

ALBURY & DISTRICT TIMELINE

Please advise any corrections or omissions to rlee024@gmail.com This timeline is to reflect more recent interpretations of history.

- Pre-1824 Pre-European settlement: Indigenous people occupied this part of the Murray Valley for tens of thousands of years. By the 1820s those in the Albury district spoke a Wiradjuri language, though may have recently displaced a group known as the Jeihi. Different language groups occupied areas south of the Murray. Most people would have spoken more than one language. The Wiradjuri, the largest nation in NSW, occupied a large west of the Great Dividing Range. In 1824, Wiradjuri warriors, led by Windradyne, fought a war against the British in the Bathers district, ending in an extermination campaign that massacred indigenous men, women and children. Weeks later, and against this background, Hume and Hovell led an expedition through Wiradjuri country from Yass to Albury, but encountered no hostility from the Wiradjuri. Historians believe that in the 1840s Aboriginal groups in the Albury-Wodonga region were still numerous. In later decades, many died as a consequence of settler violence, being pushed off their lands and contracting diseases brought by the Europeans. Aboriginal occupation of the district began as early as 40,000 years ago – it was Wiradjuri Ngurambanggu country, an area known as Bungambrawatha; the Murray River was known as Milawa Billa; the meeting ground east of Albury known as Mungabareena; and Dight's Hill to the west of Albury known as Jingera. A large rock, has been placed at Mungabareena inscribed, 'Gawaimbanna-Gu Wiradjuri Nguranban' – 'Welcome to Wiradjuri Country.' Official unveiling ceremony November 19, 1994 by Mayor Jim Paterson and Pastor Cec Grant Wiradjuri elder.
- 1824 Hume & Hovell set off from Hume's father's property 'Appin,' Gunning on October 3, en-route to Port Phillip, with a party of six, Claude Bossawa, Henry Angel, James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Boyd, Thomas Smith and William Bollard. According to his diary arrived in this district November 16, naming the river Hume (after his father). Hovell marked a tree, November 16/17, and re-cut the inscription again in 1857. Hume also marked a tree with the words 'Hume River' (location on Townsend's 1836 map). The tree was destroyed by fire after white settlement (the stump was said to have been seen by Robert Brown in 1857).
- 1825 Hume & Hovell return through Albury area in January.
- 1830 Captain Sturt named the river south of Murrumbidgee, Murray River, January 14.
- 1835 Charles Hotson Ebdon selected on both sides of the river, including in his holding Bonegilla, Mungabareena and the whole of the land on which Albury now stands. He erects a homestead at Bonegilla and places William Wyse, as stockman in charge. William Wyse drove the first cattle to the Murray (Hume) River.
- 1836 Robert Brown opened first store near the Hovell Tree in the area known as 'The Crossing Place.' Paul and Charles Huon established Wodonga Station. Major Mitchell crossed the Hume/Murray River at Howlong.
- 1837 Mungabareena Run was gazetted February 7, in the name of Captain William Mitchell of Brisbane Meadows, near Bungonia, NSW. He died in September and his son, Thomas

Mitchell took over management. Tender of Joseph Hawdon for the conveyance of fortnightly horse mail between Melbourne and Yass, accepted November.

- 1838 Thomas Scott Townsend drew first town map after instructions from the Governor to the Surveyor General on June 29. A slab hut Police Station was built near the river crossing in October, manned by five armed and mounted police. Killings, later known as the Faithful Massacre took place in the Benalla region in April. This resulted in the government ordering police posts on the Murray and other sites. These were called Border Police (they were soldiers).
The first police camp on the river below Scotsman's Hill was in charge of Sergeants Leary and Rose. (Present junction between Smollett Street and Howlong Road.
- 1839 Townsend's plans conveyed to Deputy Surveyor-General January 12, and design mentioned in Government Gazette. NSW Governor, Sir George Gipps, approved a plan for a village on the site of 'The Crossing Place' to be known as Albury on April 11, mentioned in Government Gazette April 13. First sale of 12 allotments (in Sydney), for Albury township on the Murray, October 10. Government Gazette, October 16, advertised weekly mail services between Yass and Melbourne. First record of a Post Office in Albury district appeared in a 'register of inward correspondence' March 15, in a letter from Colonial Secretary, approving the establishment of a Post Office at The Crossing Place. The stand-in for royalty arrived in Albury with Lady Jane Franklin, wife of the Governor of Van Diemen's Land, passed through April.
- 1840 Robert Brown obtained a licence and built the Hume Inn, licensed June 17. First picnic race meeting held by the river. First European child born south of the river was Aime Huon of 'Merrimarembung.'
- 1841 Dr John Creighton settled in as Albury district's first General Practitioner. At that time, Albury had a few houses, a blacksmith shop, the inn run by Brown and the Police Barracks.
- 1842 First fine house erected by Robert Brown, valued at £2,000, and a new Hume River Inn built. Elizabeth Mitchell arrived at 'Mungabareena' with seven of her children.
- 1843 A Post Office established in Albury April 13. Second. Presbyterian Church sent minister on preaching tour throughout the district.
Original primitive punt established by Gullifer and operated by Aborigine Merriman, bought by Robert Brown and replaced by log punt. First Roman Catholic Mass, November 25, conducted by Fr Charles Lovat.
- 1844 Flooding at Albury.
- 1845 Horse racing – first known Albury Cup was awarded to Joseph Spalding owner of 'Romeo.' The race in one-mile heats on a course at the south end of Townsend Street. Post Office closed. Robert Brown moved away, Edward Crisp purchased the punt and Hume Inn.
- 1846 Census population 43 males and 22 females.
- 1847 Post Office re-opened with John Roper as postmaster, February 1. Albury Court of Petty Sessions established January 1 with Mr John Roper appointed first clerk. John McEvan appointed Chief Constable and Bailiff October 4.

- 1848 Surveyor Thomas Townsend extended Albury's street layout northwards. Edward Crisp organised a punt (also referred to as a ferry) to cross the river. Roman Catholic Bishop Goold passed through Albury. John Roper purchased allotment NW corner Dean and Kiewa Streets. The Community School was opened in a bark hut by Mr Rowley. Henry Taylor was the first public pound-keeper.
- 1849 Ferry for Albury gazetted August 14. Thomas Townsend designated land to the north of Albury as cemetery site (Pioneer Cemetery). 1½ acres was allocated for a National School on the south-east corner Dean & Kiewa streets, 1 acre on the north-east corner (PO corner) for a Court House and 1½ acres for St Matthew's Church, Kiewa Street.
- 1850 Albury Anglican parish established in February with the Bishops of Sydney and Melbourne coming together in Albury. Steam powered flour mill opened by Richard Heaver on south side of Hume Street just east of Townsend Street, builder Luke Everett in May. National School (Public), under Henry Rich, began SE corner Dean and Kiewa Streets, July 22, Henry Wyse the builder. Thomas Hodges Mate opened general store at 419 Townsend Street, May (though the store's Jubilee was celebrated November 21).
- 1851 Population 442. Colony of Victoria received Royal Assent July 1. German migrants Sebastian Schubach, John Frauenfelder and Heinrich Rau arrived in May and planted the first vineyards in Albury. Gold discovered at Black Range in December. Police Act extended to Albury on May 27. Presbyterian Church commenced with Rev David Ballantyne being sent from Melbourne in May. 'Black Sunday' bush fires on February 6. Benevolent Society formed. Church of England clergyman, Rev Henry Elliot took up duties in August. A court house was erected in Wodonga Place.
- 1852 Site of Belvoir (later called Wodonga) fixed on south side of Murray River, April 30. Rose Inn, vicinity 482 Kiewa Street, opened, licensee John Nichols. Flooding at Albury.
- 1853 Police stipendiary magistrate, Heyward Atkins, appointed for Albury, March 19.
- 1854 Belvoir township gained a police station. John Kelly, sub-collector of Custom, appointed by NSW Government January 2. Inland Customs Office appointed April. Albury and Belvoir also appointed a collection point to impose poll tax for Chinese entering Victoria. Fr John Maher (or Meagher) appointed resident Roman Catholic priest, October 1.
- 1855 Owned by Francis Cadell, and skippered by Captain George Johnston the first paddle steamer, 'Albury,' arrived from South Australia on October 2. The Roman Catholic Church established a denominational school, teachers Mr & Mrs Tuohy. The Albury Benevolent Society formed May 26. First mention of a band in Albury, a German band that played on the PS Albury.
- 1856 Population 645. First newspaper, the 'Border Post,' printed October 4, (microfilm at Library available from November 15, 1856). Bank of New South Wales opened at the Court House (present post office site) September 1, J Walker Jones manager. A Grammar School established by Mr D Paterson commenced February 1. Cricket club formed October 4, first match November 15. Belvoir Post Office opened June. James McLaurin's new steam flour mill, SE corner Dean and Townsend Street, called 'Fanny Ceres Mill' after Fanny Brown, opened with a luncheon on January 1. First billiards match reported in 'Border Post' December 27, took place at the Criterion Hotel, 598 Hume Street Albury. First

photographer Julius Rochlitz, visited Albury. First Coroner appointed to the town and district Heyward Atkins Esq PM.

- 1857 Show Society formed as 'Albury and Murray River Agricultural and Horticultural Society' January 13, first fruit and grain Show April 13, stock, sheep and dairy Show, November 24. Snowed May 24. First mail contract between Yass and Albury awarded. Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell purchased 3727 acres of Thurgoona and Mungabareena from the Crown. Albury Jockey Club formed. Farmers' Home Hotel established at Thurgoona, Edward Crisp licensee. John Peter Frauenfelder built 791 David Street (Albury's oldest house still in use in 2017). Foundation stone of St Matthew's Church of England, Kiewa Street, laid July 24 by George Macleay MLA. First concert at new hall in the Rose Inn, 482 Kiewa St, February 21. Public meeting to establish a Mechanics' Institute, April 28. German String Band forms in Albury. Advance Australia Hotel, SE corner David and Wilson Streets, built by James Layton, first licensee Arthur Walker (hotel became Albury Police Barracks, c1863-1877, became Soden's Hotel 1894.)
- 1858 Electric telegraph reached Belvoir January 30, opened April 9. The Sydney telegraph line reached Albury October 29, Albury then became the repeater station between the two; the office was a room in the Rose Inn, vicinity 482 Kiewa Street. Mechanics' Institute Room opened August 26. New library opened Kiewa Street opposite the National School July 7. The Hume Monument (marble obelisk) unveiled near wharf and Hovell Tree enclosed by iron fence July 19. Foundation stone for Albury Presbyterian Church, 515 Smollett Street, laid October 21 by Rev D H Ballantyne. Foundation stone laid for Catholic Church in February, the first religious edifice to be erected by the Catholics in Albury. The building opened as St Bridget's Church and schoolroom on October 24. New building 473 Townsend Street (later 'Kia Ora'), built for Bank of NSW, opened June 2. 'Albury Telegraph & Federation Journal' commenced January 30 and shortly after merged with 'Border Post.' New ferry gazetted December 1. Public meeting to discuss a hospital called August 18. German Harmonic Society formed in May. First German Ball held at the Exchange Hotel, August 14. Post Office moved to T H Mate's store Townsend Street, February 11. Three acres granted to Show Society on western side of Thurgoona Street.
- 1859 First record of bathing and swimming in January. Albury proclaimed a Borough June 8, first Municipal Council elections July 27, first mayor, James T Fallon. First Town Clerk Samuel F Blackmore appointed August. Kerosene lamps ordered by council for street lighting. St Matthew's Church of England opened, first service March 13. First service of Presbyterians' new church, 552 Smollett Street, March 27. First Annual General Meeting of Albury Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, August 18. Commercial Bank opened, NE corner Smollett and Townsend Streets, in March. Albury Amateur Dramatic Club formed in August, first performance September 24. First District Court opened November 9, by Judge Callaghan. New ferry installed at end of Hovell Street. National School land, SE corner Kiewa and Dean Streets purchased by T H Mate in October.
- 1860 New courthouse opened August 15, vicinity 564 Dean Street and first Quarter Sessions September 3. 'Albury Banner & Wodonga Express' newspaper established July 7, (ceased publication May 25, 1950). Roman Catholic Presbytery built. Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows formed in Albury, August 13. Murray Valley Vineyard Company formed. Two lots of land purchased in Olive Street for National School. Hospital foundation stone laid June 28, by James McLaurin. Globe Hotel, NW corner Dean and Kiewa Streets, designed and built by Daniel Driscoll, licensee Jonathon Boon, opened

October 18. First pile driven by Mayor J T Fallon for Union Bridge on Victorian side August 23, contractors Kidd & Brickell. Church of England Thurgoona, opened, made of wooden slabs; also used as a school in 1860. Crown Lands Office (later Burrows House) built by W J Jones, (in 2017 part of Murray Art Museum Albury). In July, Albury's first medical practitioner, Dr John Creighton RN, who died 1847, was re-interred in the new cemetery (now known as Pioneer cemetery). Previous site was 'Sand Hills', in the vicinity of Waite's Park, South Albury.

- 1861 Census population 1,587. In March, Council recommended appointment of trustees for Cemetery but not made effective for some years. Union Bridge opened September 2. Albury Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, vicinity SW corner Thurgoona and Pemberton Streets completed by March 27, and concert held for building opening on April 13. Braidwood designed Gaol completed, vicinity Cahill Place (2017) & Thurgoona Street (first occupant was the builder). Post Office was conducted from Mate's store, Hume & Townsend Streets. Telegraph office opened August 22, NE Corner of Dean and Kiewa Street (Post Office corner 2017). New National School building erected NE corner Olive and Smollett Streets with master's residence attached, opened January 13, Rogers & Pool builders. Time ball affixed in front of Telegraph Station July 20. First Masonic Lodge, 'The Hume,' opened December 29. Philharmonic Society first performed November 20. A manse built next to Presbyterian Church, Smollett Street. Robertson Land Act or Free Selection Act enacted. Lavington called for a National School in May. Mechanics' Institute original building commenced and opened 1863. Black Range proclaimed a goldfield December 31.
- 1862 Albury National School moved to Olive Street in January, run by Mr and Mrs Dwyer. Thurgoona opened a new school (Newtown had been the area's name since 1850). On May 23, Lavington school teacher had not been paid so resigned and a new teacher appointed. Gaol's first official officer began in March. Post Office removed from T H Mate's to Townsend Street. NSW imposed a poll tax on Chinese crossing the Murray from Victoria, but withdrew five years later.
- 1863 The Mechanics' Institute opened with a ball May 25. Hospital, vicinity SW corner Thurgoona and Pemberton Streets, dedicated July 16. National School became a Model School, October 24. Albury's Volunteer Fire Brigade held its first meeting, February 14, with 14 men. Fire engine christened 'Fagh-a-ballagh' in November. First bridge built in Dean Street over Bungambrawatha creek built by John Pool, August.
- 1864 Land dedicated for Botanic Gardens and public reserve May 4. Albury Turf Club, later Albury Racing Club erect the Ledger Stand. Dr Barnett forms Albury Volunteer Band, Isaac Davis bandmaster. Model School established opened by Mr D Patterson.
- 1865 Wesleyan (Methodist) Hall, SW corner Swift and Olive Streets, foundation stone laid by Mrs Hugh Moffitt August 30. Black Range School opened October 16, but closed 1868. Crushing plant for Black Range christened 'The Lavington,' on November 27.
- 1866 Church of England denominational school opened July 22. 'Cumberoona' paddlesteamer launched on July 1 at Echuca, built for Albury consortium, WNM Edmondson, George Day, Kenneth McLennan, J T Fallon.

