist service Volunteer Rifle Club formed
1885	Salvation Army work begun locally
1887	Town lit by kerosene lamps
1889	First show in new showground Dredging at Muckerawa
1900	Acetylene gas for lighting business houses Water supply begins Presbyterian Manse built
1901	Fire brigade formed
1903	Town lit by gas School of Arts built (now Senior Citizens Centre) First Sanitary system installed Light Horse Squadron formed and Volunteer Rifle Corps disbanded
1904	Fire station built in Cameron Park Salvation Army Citadel built in Lee Street Renovated post office opened Wellington District Hospital built in Maxwell Street (now Hermitage Hill)
1905	First Baptist Church First telephone exchange (with 25 subscribers)



1906	Parents and Citizens Association formed Wellington Bowling Club began (site of present library) Butter factory built (Warne Street)
1907	St Andrews Church built (now Uniting Church) Kennard Park dedicated
1909	Bell Park designed and set out by Patterson Fountain erected in park
1910	Bell Park renamed Cameron Park
1920	First swimming carnival held at The Shallows on Bell River Diggers Aviation Company formed
1921	Centenary of Wellington celebrations (held over from 1917 because of WWI) Binjang memorial unveiled
1922	Work begun on War Memorial in Cameron Park (designed by Gilbert Doble)
1923	Memorial gates to Cameron Park donated by Murdoch McLeod
1925	Municipal swimming baths constructed (now sunken garden in Cameron Park)
1926	Ambulance service began
1927	Town lit by electricity
1933	War memorial dedicated and unveiled
1934	Band rotunda built in Cameron Park
1936	Rygate Park opened
1937	Macquarie Theatre built and opened Methodist Church built in Swift Street
1938	Road up Mt Arthur began
1942	Munitions factory in Maughan Street opened (now TAFE)
1944	Bindawalla Hospital built (now Wellington Hospital)
1946	First sod turned on Burrendong Dam Technical college opened on munitions factory site
1949	Wellington Shire Council formed (amalgamation of Wellington Municipal Council, Macquarie Shire and part of Cobbora Shire)
1952	Wellington Historical Society founded Apex Park dedicated
1958	Baby Health Centre opened (CWA rooms)
1964	Burrendong Arboretum established by George, Peter and Hazel Althofer
1967	Burrendong Dam officially completed
1971	Pioneer Park dedicated
1983	Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards established
1989	Macquarie River Bridge collapses
1991	Macquarie River Bridge re-opens
2005	Wellington's first female mayor, Anne Jones, elected Native title over Wellington Town Common granted to Rose Chown
2016	Wellington Council amalgamates with Dubbo City Council to become Dubbo Regional Council