- 1867 Additions made to the Model School. Extensive flooding in Albury, October level was 16'2" (4.93m). Foundation stone laid for the Telegraph Office, eastern side of the Town Hall on October 31.
- 1868 Hume Inn destroyed by fire (October). Sisters of Mercy (seven) arrived in Albury July 22 from Goulburn to start a convent school. Foundation stone for the convent in Olive Street was laid July 26.
- 1869 St Matthew's rectory foundation stone laid March 3, by Rev David Evans-Jones. Newtown Catholic Chapel and schoolroom (Thurgoona) opened November 7, by Dr Michael McAlroy (later called St John's). J T Fallon opened extensive wine cellar and store underneath his store at 550 Kiewa Street (Quest Apartments, 2017). First bicycle seen in Albury owned and ridden by Visbeck.
- 1870 Albury Free Public Library housed in Mechanics' Institute opened February 21 by the mayor. Foundation stone St Patrick's Catholic Church laid August 21. Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefits Society founded, June 25 as shown on plaque on CBC building Olive Street in 2017. Opening and Blessing of St Bridget's Convent, February 6, by Bishops of Maitland and Bathurst. Flooding again October 23, 24, reading 19ft (5.79m). John Burrows announced new flour mill called 'The Hume' for Albury, vicinity 649 Dean Street. Independent Order of Rechabites and Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society formed.
- 1871 Census population 2,592. Albury floating baths established at the river in January. First pile driven for construction of wharf, January 24, completed by May. Crane for wharf installed November 22. Opening of Freemasons' Hall new lodge room October 4. Albury Protestant Association formed May 2. Flooding again, approximately 16' (4.87m). Grammar school re-located to St Matthew's Church Hall 517 Olive Street.
- 1872 St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church opened November 24, architect John Gordon and builder James Walsh. Completion of the overland telegraph. The Independent Order of Good Templar's Lodge opened. Two bridges completed in Dean Street over Bungambrawatha creek contractor John Driscoll, January.
- 1873 North Eastern Railway completed connecting Melbourne to Belvoir (Wodonga), opened by Governor Sir George Bowen, November 19. Congregational (Independent) Church established in Albury, services held in Court House from March. Explorer Hamilton Hume died at Yass, April 19. Albury Town Band mentioned in July, first performance in November under bandmaster Charles Gladow. Manchester Unity Oddfellows Hall, 522 Kiewa Street, foundation stone laid November 10. St John's Church of England, Thurgoona, opened September 7. Racing club's grandstand erected by Hill & Frew. Mudge's Canal was constructed in South Albury. Albury Police Station built 515 Olive Street.
- 1874 St Matthew's Church of England foundation stone laid March 20, by T H Mate. Manchester Unity Oddfellows Hall, 522 Kiewa Street, opened May 18, contractors Harley and Charles Rosenski. Victorian Government gazetted name change from Belvoir to Wodonga, August 15. Thurgoona Post Office was established as a non-official allowance office January 1 at Wignell family home; Wignells continued to operate Post Office until 1925. George S Dulley appointed first Municipal Sanitary Inspector January 24. Congregational/Independent Church vicinity of 488 Swift Street foundation stone laid December 18, by J F Skinner. Turks Head Hotel, Wodonga Place, started life. Laying of Foundation stone for the new Police Barracks by Mayor Kenneth McLennan October 31.

- 1875 William Hovell died at Goulburn November 9. Congregational (Independent) Church, 488 Swift Street, opened September 12, architect and contractor Alex Jackson. Samuel Mudge, Town Clerk, planted first street tree, vicinity 618 Olive Street, on August 28. Wesleyan (Methodist) Church, SW corner Olive and Swift Streets, foundation stone laid January 12 by Rev R C Flockhart, opened November 21. Albury Club formed at meeting at the Albury Hotel, 579 Dean Street. Second Volunteer Fire Brigade forms (first had folded in 1873). First Australian sparkling wine ('Champagne') tasted at J T Fallon Cellars made by Francois Gaston Leonce Frere for the Murray Valley Vineyard, November 23.
- 1876 Wodonga Shire created from Yackandandah Shire, first meeting May 11. St Matthew's Church of England opened January 13. Black Range School reopened. Albury Municipal Council decided to borrow £8,000 for water supply. Larger Wesleyan (Methodist) Church opened. First Australian champagne produced at St Hilaire (Thurgoona) from grapes grown at Murray Valley Winery by Francois Gaston Frere, for J T Fallon, reported in December. Albury Football Club formed (Australian Rules). The 'Border Post' reported on June 7 that 3,000 people attended Albury Show held in gaol gardens. Show society became 'Albury and Border Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society.' New Chinese 'Jos-house' in the camp December 9. The Denominational School taken over by Reverend Masters.
- 1877 John Howard appointed Curator of the Botanic Gardens, first tree planted by Mayor W J Jones. Albury Club opened premises at 519 Kiewa Street.
- 1878 Masonic Hall opened at 562 Kiewa Street. Combermere Lodge constituted June 4 and opened July 30. Post Office foundation stone, NE corner Dean and Kiewa Streets, laid September 28. First telecommunication between Sydney and Melbourne in January. Rev Joseph Masters appointed Headmaster of Grammar School. Australian Joint Stock Bank, with residence, built SW corner Dean and Kiewa Streets, later Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.
- 1879 Loyal Murray Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows formed September 13. Robert Brown died at Corowa, 19 February, buried at Mulwala. First street lighting, with kerosene lamps began in May. Flooding reaching 16' again. New Post Office finished by Alexander Frew (Snr) mid-year and clock installed in November. Major tree planting work took place (costing £1 12s 6d), tree planted on corner Dean & Kiewa Streets by Mayor A H Emerson (see plaque in front of Post Office, Dean Street 2017). Five acres NE corner Young and Guinea Streets became new Showgrounds and first stock show held there in August. Extensions to gaol took place over next three years. Second Fire Brigade folds; many big fires, largest destroys Imperial Hotel & guts Bank of NSW, Townsend St. Albury Convent Chapel blessed and opened October 12, 1879.
- 1880 Great Southern Railway completed connecting Sydney to Albury. The first train (carrying Sir Henry Parkes) arrived December 28. Albury Railway Station approved by government to go ahead March 20. Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell (nee Huon) died September 6. She owned Mungabareena Run which included Albury. First noted date for a burial at Thurgoona Orphanage Cemetery, January 20. Bungambrawatha Creek surveyed for 8 miles by W Duffy, Road Engineer, new channel passed under Dean Street. Compulsory attendance legislated for school attendance. Survey conducted from Botanical Gardens to Black Range, 8 miles to create a new drainage system for the creek May. New saleyards for T F Waller & Co opened SW corner Wilson and Olive Street.

- 1881 Census population 5,715. Masonic Concord Lodge Albury formed September 7. Joseph Box named his property, north of Albury, 'Lavington.' Newtown Orphanage (Thurgoona) foundation stone laid October 2, by Rev J Dunne. Albury's only execution took place on June 1 after trial of Henry Wilkinson on April 11. Great Southern Railway line officially opened February 3 by Sir Henry Parkes at Albury. Albury Racing Club formally constituted January 19, replacing the Albury Turf Club and the first race meetings under that name took place March 30 and April 1. Border Brass Band (Billson's) forms, bandmaster Gideon Townsend.
- 1882 Newtown Orphanage St John's Road Thurgoona opened by Dr Lanigan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn on April 16. Showground reserve of five acres in Young Street, dedicated October 24. Pumping station being built at Mungabareena to provide Albury with a reticulated water supply, Minister sanctioned works in April (previously Albury had a water supply – water carts). Lavington Public School commenced in July, with Mr J McKenzie arriving a month later and a school was erected. Albury Railway Station and Station Master's residence opened February 26, builders Stevens, Kyle, Cunningham & Harris. Church of England Grammar School, 515 Olive Street, opened. Albury Public School building completed NW corner Olive and Smollett Streets. Albury Club moved to 519 Kiewa Street.
- 1883 Murray River temporary rail bridge tested June 12. Melbourne line extended to Albury linking rail systems of NSW and Victoria. First train trip Melbourne to Sydney June 14. Passengers changed at Albury, and goods were trans-shipped. First passenger trip Melbourne to Sydney August 21. Wesleyan (Methodist) Church service held at Black Range (Lavington) in a building at the end of Prune Street. Gas mains laid down in February. First gas town light available at end of May, official opening in June 441 Kiewa Street. Official opening of Albury Railway Station June 11. New building for Girls' Public School completed, NE corner Smollett and Olive Streets. Plaque from Mechanics' Institute has 'This Hall' erected and finished March 1883, corner stone laid by Mrs George Day, November 9. Architect Philip Kennedy and contractor D Hehir. First official Albury Cup won by 'Coolabah.' Smollett Street extended through to the Botanic Gardens and a buckle plate bridge constructed by Messrs Jackson, Hudson and Brookbank built over Bungambrawatha creek in Dean Street.
- 1884 Iron railway bridge over the Murray (lattice design built in England and shipped to Australia) opened August 2, builder Alexander Frew (Snr); mayor Luke Gulson and T H Mate fasten the last bolt. Melbourne train crossed new bridge between Albury and Wodonga, October 14. President Dr A Andrews opened Mechanics' Institute Hall, March 18. Hamilton Hume Memorial moved from wharf to Botanic Gardens (the word 'District' added to the inscription). Black Range (Lavington) school house built, (demolished 2009). Young Street Showgrounds grandstand erected, capacity 600, designed by George Mackay. Court House iron gates installed. Several bandsmen split from Albury Brass Band to form Albury Premier Brass Band, bandmaster Phillip Helm.
- 1885 Albury proclaimed a town on March 20. Foundation stone of Temperance Hall erected (vicinity NW corner of Kiewa and Stanley Streets), laid by T Affleck in April. St Patrick's Hall and boys' school foundation stone laid October 4, (later known as Christian Brothers College, SE corner Smollett and Olive Streets); four Patrician Brothers arrive from Ireland to teach at the Catholic boys' school, one drowns in Murray four weeks later. Salvation Army arrived in January 1885. Albury Volunteer Infantry Corps formed in June. Coursing

Club (dogs) formed in August and many hares escaped during the first event. Temperance Hall erected, vicinity NW corner Stanley and Kiewa Streets. Third Albury Volunteer Fire Brigade forms in January, Walter Billson first Captain; biggest Albury fire in December destroys AMP building, guts Albury Banner building, Dean St. Catholic Library stone laid with motto AMDG (Latin: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam), 497 Smollett Street on wall in Olive Street. The Denominational School sold to Wilson and Smith.

- 1886 Waterworks at Mungabareena established and water piped to town via Eastern Hill, turned on January 9. Telegraph Office built at NW corner of Dean and Olive Streets. Recreational land known as Alexandra Park dedicated January 15, east of railway. 'Cumberoona' paddle steamer arrived in Albury August 23. Albury Coursing Club began at Albury Racecourse. Lawn tennis events began. Ice-making factory began, operated by Watson & Young. Elm Court, 435 Townsend Street, built by Neill & Jackson for James Higgins, coachbuilder. Albury Gun Club formed – shooting took place at Albury Cricket Ground. Albury Brass Band's first professional bandmaster, Daniel Pogson, arrives (two of his sons later became bandmasters).
- 1887 Area around river (later named Noreuil Park) dedicated for public recreation, May 5. Land on Sydney Road, vicinity 94 Borella Road, dedicated for public recreation August 12. St Matthew's new Sunday School Hall, 515 Olive Street opened April 24. First St Patrick's Hall, SE corner of Smollett & Olive Streets, opened November 27 for school purposes (later CBC school). Key to the Waterworks handed to the mayor, March 1. Railway signals box built. Elizabeth Street, off western Dean Street, laid out on the former Bungambrawatha Creek channel. Albury Brass Band became Albury Town Band.
- 1888 Municipal sale yards (mainly sheep) opened at Newmarket, by Mayor T H Mate, November 7. Municipal baths near Dean Street and Bungambrawatha Creek opened in March, separate hours for ladies and men. Smollett Street iron arch bridge over Bungambrawatha Creek opened without ceremony, designed by J A McDonald, built by local builder Francisco Romero, September 17. First skating rink opened in July, by Darby & Healey on the top floor of the Exchange Hotel stables. Albury Public School status change in January to a superior public school.
- 1889 Alexandra Park extended further east, February 12. First fire station opened in Dean Street beside Mechanics' Institute in February. Salvation Army Citadel, vicinity 533 Kiewa Street, foundation stone laid January 8 or 9, by Mrs T Howard and opened by M J Allen on March 12. Albury Chamber of Commerce formed. 'Albury Evening Mail and Wodonga Chronicle' newspaper first edition March 9. Black Range general store housed the post office. Flooding to 16'. Reservists become partially paid volunteers, and named H Company.
- 1890 Number of houses in Albury reached 1000. Thurgoona wine industry at peak production at St Hilaire, Ettamogah, Murray Valley and Valverde vineyards. Albury 'Chinese disinterment case' in November, incorrectly caused community outrage, when 28 bodies were exhumed preparatory for bones to be returned to China. Snowed in September. Rotunda in Botanic Gardens used for the first time November 23. First section of 'Adamshurst,' 603 David Street, built for George Adams and family. Temperance Hall became Federal Theatre, vicinity NW corner Stanley and Kiewa Streets.

- 1891 Census population 5,447. Two storey building commenced 20 April, SW corner David and Smollett Streets, for a Superior Public School (The Castle). 'Albury Daily News and Wodonga Chronicle' began January 1 (microfilm begins May 4, 1891 to 1924). Labour Electoral League formed July 1. Federal Wool Scouring Company started in October. First gas lamp ('Sugg lamp') installed at intersection of Dean and Kiewa Streets.
- 1892 Superior Boys' School opened. Victorian Government increased stock tax on horses and cattle on January 1, which destroyed the Wodonga Market. Arnold's fruit business began with a wheelbarrow. Glenair School for Girls commenced in 'Avoncourt,' 624 Olive Street.
- 1893 Free Industrial Museum established at 557 Dean Street, opened by Mayor G H Billson, October 27. Albury Bicycle Club formed in March. Albury & Border Cricket Association and Ovens & Murray Football Association formed in this year. Mechanics' Institute double storey structure opened by Hon F B Suttor, MLA, March 17.
- 1894 Black Range School of Arts opened SE corner Urana Road and Hague Street. Albury Meat Exports Co formed in November. Hawksview Bridge across the Murray River completed in November. Albury Football Club admitted to Ovens & Murray Football Association in April.
- 1895 Albury Athletics club formed in June. Thurgoona Vine & Fruit Growers Association began. Industrial Museum opened in the model school building in Olive Street by Mr Jacob Garrad MLA Minister for Education February 6.
- 1896 Albury water supply catchment area and water district proclaimed March 24. Federal City lawn tennis courts opened in August. Albury Rifle Club formed February 7, affiliated with H Company, 1st Regiment Volunteer Infantry. Albury Industrial Exhibition ran from September 7 to November 2 in Market Square, Dean St.
- 1897 Albury Co-operative Butter Factory and Produce Company Ltd with chilling facility, opened February 27, vicinity SW corner Creek and Stanley Street. Cycle track put down at the show grounds, Young Street, November. Henry Hague appointed Headmaster of Black Range school and remained for 29 years. Museum taken over in March by government and made a branch of the Sydney Technological Museum.
- 1898 Telephone Exchange opened July 30 with 17 subscribers. Frew and Logan, builders, established, NE corner Young and Wilson Streets. Second Union Bridge replaced earlier bridge, opened December 31, builders J B & W Farquharson. 'The Albury Herald' began in April. Lavington Library and Reading Room began at Literary Institute. Patrician Brothers left Albury and Sisters of Mercy continued to teach both boys and girls. Springfield Girls' School, SE corner Crisp and Macauley Streets, commenced by Miss Jessie Heath at her family home. Caledonian Society's inaugural meeting May 18.
- 1899 Technical School classes began at rooms in the Girls school, Olive Street under William Powrie, March 23. Albury Chamber of Commerce formed. Cemetery Trust appointed a full-time curator in June. T H Mate's store, SE corner Dean and Kiewa Streets completed and opened September. James Colquhoun commenced as Postmaster at Black Range on May 16. Second Boer War commenced in October (ended May 31, 1902), Gunner, Bernard Gowing, was Albury's first soldier killed in action (December 1900). Albury Golf Club secretary, James Stephens, appointed, with Club playing at Lavington Common in June. Albury Choral and Operatic Society began in May with Dr W Cleaver Woods president. Snow on August 8. Black Range played football matches against Jindera and Thurgoona.

- 1900 Reserve for athletics excised from Garden's Reserve on August 22. Motorised steam transport car driven over the Union Bridge May 5 (vehicle inventors H Thomson and H Holmes vehicle called the 'Thomson Phaeton'). New Catholic Presbytery Foundation stone laid March 21, 515 Smollett Street. T H Mate set up a timber yard 576 Townsend Street NE corner.
- 1901 Census population 5,821. Australian became a nation, Federation Day January 1. The Sportsground, SW corner Wodonga Place and Smollett Streets, laid out and formally opened May 25. Stores until this time opened from 8am to 11pm. From January 1, stores closed at 6pm with late night trade on Fridays. First petrol car passed through Albury with Messrs Foy, Macken & Elliott, November 1. Snow July 27. Prince George and Princess Mary Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (later King George V) passed through Albury May 18. 'Adamshurst' 603 David Street, further extended for George Adams.
- 1902 The 'Border Post' ceased publication. New stage erected at Mechanics' Institute, John Wilkinson president. Benevolent Society formed in June. Another grandstand completed at the race course in March. Commonwealth of Australia gave women over 21 and British subjects the right to vote. Clifton Lodge Private Hospital, 492 Olive St, former home of Dr Andrews, Matron Samuel in charge.
- 1903 Hamilton and Decimus Mott began 'The Border Morning Mail' October 24 (first on microfilm November 6, 1903). Albury Council appointed R Horsefield as first Municipal Engineer, on August 21. St Joseph's Women's Branch began. Loyal Murray Lodge of Oddfellows erected a new Hall at Eastern end of Dean Street, opened January 14. From 1 July, H Company (Albury) and G Company (Wagga) were combined to form No 4 New South Wales Battery, Australian Field Artillery.
- 1904 A small Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's, in Carsten Street, Black Range opened June 19, by Rev Fr Griffin. In November, the Catholic Church purchases land and buildings from trustees of Presbyterian Church on western end of the block bound by Kiewa, Smollett, Olive & Hume streets. Telegraph Office transferred to Post Office in the week of May 20. Pavilion erected for Albury Show Society, builder Ernest Sharp, Architect H Thompson, opened in August at Young Street Showground.
- 1905 Bushfires on New Year's Day declared 'Black Sunday.' St David's Presbyterian Church, SW corner Wilson and Olive Streets, foundation stone laid June 14, by John Ross Esq JP. St David's Sunday School memorial stone and opening of the Sunday school laid by Gordon McLaurin, MLA, April 5. Tar paving laid down in Dean Street between Olive and Kiewa Streets in November. Roman Catholic Presbytery opened March 19, by Rt Rev Dr Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn. Rugby League's first season in Albury. Albury Traders' Association first meeting March 13. Springfield Girls' School closed. Albury Citizens' Military Band formed and first performed June, Fred Quintrell bandmaster. Inaugural meeting of the Albury Bowling Club was convened February 17.

- 1906 Bowling Green at Botanic Gardens opened December 5. Municipality additions proclaimed May 16. Mylons (later Mylon Motorways, Dysons in 2017) started as a two-way horse-drawn bus service between Wodonga and Albury. Hume Shire Council inaugural meeting June 13. St David's Presbyterian Church, SW corner Olive and Wilson Streets, opened by Rt Rev P J Murdock, March 7, builders, Frew and Logan. Black Range joined newly formed Hume Shire Council. Foundation stone of Methodist Church (Wesleyan), SW corner Swift and Olive Streets, laid October 17. Albury Musical and Literary Festival April 12-18. 'Springfield,' built for the Heath family, SE corner Crisp and Macauley Streets, re-opened as girls' boarding and day school. First meeting of the Albury Chamber of Commerce previously known as (Albury Trader's Association) September 4.
- 1907 Sydney to Melbourne telephone line connected July 10. Albury Council Chambers (formerly Telegraph Office) demolished to make way for new Town Hall. St Patrick's Tennis Club formed. Foundation stone of Albury Town Hall laid by Hon Thos Waddell, Colonial Treasurer NSW, December 9. S M Abikhair's The Federal Store opened, SE corner Olive and Swift Streets. Fountain erected at Young Street Showgrounds in September in memory of George E Mackay (d Jan 1902). St James' Church of England Lavington foundation stone laid April 14, by Mrs W Cleaver Woods. Methodist (Wesleyan) Parsonage, Kiewa Street (site police parking in 2017) opened, Ernest W Sharp builder. St John's Ambulance Association, Albury branch formed in July. Two bay windows with cupolas added to 'Adamshurst', 603 David Street for George Adams. New stage opened at the Mechanic's Institute by president John Wilkinson, December.
- 1908 Albury Town Hall (Murray Arts Museum Albury 2015) opened by Premier Hon C G Wade KC on July 17, builder Ernest W Sharp. Premier also opened the R M Wilkinson Memorial Gates at the Botanic Gardens the same day. Lavington Progress Association re-formed with meeting November 20. Cyclone in Albury September. Minnie and Lizzie Walsh take over Chelvey Private Hospital, Olive St, the former home of Dr Andrews.
- 1909 Lavington became official name for village of Black Range, June 15. New Masonic Temple, 562 Kiewa Street, opened June 29, consecrated September 22. Extensive flooding at Albury in June and August. Albury Parents & Citizens Association formed October 19 to promote the needs of all schooling in the area. Meeting to form the Albury & Border Tennis Association, October 13. Gordon Fleming began Boy Scout group but it lapsed when he left Albury.
- 1910 Thurgoona Bush Fire Brigade formed January 14. Lavington Literary Institute, SE corner Urana Road and Hague Street (name later changed to School of Arts) opened by Dr A Andrews, August 13, a brick structure built by S Parnall; plaque on building reads 'Laid May 18, 1910, Jas Colquhoun, President.' Albury Council invested in a steam roller on October 29. Abe Nathan's Emporium, SW corner Townsend and Dean Streets, destroyed by fire December 13. New John Burrows' flour mills, SE corner Young and Wilson Streets, began. West's Olympia (Malcolm's) open air theatre, Kiewa Street (opposite St Matthew's Church), opened December 13. Dalgetys built first wool store, NE corner Young and Wilson Streets. First Albury & Border Easter Tennis Tournament March 2. Glenair and Albury Ladies' College merged and re-established at 'Springfield,' SE corner Macauley and Crisp Streets, by Miss Jessie Heath. New Industrial exhibition hall built at show grounds, Young Street, tender accepted May.

- 1911 Census population 6,309. Buckingham Estate North Albury first advertisement September 7, few blocks sold. Two concrete plaques erected at Hovell Tree, one 'Maker J P Laughton, Albury 1911.' Albury Rowing Club formed August 30. Albury Rowing Club shed opened at Doctors Point November 8. Abe Nathan's Emporium re-opened June 23, after fire.
- 1912 Betro Abikhair, a Lebanese migrant, built the Big Store ('Australia Building'), SE corner Dean and David Streets, opened August 31. The Model Store, NE corner of Wilson and David Streets, owned by Charles and George Reis, opened May 4. Continental Bathing (gentlemen must be accompanied by a lady) introduced in February. Albury Golf Club links to be established in North Street, vicinity corner Cemetery Road (later David Street). Lavington Agricultural Bureau formed. Dean Square (formerly Market Square) opened by Mayor James Allan on December 19. St Matthew's Hall vicinity 511-515 Olive Street (Court House in 2017), stone laid by George Adams of 'Adamshurst', November 20. United Ancient order of Druids established. J Burrow Pty Ltd, flour millers, built giant silos, SE corner Young and Wilson Streets, opened December. New Superior Public School commenced in August. Horse drawn fire engine was to have a motor pump July. Melbourne to Albury telephone connection completed March 11.
- 1913 Baseball and hockey clubs formed May 24. Ladies' Hockey formed in June. Rotunda opened in Dean Square as memorial to pioneers, first used April 12. St John's Newtown Orphanage added a second storey, John Ward Cochrane builder. New Lavington School erected, opened by Dr A Andrews on August 13. A D Robbins and A W Porter monoplane test flight at Bungowannah in July. Thurgoona School of Arts foundation stone laid March 19 by Mr Mitchell of 'Maryvale' and opened July 16, with a silver key. Smallpox closed the border July to September. Town water extended to racecourse October 30. Albury Technical Collage shifts to vacant Telegraph building Olive Street.
- 1914 World War I declared August 4. Land for a new hospital selected in Wodonga Place in June, opposite Botanic Gardens. Theatre Royal or Royal Palais owned by F C Blacklock opened 11 May, designed by S M Logan, built by Frew & Logan. Orchestral, Choral and Philharmonic Societies all amalgamated in April. New Technical College opened at the former Telegraph Office (NW corner Dean and Olive Streets) by Alderman Alf Waugh on March 21. Smallpox again closed the border July and August. Soccer game played by Albury Club June 7. Turf cricket wicket laid at Albury Sportsground in January. March 7, pilot Harry Hawker landed the first aeroplane at Albury, crash-landed his plane at Albury Racecourse March 14.
- 1915 Grandstand at Sportsground opened by Alderman Alfred Waugh, July 5, builder J W Cochrane. First Albury Scouts re-formed by Frank Brown, October 27, previously commenced 1909. Foundation stone of Albury District Hospital, Wodonga Place, laid May 24. Customs house closed November 30. T H Mate's Store, SE corner Dean and Kiewa Streets, destroyed by fire, December 12.

- 1916 Springfield Girls' School closed. Electricity for Albury turned on by Mayoress Mrs P Burrows on July 28. Fire station, 567 Kiewa Street opened August 18 by Hon E H Farrar MLC, builder Jabez Stanton. Billson Park dedicated for public recreation December 15, agitated for since 1913 and named after former mayors, George H and Walter J Billson. Christian Brothers Monastery foundation stone laid by Rt Rev Dr Gallagher, 491 Smollett Street. March 28. Convent High School building opened October 29 by Rt Rev Dr Gallagher. New Albury Technological Museum opened by James Nagle March 29, at the Technical School, NW corner Dean and Olive Streets. Six o'clock closing for hotels began. T H Mate's department store reopened in August after the fire.
- 1917 Large flooding October 23 at Union Bridge, compared to floods of 1870. Christian Brothers come to Albury and start Christian Brothers Collage for boys on SE corner of Smollett and Olive Streets. Monastery and school (St Patricks Hall transformed) opened by Dr Gallagher, Bishop of Goulburn, on February 11. 13th Battery, 5th Field Artillery Brigade (Albury Battery) fighting at French village, Noreuil, on Western Front in April.
- 1918 Albury District Hospital opened in Wodonga Place by Hon David Storey, February 23, Government Architect George McRae designed the building. Blocks at Lavington designated for returned servicemen. Armistice Day November 11. Convent of Mercy extension to boarding wing blessed, May 25. Logan's timberyards, Spencer, Macauley and Wilson Streets, suffered a serious fire November 22.
- 1919 Hume Dam construction began in July, first sod turned by Governor-General His Excellency Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson, November 28. Nurse/Sister Alma Burt took over 'Delaware,' home of C H Griffith, 597 Kiewa Street; re-named, it operated as Meramie Private Hospital. Albury sewerage system laid out and public works completed July. Noreuil Park name chosen by returned Albury men who worked on clearing the ground, ratified at Council meeting September 30, in honour of Albury Battery. St David's Presbyterian Church War Memorial, outside church in Olive Street, dedicated November 28. Peace Day Celebration, July 19. Albury Swim Club formed in December. Lavington's first Annual Fruit Show, April 9 & 10. Influenza epidemic reached Albury, isolation camp set up on sportsground, borders closed, masks worn etc, from January to August. Returned Soldiers League formed. Basic dressing shed built at Noreuil Park. Opening of Methodist (Wesleyan) Church, Bungowannah. Flooding between Albury and Wodonga.
- 1920 Albury High School commenced February 2 in old hospital building in Thurgoona Street. Noreuil Park Swimming and Lifesaving Club began. Amateur Albury Swim Club became independent, re-started 1921. Albury Soldiers' Club opened November 11, closed September 1921, venue over the Government Savings Bank, 556 Dean Street (previously Land Office and later Burrows House). Snow August 21. Convent of Mercy boarding school had extra floors added and blessed by Rt Rev Dr J W Dwyer Bishop of Wagga July 25.
- 1921 Census population 7,751. Railway Institute formed March 1. World record high jump of 7' 10½" at Albury Show by A Judd's horse, 'Sundowner,' September 7. Flooding 17'1". Albury Butter Factory sold to Holdenson & Nielson, June 21. Albury Choral & Orchestral Society formed in June. Maples Pty Ltd purchased Abe Nathan's emporiums Albury and Wagga Wagga, October 11.

- 1922 Albury Bowling Club greens opened by President J Stephens at 641 Macauley Street, October 14, on site previously North Albury Tennis Courts. Concrete bridge over Wodonga Creek opened by Hon F G Clarke MLA October 20. St Matthew's Church of England War Memorial unveiled April 19. O & M Bowling Association formed. Snowed June 30.
- 1923 Albury Infants' School remodelled and renovated opened March 12, by Hon A Bruntnell, MLA. Wesleyan (Methodist) Church, Urana Road, foundation stone laid December 8. Bellevue Estate, North Albury, first auction of blocks in September. North Albury Parents and Citizens' Association formed. In April, Council moved that a Tourist Bureau be formed. Farmers & Graziers Co opened wool store SE corner Townsend and Smollett Streets, August 16; architect L Harrison and contractor E Griffin. Cyclone in Albury, one of the worst storms seen, September 21.
- 1924 Wesleyan Church, (Methodist) Urana Road, opened in February 18 by Rev P O Davis. Amalgamated Textiles (Aust) Pty Ltd, later Macquarie Worsteds then, Macquarie Textiles building plans approved March 6. Seventh Day Adventist's built a timber church on Sydney Road (vicinity Broad Street north). Vallombrosa Estate East Albury released. Dedication of partially built War Memorial, Monument Hill, November 16 by Senator (General) Cox; enough money raised to complete the project. Hume & Hovell Centenary's week-long celebrations in November included Children's Day; memorial to explorers unveiled by R T Ball MLA at Hume Weir, on November 20; bronze plaque acknowledging Hume and Hovell was laid in council chambers. Water reservoir placed on Western Hill. Lutheran School Jindera opened and dedicated by Revs E Appelt and E Eckert September 21. St David's Presbyterian Church Manse, to the south of the Sunday School, dedicated December 22 by Rt Rev James Crookstone. 'Albury Daily News & Wodonga Chronicle' ceased publication December 31.
- 1925 Colonial Mutual Life (CML) office block and clock tower, SE corner Dean and Olive Streets, opened October 2, contractor Hudson & Gairn and architect Nahum Barnett. The War Memorial, (The Monument) on Western Hill opened 25 April by General J J Paine with great ceremony. Water reservoir on Eastern Hill. Girl Guides formed March 7. Council elected a committee, November 6, to discuss a Tourist Bureau, after agitation since 1922. Boy Scouts given a block in Mitchell Street in August. Methodist Hall, SW corner Olive and Swift Streets, foundation stone laid November 21, by Rev H Wheen. Amalgamated Textiles (Aust) Ltd (woollen mills) began factory operations on February 9. Roachville Estate North Albury plans submitted by W M Roach, in October. Sunday Sydney Express train first operated August 9. Albury Boys' Choir formed. Albury cemetery extended by 16 acres.
- 1926 State Electricity Commission of Victoria supplied power to Albury, May 20. On September 2, Governor-General, Sir Dudley de Chair, was tendered a civic reception at Dean Square followed by opening the Scout Hall in Mitchell Street (with souvenir key). He proceeded to the Commercial Club, 611 Dean Street and with Abe Nathan proclaimed that building open, F W Le Quere builder. Sir Dudley de Chair then proceeded to Albury High School, Kiewa Street, to unveil the foundation stone, and Mrs Mitchell of Table Top presented the school with one thousand pounds and a hostel was proposed. In the evening, Amalgamated Textiles (woollen mills) was also opened by Sir Dudley de Chair. Roman Catholic Parish Hall (St Patrick's Hall) foundation stone laid by Rt Rev J W Dwyer May 9 (opened later that year). Land dedicated for public use in Mitchell Street on October 15, became Albury Tennis Club. Rosehill Girls' School, SW corner of Young and Crisp Streets, opened by Miss Lillian Windridge. Circular garden proposed in August, for front of Railway

station. Choral Society formed May 30. Albury District Rural Co-Operative (butter factory), 251 Fallon Street, inaugurated September. Regent Theatre completed for Mr Betro Abikhair, leased by Hoyts. Further land approved for recreational use November 5, now known as North Street oval, SW corner North and Keene Streets.

- 1927 Regent Theatre formally opened Saturday, 19 February, by Mayor Alfred Waugh. Roman Catholic Hall opened in Smollett Street, on site of first Presbyterian Church. Defence Department resumed land at Wirlinga and established an ammunition depot. A meeting convened to establish Albury District Ambulance's first motor vehicle March. Albury branch of CWA first meeting April 5. Duke and Duchess of York (future King George VI and Queen Elizabeth) passed through Albury on May 7. Hume Shire Council Chambers' foundation stone laid, SW corner Englehardt and Kiewa Streets, by President P B Bell, on May 19; building opened November 8. North Albury bus service began in September. North Albury Infants' School opened SE corner Mate and Fallon Streets, in November by Hon T D Mutsch. Albury Rotary Club formed on August 5. North Albury Post Office, NW corner Mate and Fallon Streets, opened November. East Albury Progress Association formed. Easter bowls tournaments commenced. Choral Society re-formed. Glenly Tennis Club commenced with a meeting in March. Younghusband, Roe & Co Pty Ltd opened a wool store 429-431 Wilson Street, architect L Harrison.
- 1928 Albury Rotary Club's Charter presented February 6. Congregational (Independent) Church, 488 Swift Street, sold to Trinity Lutheran Church, first service in March. Dalgety's Wool Stores extended. Albury High School, Kiewa Street opened March 21 by Hon D H Drummond. Baby Health Centre opened in Centreway Chambers, AMP Lane, June 29. Sportsground gates formally opened. Ambulance Service operated from Banff Avenue. Junior Farmers' Club formed in November. Albury High School Assembly Hall opened October 19, by Mayor Alf Waugh. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, 588 Dean Street building erected by Ezra Griffin and Percy Ried. Wodonga connected to SEC power in March.
- 1929 Albury Grammar School acquired by the Presbyterian Church, February 1. Farmers & Graziers built Smollett Street wool store (previously Empire Theatre & Hotel). Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm recommended aerodrome be built at present site. Sewerage connections to north and west Albury nearing completion in December. Mate's second floor on their Dean Street store completed. Foundation stone of Baptist Church, NE corner of Crisp and Macauley Streets, laid September 6. New baths opened next to Sportsground, October 26. Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary formed in December. Rangers (older Girl Guides) group formed. Albury and St Patrick's Football Clubs became East and West Albury due to sectarian differences; the dividing boundary was Olive Street, March 4. Noreuil Park declared a camping ground for tourists on October 31. Dean Street bridge over Bungambrawatha creek widened by Bartleson
- 1930 Grandstand at racecourse demolished. Baptist Church, NE corner Macauley and Crisp Streets, opened November 15, by chairman of Baptist Home Mission Society, Mr W H G Ellingworth; builder was Mr Wiseman. Radio 2AY commenced broadcasting December 17. Bethanga Bridge opened for traffic August.

- 1931 Jock and Annie Haberfield began Haberfield's Dairy in South Albury. Albury Apex formed October 20, the first club in NSW. Public Aviation Station (Albury Airport) gazetted February 25, total area 185.2.35 acres. Brownies began January 16. Second storey addition to CBC School, creating the familiar Smollett Street façade. Lavington built bridge over Bungambrawatha Creek 1931-1932. Albury-North Albury-Lavington Bus Service, run by Richard (Dick) Martin, was approved by Council on November 11. Australian Broadcasting Company commenced radio transmission via station 2CO December 16.
- 1932 Australian Legacy Club formed in Albury, October 28, Dr Leslie Woods, president. Jubilee celebrations for Lavington School, December 15. Book of Remembrance, listing Albury and District servicemen and women, unveiled April 25; the idea was suggested in 1927 and Mrs F B S Falkiner offered to meet the cost. Noreuil Park floodlit and opened by Mayor C E Bunton December 19. Inauguration of a 'Wool Week' in February. Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester visited Albury on route to Melbourne and presented the prizes in the MacRobertson International Centenary Air Race October 22. Dean Street road railway overpass bridge built, half at Albury Municipal Councils cost (demolished 2006).
- 1933 Population 10,543. Sydney to Melbourne Highway diverted through Lavington, August and September, as Bowna was inundated with water due to the Hume Weir. West Albury Infants' School approved October 30.
- 1934 KLM's DC2 'Uiver' landed in Albury night of October 23, left Albury on morning of 24th, the landing and take-off assisted by the public. "Pyjama Girl's" burned body found in a culvert in Howlong Road, September 1. Foundation stone of CWA Health Centre, 561 Kiewa Street, unveiled by Dr W Cleaver Woods, December 18. Council took over the Mechanics' Institute renaming it the Plaza Theatre. Murray Valley Coaches began December 1. Mayor of Albury, Alfred Waugh awarded the Order Oranje-Nassau on the command of her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of Netherlands, December 17. Gold handled gavel and illuminated address presented to Albury from Dutch East Indies Company (Netherlands) December 13. Plaque in LibraryMuseum presented from the people of the Netherlands. Foundation stone of Ambulance Station, 663 Dean Street, laid by Alderman Alf Waugh August 1; opened December 13, by Mayoress Mrs A Waugh; architect Louis Harrison, builder G E (Percy) Ried. Albury and Border Eisteddfod commenced June. East Albury Golf Club began at Alexandra Park, previously in the Vallombrosa area. Former hospital/high school in Thurgoona Street demolished.
- 1935 Wool Exchange built by the Commercial Club at 618 Dean Street opened October 16 by Mr Graham Waddell MLA and Club chairman, C H Griffith; contractor G F Halls. Plaque laid for Commercial Club by Chas W Hill May 21 also noting the club established 1890 Wodonga municipal sale yards opened November 19, valued at £10,000. Three new school classrooms erected at the Albury Grammar School. F J Bellbridge Memorial Gates dedicated at showgrounds, September 10. Albury Ski Club formed in May, W P Croswaite, president. United Charities Society and Benevolent Societies combined in April. C H Griffith and G M Stedman subdivided 20 acres called Forest Hill (Forest Hill was used as a location by earlier townspeople).
- 1936 Hume Dam completed, official opening by Governor-General, Lord Gowrie on November 21. It took 17 years to build; (Weir increased its size between 1950-1961 and substantial work to reinforce it between 1994-2003). Albury Show Society selected a new 14-acre site, bounded by Mate and Fallon Streets for the new Showgrounds; later expanded to Smith

Street, (38 acres) and in 1955 to 51 acres. Rover Scout Den opened by Lord Gowrie, Governor-General, November 20. Mothers' Club formed in June, with Mrs G Davidson, president and Mrs Pratt as secretary. West Albury Infants' School building opened in January. Albury Bowling Club rooms built by J W Cochrane at 622 Macauley Street, S S Oxenham architect. Foundation stone of Baptist Sunday School, Macauley Street, laid January 18 and opened April 26; F A Stow the builder. Roman Catholic Sacred Heart School/Church opened in Wagga Road, April 19. Commercial Banking Company Bank, SW corner Kiewa and Dean Streets, demolished for new bank and offices. J E R Fellows retired from the Botanical Gardens after 34 years, December.

- 1937 The Spirit of Progress express train began Melbourne to Albury route, November 23. New Nurses' Home at Albury District Hospital began November 9. Site selected for airport in May, to proceed with government assistance. Beacon erected on West's Garage, Kiewa Street (LibraryMuseum 2007) and flashed AY March 13. Hoyts Theatre, 483 Olive Street, opened March 12, art deco design. Union Bridge renovated in April. Council proposed cricket and golf grounds for Alexandra Park in February. Annis and George Bills' water trough in memory of World War I horses, installed in Nurigong Street (Oddies Park in 2017). New Commercial Club buildings behind the Wool Exchange opened May 12, by President C W Hill; included bowling greens and tennis courts. Bank of NSW, Dean Street built, contractor Preston Carkeek.
- 1938 Aerodrome laid out in February, opened November. All Saints' Church of England opened SW corner Bellevue and Frauenfelder Streets, North Albury by Bishop E H Burgmann on April 16. Masonic Hall, Kiewa Street, old facade demolished and new facade built, opened December 15, architect S S Oxenham and builder F W Lemcke. Abattoirs opened in East Albury near the saleyards. Albury High School Memorial Library named after Dr John I Hunter. New Albury Grammar School dormitory built. Lutheran Church of St Luke, Guinea Street built (F W Lemcke) and foundation stone laid September 28, 1938 by J H Linke. Australia celebrated 150 years, March 4 to 11; Malcolm's Bakery made a cake 10-foot-tall and weighing 1200 pounds. Albury pool renovations in January, filtration plant proposed July 14. St Brigid's, Smollett Street, demolished prior to building a new two storey school for St Brigid's Primary School. Albury Motor Cycle Club circuit at Wirlinga, NSW Grand Prix Motor Race March 19. Bogong View Estate opened.
- 1939 World War II began. New Albury Hotel opened, 491 Kiewa Street. Rosehill Girls' School moved to Griffiths' property off Schubach Street, East Albury and renamed after the property as Woodstock Girls' School, Miss Anna Drennan Principal. Private and Intermediate wards added to Albury District Hospital opened February 24. Flooding between Albury and Wodonga. New Albury Hotel at 491 Kiewa Street for the Richmond NS Brewing Co designed by W H Merritt and constructed by Snider construction, architectural plans dated December 1939. New St Brigid's Primary School building blessed and opened by Bishop Henschke, June 4.

- 1940 Temporary Army depots and stores opened in Albury at the Showgrounds and on August 20 the 2/23rd Battalion AIF (Albury's Own) was raised. Bonegilla and Bandiana camps laid out. Alfred Waugh portrait hung in Town Hall, December 12. Major 3-storey classroom extensions for St Joseph's Ladies' College opened by Bishop Henschke, 22 September. Legislation enacted to reduce Saturdays to half-day working. Albury pool tiled and chlorinated to Olympic standard, re-opened by Mayor Alderman Doug Padman in February. Modern trunk line installed at the Post Office in January. District Council of Parents & Citizens Association formed to operate circulating libraries for schools. West Albury Union Church declared free of debt and opened by Premier of NSW Hon Alexander Mair MLA June 23; weatherboard building transported from Table Top to site. Royal Stadium Albury holds Australian heavyweight wrestling title between Australian George Pencheff and Leo Demetral of the USA. Planes landed piggy back in a farm paddock near Brocklesby September 29.
- 1941 Water reservoir installed on Nailcan Hill, May- August. Albury Infants' School (The Manor) foundation stone laid by Hon Clive Evatt MLA, October 6, and opened in July 17. Builder F W Lemcke.
- 1942 The RAAF established the Ettamogah depot on One Tree Hill, 1942-1982. Lavington Public School's Hague Memorial Gates opened September 5. Albury Infants School opened July 17 by Hon Clive Evatt KC Minister for Education.
- 1943 Gates at Base Hospital opened in memory of C H Lester. Wodonga rail-bus disaster on Thomas Mitchell Drive killed 23 soldiers, a female Army clerk and the civilian bus driver, 6.30pm May 8. Albury Volunteer Observation Post set up in CML building September 8.
- 1944 Liberal Party of Australia established by Robert Menzies and others at an Albury conference in Mate's Lounge, December 14 to 16. Murray Valley Development League formed at conference, August 15, 16 at the suggestion of Albury Council. St James' Church, Urana Road, Lavington Memorial Gates opened. Volunteer Aid Raid Observers' Post erected in Billson Park in September.
- 1945 Albury Library adopted the NSW Library Act and established a Junior Free Library, Brenda Roxburgh librarian. Golfington Estate, David Street between North Street and the Cemetery put on the market by S M Logan. Murray Valley Coaches commenced in December. Albury Kindergarten opened behind 553 Kiewa Street September 15, Miss Ann Hogan, directoress. Sisters of Mercy establish at former 'Chelvey Hospital,' 492 Olive Street.
- 1946 Albury proclaimed a city on December 19 by NSW Government and celebrations ensued on the 20th with the announcement. Mate's Ltd store sold to Burns Philip. SS&A Club opens in Dean Street. First Sheep Show held in Albury August 6 & 7. Burrows Flour Mills sold to Bunge. Catholic United Service Auxiliary hut removed from showgrounds to 609 Young Street and converted to a church called St Joseph's (last service July 4, 2004). Duplex teleprinters were installed to replace the old Morse Code system April 24. Albury Grammar School purchases 25 acres of old showgrounds.
- 1947 Population 14,412. Migrant Reception Centre opened at Bonegilla. The first migrants arrived in Melbourne on the 'USS General Heinzselman' December. In February, first six NSW Housing Commission homes completed in North Albury, western side of Mate Street

to the north of the PO (commenced 1946 with 19 cottages to be completed); architect Albert Hanson Sydney, builder F W Lemcke Albury. 'Blackie House,' modern maternity unit, added to Albury District Hospital in February, funded by money from will of Mr Blackie, local pharmacist, Redvers Mould builder. New Nurses' Home opened February 23, 1947 by Hon C A Kelly MLA, Minister for Health. First Art Exhibition at Plaza Theatre in July, Council provided prize of £75. Governor-General Lieutenant-General Sir John Northcott unveiled a bronze plaque recording the proclamation of Albury as a city in April when celebrations included entertaining 100 pioneers. North Albury Progress Association re-formed in May. Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) bought Boortkoi Private Hospital, 566 Wyse Street, offering accommodation for young women from November 10. Australian Rules football and cricket fields laid out at Alexandra and Billson Parks. North Albury Football Club admitted to Ovens & Murray League. First Travelodge opened by Murray Valley Coaches, NE corner Swift and Kiewa Streets, F W Lemcke builder. North Albury Presbyterian Church (later St Andrew's) first service on November 16, held in North Albury Youth Club Hall. August 19. Albury Town Band became Albury City Band. Floodlights and sports hall installed at sportsground.

- 1948 Alfred Waugh died August 19; he served 27 terms as an alderman commencing in 1903, 19 terms as mayor. New Grammar School block opened by Rt Rev Alexander MacEwan Stevenson in September. In May, Albury Council gave businesses three years to remove all balconies and verandah structures. Lutheran Church Hall, 436 Guinea street foundation stone laid in May, dedication service on November 6, builder A B Chick. In September, new senior classroom block, including six classrooms, assembly hall and science block was opened at the Albury Grammar School, by Rt Rev Alexander Stevenson, sited east on the former site of Albury Showgrounds; F W Lemcke build. The *Border Morning Mail* becomes a tabloid newspaper. Albury council names Greenfield Park, Noreuil Park Oval and Lambert Reserve June 2. Greenfield Park, on top of an old tip, is earmarked for women's basketball and hockey, June 2.
- 1949 Riverina Daylight Express trains link Albury and Sydney on September 19. Stone unveiled 23 September, by Clive R Evatt KC MLA, Minister for Housing, at a multi-story building of welfare housing, SW corner Pemberton and Thurgoona Streets using bricks from June demolition of gaol; F W Lemcke, builder. Adult section of the library became linked with six NSW public libraries in this region. Town planning committee formed. Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Act enacted, officially began October 17, completed in 1974. Memorial Bowl, below Monument proposed by Mayor C E Bunton in January. Greenfield Park, Alma and North Streets, dedicated June 17. J C King Park, SW corner David and North Streets, gazetted for public recreation June 17. The Albury District Hospital wins £250,000 to upgrade the site and becomes a Base Hospital, November 21.
- 1950 Upper Murray Regional Library established headquarters in Albury. Six shire sign agreement July 1 City town plan draft exhibited in June. 'The Albury Banner & Wodonga Express' ceased publication May 26. Further waterworks development under Roy Collings, Town Clerk. Alfred Waugh memorial water fountain, made of Tasmanian red granite, opened in Civic Square, April 3. Town Hall re-modelled in October. Seventh -Day Adventist built school in Parkinson Street, East Albury, later became Border Christian College 24 Ava Avenue, Thurgoona. Technical College building erected in Poole Street west. First television views by Astor Mobile Television Unit, May 1. Albury District Hockey Association formed. Maples Furniture donated bus stop shelters on Lavington and North Albury routes

in November (remaining one at corner Hague Street and McDonald Road 2017). Dairy Farmers Co-operative Milk Co Ltd began in Fallon Street in December, site of former butter factory. First recorded cricket match on new concrete wicket at Noreuil Park, November 25. Noreuil Park Kiosk built 1950 partially demolished April 1994.

- 1951 First annual Floral Festival, March 14-18 and Floral Queen crowned March 18. Council proposed a ten-acre block for the city's civic centre bound by Dean, Kiewa, Swift and Olive Streets. Transfer of Albury Cemetery from the combined trusts to the Albury City Council approved by the Minister for Lands, February 20. North Albury School expanded to include all primary classes. Noreuil Park placed under Albury City Council control. Girl Guides built a hut behind 533 Kiewa Street.
- 1952 New water supply reservoir built in Lavington, ceremony September 27. North Albury Presbyterian Church Manse-Hall, Buckingham Street, North Albury opened November 16 by Rev John Armour.
- 1953 Albury Business & Professional Women's Club formed in October. Red Cross Hall, vicinity 446 Dean Street opened August 11, by J F Clark, builder F W Lemcke. Albury Film Society formed. First Hampstead Heath held in Dean Street on November 9. Overhead telephone lines removed from Dean Street in October. Sportsground score board commemorating the two wars installed. Fruit Fly outbreak in Lavington spells the end of the orchard industry, February. Red Cross building near the corner of Dean and Macauley Streets is opened, August. Lavington get its first public bush fire-fighting service, December. Police Boy's Club commences (PCYC).
- 1954 Population 16,726. Wodonga District Hospital opened, taking pressure off Albury Base Hospital. Jaycees Club formed in July. Memorial Bowl commemorating WWII dedicated in November, Ben Mudford builder. Upper Murray Mobile Library began. West Albury Infants opened. First Easter Hockey Carnival in April. Waugh Road opened giving another route to Lavington. Work commenced on raising the Hume Weir wall. Cleaver E Bunton, long serving Mayor, received Order of the British Empire. Hume Golf Club, Logan Road west, held first competition in June, nine holes and sand traps. Albury & District Car Club formed (Albury, Wodonga & District Car Club in 2017). Waugh Road opened, giving a second access to Lavington, May.
- 1955 Road haulage on Hume Highway boosted after state tax on trucks abolished. Ladies Bowling Club opened and new club building erected at Greenfield Park. St Vincent de Paul's shelter for the poor was opened by Rev Fr Edgehill, July 16. Albury High School Memorial Oval opened by D G Padman MLA. Bush Fire Brigade built a new station in Wagga Road. Ten o'clock closing in NSW began February 1. Old age and invalid pensioners' Recreation Centre, 605 Stanley Street opened (later used by Red Cross, demolished and became community garden in 2015). Albury Golf Clubhouse built by Redvers Mould, architects A C & C H Macknight Corowa. The women bowlers' clubhouse at Greenfield Park is opened, December 1. Catholic Church purchases land in North Albury for future school buildings.
- 1956 Inter-Capital Daylight Express times between Sydney and Melbourne, changing at Albury, cut to 13 hours. St Mark's Church of England opened, 328 Gulpha Street. Foundation stone for Seminary of the Divine Word Missionary Order laid in March, Centaur Road (became in time Lavington Sports Club). St Anne's Sacred Heart Primary School foundation stone laid,

corner Lowry and Curlow Streets, March 11, by Bishop Henschke. Tallangatta township moved. Sky-Line Drive-in, Wodonga opened January 26. Plaque erected at the site of Robert Brown's original store by Minister for Local Government. Albury Base Hospital Blood Bank officially opened by Dr J P Morris in August. Letter delivery for Lavington commenced in April. RAEME plans drawn up for Bandiana. Melbourne Olympics this year. Extensive flooding in Albury July. Amalgamated Textiles became Macquarie Worsted Ltd. The Albury Railway Institute opens its bowling greens, February – later becomes Windsor Park. Letter deliveries to the suburbs finally begin April 1. Olympic Flame is carried through Albury along the route of the Olympic Way on its way to Melbourne, November 21.

- 1957 Cardinal Gilroy opened new Mercy Hospital in Poole Street (NW corner Kiewa Street) December 1. Hydro Power Station added to Hume Dam April 16. Albury Lions Club formed, April 15; Lady Lions formed October 31. Lavington celebrated centenary. Memorial Gates at the Urana Road oval dedicated by D G Padman MLA, June 17. Albury Town Plan gazetted June 14, 1957. Murray Vale, home for disadvantaged girls, foundation stone laid October by Fr Agst, Ron Hirst builder; aged care followed. Albury baths upgraded with new dressing shed. St John's School at Newtown Orphanage opened by Bishop Dr Henschke January 25. St Mark's Anglican Church Hall, 518 Gulpha Street, dedicated, Ron Hurst builder. An 1859 renovated gas street light and plaque installed by Apex and the Horticultural Society on the roundabout, Kiewa & Poole Streets and Nathan Avenue. Boomerang Cafe and Service Station (first combined facility between Melbourne & Sydney) opened by Tom & Joyce Pearsall. Letter deliveries to the home began in Lavington April. First electricity from the Hydro-electricity turbine on Lake Hume is transmitted to Albury, April 16.
- 1958 Albury and other NSW municipalities formed Murray River County Council, headquarters in Albury and council staff transferred there in April. MRCC switched to power supply from NSW on May 7. Foundation stone for North Albury Methodist Church (Trinity) laid August 9 by Rev E A Bennett and opened November 29 by Rev E H Wood. Lamson Paragon Australia Ltd, first factory in Wodonga (Moore Corporation took over in 1977 and later Moore Business Systems Ltd), closed 2011. First naturalisation ceremony held in Lavington. Modern electric lighting installed in Dean Street. Five Ways traffic round-about constructed. Moresby Park Kindergarten, North Albury, officially opened in July. Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Mate Street, blessed by Most Rev F A Henschke, DD, Bishop of Wagga, March 19. Methodist Youth Centre opened by Rev Dr A H Wood, April 19. North Albury Progress Association formed 1958. Albury Wodonga Yacht Club formed. The first classes at St Anne's Primary School in North Albury, February 3.
- 1959 East Lavington Public Street, 518 Daly Street opened September 25, by J F Bingham. Albury Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Club new building, Olive Street, foundation stone laid by Lt General Sir John Northcott, May 2. Lincoln Causeway named after Merv Lincoln, Olympic athlete. Pollard Arch over Lincoln Causeway opened by Princess Alexandra, September 16. Levee built along Murray River from Doctors Point to the railway embankment. Christian Brothers' College remained in Smollett Street for primary boys, secondary students moved to new campus 294 Fallon Street, became St Thomas Aquinas College. Automatic Telephone Exchange 473 Kiewa St built by A B & M A Chick. Hume Weir race track conducted its first race November 2. Jack Sarvaas, Albury Council engineer and town planner left after 24 years with Albury Council. Roy Collings, Town Clerk for 45 years retired. Princess Alexandra stayed at Bungowannah Park September 15. The North Albury

Sacred Heart Church is opened to services, April. The new hall at All Saints Church in North Albury is opened, September. The Boomerang Hotel-Motel is opened, October

- 1960 Wirlinga Defence Ammunition Depot closed July 30, then operated as branch of the 311 Supply Company Ammunition Depot until 1982. New Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen's Club building, Olive Street, opened July 15, by Governor of NSW, Sir Eric Woodward. Large increase in Hume Weir pondage. Quota Club formed in June. Albury & District Historical Society formed November 8. CWA and North Albury Apex combine to open Baby Health Centre Moresby Park, North Albury, in October. Lutheran Rest Home, Riverview Terrace opened by Rev Theo Harms in February. North Albury Youth Club Hall sold and removed to Mutsch Street for Lavington Scout Hall. St Peter's Lutheran Church, SW corner Urana Road and Buchhorn Streets, Lavington, foundation stone laid August 21, by Rev B E Bartolomaeus. St Matthew's War Memorial Hall, Civic Square, foundation stone laid by Rt. Rev E H Burgmann, November 20, 1960. Squash courts opened 593-5 David Street. North Albury Presbyterian Church (St Andrew's) opened Hall and Manse, Wewak Street, July 30, by Rev E Jakes. Tourist bureau established next to the Town Hall Dean Street. St David's Presbyterian Hall, facing Wilson Street, first sod turned by Alderman C Bunton, June 5. German Austrian club commenced. First Woolworths Supermarket opened, vicinity 525 Dean Street, Redvers Mould builder. Flooding in August and September. Wodonga Albury District Express newspaper established 1960 (ceased August 1984). The two separate non-official post offices in Lavington closed April 1 and a new one set up at 320 Urana Road. SS&A Club opens its Hall of Remembrance with its war memorial replica April 25. Governor Sir E Woodward opens the SS&A Club in Olive Street, starting in a building costing £130,000, July 15.
- 1961 Third Union Bridge opened April 7, by Premier NSW, Mr R J Heffron, replacing the 1898 bridge. Quota Club Charter Dinner May 13. St Matthew's War Memorial Parish Centre opened April 29, A B & M A Chick builders. St David's Presbyterian Hall opened March by Minister H W R Norwood BA, BD, bricklayers Tom and Maurice Gulson. Shepparton Television GMV 6 commenced December 23. Albury Public School Assembly Hall foundation stone laid in March. Planning and reconstruction of the Albury Aerodrome took place. Albury North High School, Fallon Street, had first student intake January and occupied new buildings on June 8, 1961. Ettamogah RAAF Base Ammunition Store, used during WWII, closed July 30. Chapel at St John's Thurgoona blessed & opened by Rev F A Henschke September 21. West Albury public golf course opened. Hume Highway re-routed by extending Young Street to Hume Street. The chimney of the old water pumping station demolished. Thurgoona Post Office closed. Hume dam was enlarged and construction of the reinforced concrete hoist bridge supporting the equipment for the 29 spillway gates. Modifications were carried out during 1950-1961 to enlarge the reservoir to its present capacity of 3,038,000 ML which enabled it to accommodate additional water from the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Machine that can dig a grave in 19 minutes (previously 7.5 hours) is trialled in Albury November.
- 1962 Standard rail gauge completed from Wodonga to Melbourne, opened for goods traffic January 2. Southern Aurora (overnight sleeper) uninterrupted Sydney to Melbourne, April 16. Lavington Infants' department opened April 6. Lavington and much of Thurgoona absorbed into Albury City, January 1. Rostrum Public Speaking Club formed. New Police Station 539 Olive Street opened December 14, by Police Commissioner N T W Allen and

NSW Attorney Robert Dowling. Drinking fountain at Albury Sports Ground donated by Albury Radio Taxis. First Trade Fair and Motor Exhibition organised by Rotary and Apex Clubs in May. Bunton Park, NW corner Logan Road and Alemein Avenue opened as North Albury Football Club grounds. Woodstock moved to North Albury from Schubach Street and the Woodstock Presbyterian Girls School was opened by the moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly Rev A A Adams October 21. St Joseph Ladies' College new classrooms opened by Rev F A Henschke on April 8. Albury Council membership increased to 12 members, gazetted February 23. Viscount Holdings, the first public company in Albury. Logan Road is opened to traffic, February. Albury residents elect 12 councillors for the first time, December.

- 1963 Albury Airport completed for commencement of air services, December 15, the runway now a mile long. Trans Australian Airlines (TAA) submitted a timetable, June 7. Albury Regional Promotional Council began. North Albury Rotary formed May 1, chartered 15 June. Murray River County Council building, vicinity 532 David Street, completed. Albury Golf Clubhouse additions opened in March. Albury established a Symphony Orchestra with inaugural performance September 20. Seventh Day Adventists' Health & Welfare Centre opened by Alderman C E Bunton April 30. Albury Regional Promotion Council formed. ABC Television Shepparton commenced November 28. New Chapel of St John the Evangelist, Thurgoona, opened and blessed by Bishop Dr Henschke September 24. St Peter's Lutheran Church built, SW corner Buchhorn Street and Urana Road. St Anne's Primary School bell tower erected. St Matthew's Hall, 517 Olive Street, demolished. Indoor Ten Pin Bowling Centre opened SW corner of Young and Crisp Streets, December 5, builder A B & M A Chick. Albury Grammar School memorial grandstand dedicated to Alan Hamilton-Smith opened by Rt Rev H Harrison December 7. Border Morning Mail's new premises, NE corner Kiewa and Swift Streets, opened by D E Fairbairn, December 7. 'Berrelli' (later Marianella) Nursing Home, annexed to Mercy Hospital for aged care. Albury Mayor welcomes sister city Merced, California, USA councillor W M Bryars and wife to Albury June 18. Albury taxis are fitted with meters.
- 1964 Airport officially opened by Hon D Fairbairn, Minister for National Development, September 13. Runway reconstructed to facilitate regular flights to Melbourne and Sydney. Ambassador for the Netherlands unveiled a plaque to commemorate the Uiver landing in 1934. War Memorial Civic Theatre opened, May 22, by Premier Renshaw MLA, value £230,000. Television in Albury-Wodonga commenced by AMV4 September 7, followed by ABC (ABAV-1) December 15. Foundation stone laid for the Greek Orthodox Church, SE corner Olive & Hovell Streets, March 22, by His Eminence, Archbishop Ezekiel. Albury Public School Assembly Hall opened December. Albury Lapidary Club began in October. Woolworths Supermarket opened SE corner Union Road and Mate Streets. Dean Square band rotunda demolished July. Lavington's post office receives grade two status July 1. Albury Council holds the Local Government Association of NSW Conference, October 27-29. Murray River County Council's new 490 David Street headquarters is opened, February.

- 1965 Albury-Wodonga Complex Committee formed to promote cross-border growth. Girl Guides permanent quarters built behind 533 Kiewa Street. Civic Square fountain erected, substantially donated by the Apex, Rotary and Lions Clubs. Night landing facilities at the airport finished May 13. Lions' Club built a brick archway at the airport. Albury Telephone Exchange automated June 26. Albury City Council renovated the Turks Head Hotel, Wodonga Place, for a museum. Gang Show's first performance. New mayoral robe made by Albury tailor, Joe Halicki. Hume Golf Club buildings, Logan Road west, opened August 14. Temperance Hall/Norman and Heath, NW corner Kiewa and Stanley Streets, demolished.
- 1966 Albury and Wodonga's combined population reached 36,000. New Upper Murray Regional Library, Albury Civic Square, opened to the public February 25, and official function held April 4, by Mayor C E Bunton OBE. NSW Premier R W Askin officially opened State Government Office building, 512 Dean Street, November 25. Apex Club's Women's Rest Centre in State Government building opened by Premier also on November 25 (building won the Blackett award from the Australian Institute of Architects). Federal Theatre, NW corner Kiewa and Stanley Streets demolished December. Foundation stone from the Mechanics' Institute building re-sited after it was demolished, superseded by new theatre and library in Civic Square. Hume Shire building, SW corner Englehardt and Kiewa Streets, demolished. Snowed in Albury July 15. New science block opened at St Joseph's Ladies' College by Senator R C Cotton. March 20. Lawn cemetery and crematorium established at Glenmorus, Hamilton Valley. Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church bell tower erected. Hume Dam at an all-time low in April. Albury & District Car Club purchased 'Brasseurville' beside Union Bridge, subsequently sold to Bob Jane Corporation (derelict in 2017). Albury Grammar Centenary block foundation stone laid by Mr Fairbairn May 1.
- 1967 Uncle Ben's pet food company opened in Wodonga in March. Wodonga Meats Pty Ltd (Donga Meats) opened. Victoria identified 'Wodonga-Albury' for accelerated development.' Jelbart Park (North Albury) Swimming Centre opened February 4 by Hon David Hughes, MLA. First traffic lights switched on, corner of Dean and Kiewa Streets on March 13. Lavington Automatic Telephone Exchange, corner Urana and Wagga Roads, opened December, A B & M A Chick build. Extensive building programme for Albury Technical College, Poole Street began. New Albury bandroom opened in Reserve Street by Mayor Bunton. New Hume Shire building, SW corner Englehardt and Kiewa Streets, officially opened August 18 by Minister for Local Government. New frontage erected at Lutheran Church Guinea Street. Dean Street lighting modernised. Museum officially opened at Turks Head, Wodonga Place, December 15. Referendum to include Aboriginal people in the census successful in May. St James Crescent subdivision of 11 acres put up for sale by Ben Mudford, builder. Aquinas College, Fallon Street, extended. Catholic Mission Centre bookshop, Dean Street, opened by Rt Revs F A Henschke and Carroll on July 3. Albury Music Theatre formed by Neil Case and Ted Lewis. New bridge works over Bungambrawatha Creek in Nathan Avenue, January. The first Albury to Melbourne return air service with TAA takes off. January 31. New dog pound is opened, May 10.
- 1968 Royal Palais Kiewa Street (Westend Plaza 2017) to be demolished in March. Kaliana Enterprise Inc gained Lions' Club support in July. Building plans approved May 23 and opened November 2, 749 Sackville Street north, by Gordon C Mackie MLA. Penguin Club formed to promote public speaking for women, first meeting October 10. Jindera Pioneer Museum opened by Russell Drysdale. The Church of Christ Lavington opened. Second set

of traffic lights installed at Olive and Dean Streets intersection. Village Shopping Centre, SW corner Young and Crisp Streets opened. Fence removed from Hovell Tree, replaced by stones. Lavington Sports Club applied for a liquor licence. Albury Wodonga Continuing Education Centre, High Street Wodonga opened in former Wodonga High School. Memorial stone and semi-circular seat tribute to Dr George Terrey at the front of the Methodist church Olive Street, March. Severe drought conditions. First stages of six units for St Matthew's Retirement Village, Cahill Place opened November 26. Albury's hottest day February 1, 45.1°C. The Sisters of Mercy celebrate 100 years in Albury. Albury's second Fire station opened corner of Parnell and Prune Streets, December. Haberfield's Dairy releases the first 'Pure-Pac' carton for milk, December 19.

1969 A waterwheel erected SW corner Ebdon Street and Wodonga Place, opened November 21 by P Burrows, removed February 27, 2014. St Matthew's War Memorial Parish Centre opened April 29, by Archbishop of Melbourne, I T R Bordis. Water supply improvements for Lavington. Guadalupe House for intellectually handicapped men, opened by the Brothers of the Mother of God. Norman Douglas' Trout Farm and Hatchery, NW of Weir wall opened December 27, by Sir D Fairbairn and G Mackie. NSW Government Tourist Information Centre opened at 323 Wodonga Place in October. Lavington Sports Club granted a liquor licence. Also, the Club released plans for a \$1 million upgrade, December. Albury's latest rubbish tip at Alexandra Park opened, January 1. Work starts on bringing sewerage to Urana Road, Hague Street and Prune Streets. Kentucky Fried Chicken first served, approximately 487 Young Street. Albury's hottest night January 24 min temp. 27.8°C.

1970 Internal route (Parkinson Street) chosen for Hume Freeway. Target store, SE corner Smollett and Kiewa Street opened, A B & M A Chick build. Borg-Warner (Aust) Pty Ltd, gearbox factory, Kaitlers Road Lavington construction commenced in March – name changes include BTR Nylex 1987, ION Ltd 2002, became Drive Train International Systems 2006 and closed in October 31, 2014. St Mark's Anglican Church, 328 Gulpha Street, plan approved April 10, cost \$280,000. NSW State Office block, Dean Street, won Blakett Award on April 18. Holy Spirit Parish, 550 Prune Street, Lavington, first Mass in the old scout hall, Mutsch Street, February 1. Flooding September. Albury Council agrees to chlorinate the city's water supply, March. The Albury and Border Rescue Club gets a new building, 398 Kiewa Street. Gough Whitlam earmarks Albury-Wodonga as a growth centre for the first time, April 17. Albury's first mechanical street sweeper hits the streets, June 1. Paul Jarvie becomes the first Albury person to win a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games, July 23. Work begins at Albury's Crestknit plant, August. Margaret Court takes the Grand Slam of tennis, September.

- 1971 Bonegilla Migrant Centre closed. Albury High School new library and classrooms erected, (B Block C Block occupied Nov 1972, D, E & F block completed 1979). Albury Base Hospital, Wodonga Place new operating theatre, boiler room, mortuary, Intensive-care ward, Pharmacy etc built. Technical College consolidated and a plaque placed at Poole Street August 11, by Percy Burrows an early student. St Mark's Anglican Church, 328 Gulpha Street, North Albury dedicated March 28, by Rev K J Clements. Hume Public School, Parklands Crescent, Lavington, first stage opened February 3. First female Albury councillor Mrs I (Bobby) C Derkenne elected in September. Mercy Hospital's St Mary's Nurse's Home opened by Minister for Health and dedicated by Most Rev Bishop F P Carroll in May. Young Men's Christian Association established in Albury. Holy Spirit School, Mutsch Street Lavington, officially blessed May 30. Albury Crematorium (Glenmorus Gardens) completed and opened by Mayor C E Bunton, March 19. Flooding August. Cooper Tool Group Ltd. West Albury Rotary Charter presentation inner November 27. New eight storey Travelodge Hotel, 648 Dean Street, Albury's tallest building, opened October 15.
- 1972 The Scots School, Wood and Perry Streets, created by merging Albury Grammar School (for boys) and Woodstock Girls' School. Stargazer Drive-in Cinema, Thurgoona first night October 5. Hoyt's Theatre, vicinity 483 Olive Street, closed April 12. New Albury Entertainment Centre, Swift Street opened May 19 by Hon M Morris MLA followed by a Grand Ball. Lavington Aboriginal Families' Resettlement Scheme began. Jelbart Park has heated pool approved by council. Lavington Sports Club started building a \$1 million extension including grandstand. Caravan and camping park at Noreuil Park moved to the Albury Showgrounds, Fallon, North and Mate Streets. Old Union Bridge is demolished, November. The formal start of Riverina College of Advanced Education (the precursor of Charles Sturt University, established 1989) on January 1 (classes began in Albury area at a later date).
- 1973 Hoyts Theatre, vicinity 483 Olive Street, demolished. Whitlam government and NSW and Victoria announce the first National Growth Centre Agreement at Albury-Wodonga. Gough Whitlam (PM), Rupert Hamer (Premier Victoria) and Robert Askin (Premier NSW) met January 25. Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation (AWDC) formalized October 23 and Gordon Craig appointed as Chairman. Wodonga proclaimed Rural City March 30, by Governor of Victoria Sir Rohan Delacombe. H.D Lee & Co began making jeans in Albury before relocating to Wodonga. View Club began, to give voice to the interests, education and views of women. Gold Key Furniture 496 Dean Street opened by Mayor August 3. Original Race course demolished and new grandstand and other facilities built at racecourse. Albury Public School Administration and Library block opened June 14, by Hon E A Willis MLA, A B & M A Chick build. Second Union Bridge demolished. Lake Dartmouth official opening ceremony, February 15. Lavington Sports Club second stage commenced. Foundation Stone of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 402 Wagga Road, laid by Stan Carnie May 27. Mitta Mitta Canoe Club began at Albury. Lavington Sports Club opened. Flooding August. Albury's wettest year with 1133.2 mm.
- 1974 AWDC stated aim for 300,000 regional population by 2000. Interim board meeting January 22. Sanyo television factory in Wodonga opened by Premier Hamer October 25. The former Town Hall building, Dean Street became Albury Regional Art Gallery. Five eucalypt trees planted adjoining the Hovell tree. Albury & District Historical Society placed a plaque November 17, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Hume & Hovell's crossing.

Extensive flooding in January and October. St Andrew's Presbyterian Church complex, 402 Wagga Road opened November 9. Prince Charles visited Wodonga. Albury Council holds the Local Government Association of NSW Conference, August 12-15. Work begins on the new Billy Hughes bridge at Ettamogah, March 7. First exhibition of art work in the new public gallery above the library in Dean Street.

- 1975 Foundation stone for Albury City Chambers, 533 Kiewa Street; Chick-Costain venture (foundation stone laid by Hon T L Lewis MLA Premier of NSW June 4, 1975). Abattoirs at East Albury closed. SS&A Club extensively extended. Third largest ever floods in Albury, 5.66 m, in November. Colour Television came to Albury. Glenroy Public School, Logan Road, opened. Seventh-Day Adventist Church and School, 805 David Street dedicated August 30, by Pastor Robert Frame. Murray High School, SE corner Kaitler's Road and Kemp Street Lavington, constructed throughout 1975. Major renovations and additions at St Anne's Primary, Lowry Street. Albury Kindergarten relocated to 714 Alma Street December 4. Albury abattoirs closes, East Albury April 1. First night football game at Lavington Sportsground March 1. AWDC Carramar nursery, Riverina Highway, opened.
- 1976 AWDC housing program of 6000 sites began in Springdale Heights north of Albury and Willow Park, West Wodonga. Lincoln Causeway became four-lane divided road. New Council Chambers 533 Kiewa Street Albury opened August 13, by Premier Neville Wran. Murray High School, corner Kemp Street and Kaitler's Road opened. Additions to the SS&A Club. Coinda Support Group Inc established. Lapidary Club building, opened by Mayor C E Bunton August 14. Equestrian Centre, Roberts Rd Thurgoona, established. Riverina College of Advanced Education Study Centre, 432 Townsend Street, opened by Premier Wran, August 13 precursor to Charles Sturt University. Albury/Wodonga Rugby Union Football Club formed, became The Steamers in 1986. St Vincent de Paul, Charles O'Neil centre corner Hovell & Macauley Streets opened by Hon F G Whitlam and blessed by Rev F P Carroll February 15. Albury declared a drought zone, May 1. Work begins on a Coles supermarket and Woolworths shopping centre in Lavington, November 28. First classes begin at Murray High School, December 3.
- 1977 Natural gas supply started. Clyde Cameron Trade Union Training College (A B & M A Chick build) opened in Nordsvan Drive Wodonga, September 1977, closed June 30, 1996 (later became Murray Valley Private Hospital). West Albury Pre School Centre opened by Mrs Malcolm Fraser October 20. Age Concern began, 532 Townsend Street. Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Prune Street Lavington, opened by Most Rev F P Carroll, May 29. Methodist and Presbyterian Churches form Uniting Church of Australia on June 22. Salvation Army Citadel and Community Centre, SE corner Corella Street and Union Road, North Albury opened. First Albury Council Carols by Candlelight in December. Albury's first heated indoor pool opens in Wagga Road. Work begins on the new five ways intersection, October 10. Volunteer work starts on the manual activities' centre for retired people at Jelbart Park, December.
- 1978 AWDC housing estate developed at St John's Hill, Thurgoona mid-year. Cleaver E Bunton OBE awarded OAM. New sale yards at Bandiana opened. Collings Park, Walsh Street East Albury, plaque unveiled June 28, recognising Roy Collings, Town Clerk 1935-59 (plaque in Kim Avenue). Albury and District Police-Citizens Boys' Club plaque unveiled and tree planted May 25, by Premier of NSW, Neville Wran QC MLA, marking beginning of construction. Plaque for City of Albury, Alexandra Park Sporting Complex unveiled March 13, by Premier Wran. Lt Albert Borella VC MM MID plaque unveiled by Rowan Borella July

17 on Borella Road, re-located north of playground in Broad Street owing to road changes. Guadalupe House for disabled men opened at St John's Thurgoona. Chair at Council chamber dedicated to Cleaver E Bunton, OBE OAM. Ryan's Hotel purchased for \$800,000 by Melbourne consortium, later demolished, replaced by modern shops. Harold Mair, OAM, elected as Labor candidate to NSW Government (served until 1988). Border Bushwalking Club first meeting June 7 and officially formed July 11. Springdale Heights gets a bus service January 23. St Mark's Anglican parish in North Albury is inaugurated. First Nail Can Hill run. New Greek School Hall in Olive Street blessed and opened.

- 1979 Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital, Pemberton Street Albury, first patient admitted July 30, and opened by Hon K J Stewart MD, November 24. Murray River Performing Group and Flying Fruit Fly Circus began this year. Robert Brown Memorial Rotunda Botanic Gardens, restored and dedicated. Centrepont shopping complex Olive Street officially opened by Hon Wal Fife July 9. 'Twin City Post' first published November 1 (ceased April 10, 2008). Border Shopping Town opened by Neville Wran, Premier NSW, July 30, later renamed Lavington Square. Extension of St Patrick's Church western end and vestry. West Albury Rotary restored a replica airplane, commemorating the Uiver in April. Marks' Park (Ralph Marks, alderman, North Albury Football Club stalwart), corner North and East Streets opened August. Lavington Football Club admitted to the Ovens & Murray Football League. Mudge Canal pump installed. Major flood mitigation work commenced at Noreuil Park. New St Mark's Anglican Church, 319 Gulpa Street, consecrated April 29. First North Albury market held, June 17. Thurgoona Drive is directly connected to the Hume Highway, July 2.
- 1980 Peter Till Environmental Laboratory (Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre from 1986) opened at Thurgoona August 1980 by Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler, VC. Community Radio Albury-Wodonga began broadcasting April 4, call sign 2REM FM or Radio Ettamogah, testing and technical work started around 1977. North Albury Football ground gates built by Lions and dedicated to Ralph Marks. Waterworks filtration plant expanded. Lifeline Albury-Wodonga established. Logan's Timber closed in June. First McDonald's restaurant built in Albury and district, NE corner Townsend and Hume Streets. Fruit Fly Road Block, Lincoln Causeway was closed. Dedication of a tree at the Botanical Gardens to Elizabeth Broughton Mitchell (née Huon de Kerilleau) March 10. The fruit fly road block between Albury and Wodonga is closed for two years. The 1st Lavington Brownie-Guide Unit commences August 23. Marianella Nursing Home added to Mercy Hospital on site of 'Berrelli,' December. St John's Green estate commences. Albury College of TAFE moves out of historic Dean St Telegraph Office, July 10.
- 1981 Australian Newsprint Mills (Fletcher Challenge 1997, Norske Skog from April 2000) opened August. Albury Regional Art Gallery re-located to former Town Hall after a period in the Library in Civic Square. Murray Conservatorium, formerly Riverina Music Centre, opened NW corner Dean & Olive Streets – building listed with NSW Heritage Commission, October 30. Thurgoona Community Church began at a meeting in April. Thurgoona pre-school built (relocated to Bottlebrush Street 1992). Myer Centre, adjoining Centrepont, completed. Thurgoona gained new tennis courts and new golf course. Marianella Nursing Home added to Mercy Hospital on site of 'Berrelli.' New football and cricket grounds opened Alexandra Park in October. Twin City Festival unveiled plaque on NSW state government building. Mitta Mitta Canoe club moved into the pavilion at Noreuil Park. The Adamshurst Day Care Centre in David Street is opened. Springdale Heights first general store and

shops. Border Express begins operations in Wagga Road, October 6. Springdale Heights Public School is opened, November 18. Corry's Wood estate commenced.

- 1982 XPT trains start between Albury and Sydney Plaque commemorating 25 years of XPT services to the region August 23 (7 hours and 20 minutes). Army transfers its Apprentice School to Latchford Barracks from Balcombe Victoria. Shorko opened in Wodonga; Alexandra Park Athletics' track opened by Alderman J L Roach November 14. A/W Volunteer resources group established. New Fire station in Mate Street July 23. Army closes 311 Supply company ammunition depot at Wirlinga. Lavington Bush Fire Brigade opens centre Prune Street November 13, by Alderman John Roach Mayor. Wodonga Plaza opened 1982 (large extensions in 1995.) Yurrunga Childcare centre opened by Hon K J Stewart MP, April 23. Bunton Park scoreboard completed August 21. Mayor John Roach opens the Myer shopping centre, March 1. Albury's tourism puppet 'Murray Cod' is unveiled. April 7. Albury gets go ahead to upgrade airport to jet standard, May 6. Albury's driest year 387.7mm.
- 1983 New airport terminal and tower opened December 16, by Hon Kim C Beazley MP. Plaque unveiled by Hon Peter Cox MP June 11, to commemorate the centenary of the rail link between Sydney and Melbourne. The museum of Applied Arts and Sciences closes February 14 and collection taken to Sydney, funding from the NSW Government was forthcoming and the regional museum was to be administered by the Albury City Council - the Albury Regional Museum at former Turks Head Hotel handed over to Albury Council, ceremony by Premier Neville Wran MP, December 7. Xavier High School instituted by amalgamating St Thomas Aquinas boys' school and St Joseph Ladies' College. Kirinari Disability Services opened first house in West Albury in May. Seventh-Day Adventist School in Thurgoona opened. Woodstock Centre (Reservoir Road) opened for people with disabilities, November, later became Woodstock Support Inc. Fred Osborne Billiards Classic competition commenced. Prince Charles and Lady Diana welcomed to Albury March 23; they stayed at Woomargama and their stay concluded in April. Work begins on Bonnie Doon park area and earmarked for expansion, July 4. Latchford Barracks opened, January 1983 for the 38th Class of Army Apprentices. Fluoridation to Albury's water supply, December 1983.
- 1984 Sports Stadium, 229 North Street, opened October 13, by Hon Kevin J Stewart, MP (later became Lauren Jackson Sports Centre). Albury Wodonga Bicycle Education Centre (Andrews St) opened November by Mr Ian Glachan, MP for Albury. Forest (NSW) Headquarters opened at Thurgoona in November. Weir wall closed to traffic. Upper Murray Steamship Company formed in July 1984 aiming to launch 'Cumberoona' number 2. Mercy Health Palliative Care unit, established. Radio 2AY broadcasting 24 hours daily. Hume Golf Club built driving range. Albury Eisteddfod re-commenced. Lavington School of Arts burnt and rebuilt. First big green wheelie bins begin, February 21. Council approves a BMX track in David Street, June 17. Second nine holes opened at Thurgoona Golf Club, November 11. Plaque at Hovell tree on the walking trail celebrating 160 years since Hume and Hovell's arrival, November.
- 1985 Wodonga bypass opened. Albury City Council to spend \$19.8 million on a new sewerage scheme over the next 25 years. Tom Pearsall's West End Plaza, 487 Kiewa Street, opened. Council won Bluett award for excellence in local government in June. AWDC commenced construction of St Hilaire Estate Thurgoona. Thurgoona Golf Club opened 18 holes and clubhouse March 23. Banjora Children's Centre opened in Springdale Heights. Muslim

Prayer House commenced in Englehardt Street in June. Lavington Springdale Heights Community Centre, Cardo Drive, opened December 4, by Mayor Alderman J L Roach. Former directress of Albury Pre-School, Anne Hogan Playground, Sanson St Norris Park opened November 1. First meeting of Twin Cities Gay Group February 11 (group merged in the mid-1990s to form Hume Phoenix support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people). Shalom Cottage, home for dementia sufferers opened in the UPA centre by Harold Mair, September 16. Museum collection transfer of ownership to the Albury City Council, February. St Hilaire estate commenced.

- 1986 Kimberley Clarke and Geofabrics opened factories. Albury selected for a Australian Tax Office announced June 1986. Sale of former milk depot to Wodonga Council made Gateway Island tourist precinct possible. Brown Lagoon Community Gardens opened July 30, by Ian D Glachan MP. NSW Governor General opens Cemeteries and Crematorium October. First Albury Rovers Den re-opened November 22. Riverwood Retirement Village opened by Harold Mair MP March 15. Lavington School of Arts burned and council rebuilds with an extension. Murray Darling Freshwater Research centre established at Peter Till laboratories Thurgoona. St Patrick's tennis club removes from South Albury Courts October. Cumberoona test launch March 1. commenced operations 1987. Flood Mitigation for Bungambrawatha Creek. Jelbart Park obtains new clubrooms. Cobb & Co. carriage becomes a tourist attraction to Albury. New water tank for Glenroy on the Black Range. December Prince Charles visited Bandiana. The new \$6.5 million headquarter for Murray River Electricity is opened 429 Swift Street, March 16. The Seventh Day Adventist School is opened and Thurgoona Public School is under construction, September. City Walk Dean Street replaces Coles with 13 shops, December 1. Thurgoona clubhouse opens for the Golf Club, December. Trees removed from Wodonga Place to make a four-lane roadway. Woodman memorial cycle race commenced. Snow recorded at Albury July 25. St Hilaire estate commenced.
- 1987 Court House, 515 Olive Street opened October 26, by Hon Barrie Unsworth MP, cost \$2.5m, Peter's Construction build. Wodonga TAFE Institute opened. Murray River County Council built a \$6.5m building, 429 Swift Street, opened March 4. Ernest Grant Park, (died 1966 first Albury National Serviceman killed in Vietnam) Thurgoona Drive, plaque unveiled August 16. New 'Cumberoona' paddle steamer's first trip January 15. Premier Unsworth led formal ceremony February 25 (Bicentennial project worth \$800,000). Traffic lights in Pemberton Street switched on January 24. Roundabout at Swift and Olive Streets opened February. Civic Centre Theatre sound & control room upgraded, painted May 2. AWDC shifted from Wodonga West to Thurgoona (cost \$4.2m). Widening of Union Bridge took place. Lychgate at Pioneer Cemetery opened April 5. Ettamogah Pub at Table Top opened April 1. Umpires' Rooms completed at Noreuil Park, June 10. Tax office moved in to former Farmers & Graziers building, SE corner Smollett and Townsend Streets, January 22. St Peter's Lutheran Education Centre opened, August 9. Thurgoona Public School opened, November 23. Telegraph system became computerized. St John's Anglican Church, Thurgoona, re-opened after four years in December. SBS Television available in Albury. Macquarie Worsted Ltd (woollen mills) taken over by General Investments Australia Ltd. Lavington library gets the go ahead, valued at \$400,000. Meeting to form the Thurgoona Football Club December 1. Sewerage \$2.3m upgrade completed September. Council's first compulsory annual report printed October 2. Playground for Endeavour Park, Kurnell Place, November. Botanical Gardens granted a heritage listing, November. Albury's first 24-hour (Ampol) petrol station and Road Pantry, 840 David Street, September 27.

Museum to the 8/13th opens at Buna Barracks, Victoria Street, June. Vietnam Memorial established at the Civic Centre.

- 1988 Bicentennial celebrated and time capsule buried at Australia Park, to be exhumed September 25, 2088. PM Bob Hawke opened Bicentennial Exhibition in Wodonga. New Lavington Scout Group Hall opened in January, Mutsch Street. Queen Elizabeth visited Albury May 5 and the Civic Square was re-named Queen Elizabeth II Square (known as QE11 Square.) 'The Border Morning Mail' becomes 'The Border Mail.' Plaque on the Smollett Street bridge unveiled December. Lavington occasional child care centre opened December 17. NSW Premier Greiner opens the Hume & Hovell walking trail, November. Pioneer Cemetery classified by National trust November. Smollett Street and Wodonga Place round-about completed. David and Smollett Street traffic lights completed. Official opening of new synthetic hockey fields at Alexandra Park, April. Bungambrawatha Creek flood mitigation completed. Thurgoona School of Arts hall demolished. Miss Australia Quest final held in Albury February 12. Eastern Estate gets go ahead. New tourist attraction 'Frog Hollow' opens its maze and door located off Olive Street at Brown's Lagoon, April 2. Lara Lakes Estate commenced. Chamber of Commerce re-commenced, July. Traffic lights for North & David Streets; Smollett & David Streets and Dean & Creek Streets. Albury Zonta club formed. Xavier High School becomes fully co-educational, Term One.
- 1989 Riverina College of Advanced Education, later Riverina Institute of Higher Education became Charles Sturt University, Albury Campus. AWDC wind-down began with Gordon Craig retiring. The Ministerial Council decided to return planning to local government. Kalparrin Inc (Disability Services) established. The Scots School's Chapel and Auditorium opened. Union Bridge widened 1989/90. Huge lightning storm causes Albury to be blacked out, caused by lightning striking the Union Road substation September 10. Bungambrawatha creek bridge, Dean Street concrete deck added and widened and a plaque added, December. The foundation stone to the Lutheran Aged Care Cottages is laid. Albury Wodonga Tourism wins the NSW Tourism Award.
- 1990 AWDC and Albury Council agree to develop Norris Park jointly. Charles Sturt University began purchasing sites in Olive Street north including 'The Cedar.' St Matthew's bells arrived and were installed. Dartmouth overflowed for the first time in August. New Thurgoona Telephone Exchange. Stargazer Drive-in cinema, Thurgoona closed December 31. Grove of trees planted in Oddies Creek Park June 1990 commemorating Bob Croft. Albury and Wodonga are in a time warp again as NSW and Victoria run different daylight-saving periods again March. Albury Council agree to develop Norris Park, August. The Botanical Gardens and QE11 square are floodlit, September 30. Union Bridge widening completed between 1986-1990.
- 1991 Albury-Wodonga Campus of La Trobe University established January 1, incorporating Wodonga Institute of Tertiary Education (began February 1, 1987) opened by Governor-General Bill Hayden, March 15. Albury and Wodonga combined population exceeded 70,000. St Matthew's Church destroyed by fire, September 14. Vietnam Memorial and Avenue of Honour, on road to Airport, opened August 17 by Mayor L Langford (987 trees planted). Purpose built Lavington Library opened in Griffith Road, builders Zauner Construction, opened by Mayor Les Langford August 23. New Borella Road bridge built, March-September by A B & M A Chick. Kiewa Street Bridge over Bungambrawatha Creek, opened by Mayor L Langford December 16. Waterworks doubled its capacity with new pumps. Methodist Church site, SW corner Olive and Kiewa Streets, sold to Police

Department. New management structure for Albury Council came into effect January 1. Albury/Wodonga Community Theatre (ACT Inc) commenced as a company. Plaque in honour of William Chauncy, district surveyor who designed and supervised the construction of the first bridge over the Murray, located at entrance to Noreuil Park, Wodonga Place, unveiled August 3.

- 1992 Overall Forge opened at Ettamogah. Albury-Wodonga Festival of Sport began in February, and included a cricket match between Zimbabwe & England on March 18. Ian Gladstone Barker, businessman and sportsman plaque unveiled September 20, by Ald L Langford at Alexandra Park, Keene Street. Albury Hockey Centre opened by Ald L C Langford August 30 at Alexandra Park. Restoration of St Paul's Anglican Church Jindera. Methodist Manse, Swift Street, demolished for police car park. St Vincent de Paul opened Quamby House for homeless men in Rich's Lane South Albury in February (closed in 2013). First Probus Club formed February 12. Albury Day Surgery, Baker Court, West Albury opened by Aileen Fenton August 21. Albury Swim Centre re-constructed with entrance to pool reversed. Two plaques laid at Railway Station roundabout by Tim Fisher MP, April 19, commemorating 30 years of standard gauge between Melbourne and Sydney and the restored gas lamp at that traffic island. Lavington Square shopping centre extended at a cost of \$2m. Third commercial television station Prime, Vic TV and Southern Cross, January 1. The Lutheran Rest Home approved for construction in West Albury. 2AY Radio converts to FM transmission, November. New water tank for Nail Can Hill, January. Albury's wettest day April 29, 96.6mm.
- 1993 Macquarie Textiles (woollen mills), Schubach Street, completed \$60 million expansion. Albury Tourist Bureau, Wodonga Place, closed. Thurgoona Community Complex handed to Albury Mayor, Ald A McLeish, by Mr M Hanrahan, Chairman of AWDC Board, December 13. Dean Street improvements included gardens, acknowledged by plaque outside post office and tribute to Robert Harvey planner in garden bed Corner Kiewa and Dean Streets Sydney-Melbourne Express replaced by Countrylink XPT. Tourist watercraft, 'Discovery,' launched at Noreuil by owner Thompson. Phos-Watch campaign began November 1, aimed to reduce phosphates in waste water. Reconstruction of Albury Swim Centre opened March 7, by Ian Glachan MP. Plaque in memory to the pioneers of Lavington, 1900-1950 presented by the back to Lavington committee October 3 & 4. Dalgety Farmers' Wool Store finishes business as a wool centre, March 19. The 'Back to Reality' foundation is starting in a bid to help street kids, September. The first sod turned for Latrobe University, February. The Museum Collection is moved to storage at Thurgoona, December. Dean Street upgrade opened, July 17.
- 1994 New Albury Base Hospital, Borella Road, officially opened November 9 by Hon Ron Phillips MP, Minister for Health (first patients in October). New Police Station, Olive Street opened October 6 by Hon Gary West MP. Wodonga City enlarged to 430 sq km. St Matthew's reconstructed during this year, mainly by A B & M A Chick, reconsecrated in September. Various plaques recognising International Year of the Family unveiled by Cr J Patterson (Mungabareena Road) in May. Avenue of trees, *Populus simonitii*, planted on Mungabareena Road in September. State Emergency Services, Albury Hume, headquarters officially opened by Hon G B West, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, on October 6. Railway Station renovations recognised in building awards, opening of waiting rooms, March 14 by Hon Bruce Baird MP. Bungambrawatha Creek mitigation plaque unveiled by

Hon G Souris and Mayor A J McLeish, on June 2. Woollen mills company changed name to Macquarie Textile Group Ltd.

- 1995 Charles Sturt University bought land for Thurgoona campus (Riverina TAFE later purchased adjoining site). Albury Base Hospital Wodonga Place closed. Amanda Duncan-Strelec elected first female mayor of Albury. The first satellite pay TV operators start in Albury, March. The Federal Government sets a five year wind-up of the AWDC and a sale of almost \$100 million worth of property. Sunday trading for all businesses at Lavington Shopping Centre begins, December. Pavers laid in Dean Street between Olive and David Streets. Albury's coldest night August 12, -7.0°C.
- 1996 Save Our City (pro-external bypass) campaign began. Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett unsuccessfully promoted Albury-Wodonga merger. Slight movement in Hume Dam embankment led to emergency releases and flooding. Albury Cinema Centre expanded to six screens with \$6m investment. Roy Herbert Benyon Reserve, off Mountford Crescent (Eastern View) East Albury, plaque unveiled by Mayor Patricia Gould in December. Albury Dental and Community Health Centre, 596 Smollett Street, opened by Dr Andrew Refshauge, Deputy Premier May 31. Albury North High School changed name to James Fallon High School. Parmalat purchased Haberfields' Dairy, October. Albury's Monument finally gets a beacon after 70 years, November 11. Riverina TAFE campus expansion at Thurgoona commences, June. Charles Sturt University partners Army logistical training centre, June 1996.
- 1997 Albury Council officially apologised for past injustices to Aborigines. Investment Albury-Wodonga formed. Upgrade of Alexandra Athletics Track in March opened by Mayor Patricia Gould. Wodonga Hospital began a multi-million dollar upgrade. Charles Sturt University Thurgoona Campus commencement plaque unveiled by Governor-General Hon Sir William Deane, April 18. Wodonga Plaza purchased by Prime Retail Group \$29m. Soroptimist Club rose garden planted at QEII Square commemorating 75 years of the Club's founding. Quota Club and Probus merged November 26. David Street Skate Park (opposite Billson Park Oval) opened November. Plaque unveiled at National Forest Grove celebrating 50 years of 'Lions.' Diabetes Australia plaque and tree planted June 11 celebrating its Diamond Jubilee opened by Mayor P Gould at National Forest Grove.
- 1998 Albury Gold Cup half-holiday became permanent feature. Hume Golf Club closed June 1. Murray Gardens Retirement Village, 36 Mountford Crescent, opened by Hon Tim Fisher MP, March 27. Repair work commenced at Hume Weir with stabilisation of wall (completed 2001). Obstetric Services at Mercy Hospital ceased.
- 1999 Department of Defence closed 8/13th Victorian Mounted Rifles' Buna Barracks in Victoria Street, site later sold for housing. 2/23 AIF Battalion Association adopted the Albury Base Hospital Children's Ward, plaque unveiled November 30. Border Mail opened new building at McCoy's Road Wodonga, June 31, cost \$8m. Cleaver Ernest Bunton OBE, OAM, known as 'Mr Albury,' who completed half a century as an Alderman and was Mayor 28 times, died January 20. Murray Valley Private Hospital and Oncology Centre (formerly Clyde Cameron College) Wodonga, opened by Hon Michael Woodridge, March 12. Kosovo refugees arrived in Albury-Wodonga in March. Melanda Family Day Care Administration Centre, 1132 Burrows Road, opened by Mayor P Gould, May 12. \$33 million waste water treatment works opened at Waterview, Howlong Road. Plaque at Oddies' Creek commemorating the work of John & Margaret Baker, Lex & Heather Bartram and Ian &

Jane Pike, killed in an aeroplane crash and recognised for their work for Albury, commemorated September 8 by Mayor Patricia Gould.

- 2000 Majority of Kosovo refugees left in June. Mirambeena Community Centre, 19 Martha Mews, Lavington, opened August 3 by Mayor Les Langford. West End Plaza underwent a \$15m renovation, opened by Tom Pearsall, November 26 (land was purchased 1984 & shops and car park built). Victoria Street Barracks Museum shifted to North Bandiana. Albury Public School 150 years' celebration, plaque unveiled June 17, by Allan Schirmer. Sydney Olympics 2000.
- 2001 NSW and Victoria Government's proposed merger of Albury and Wodonga was unsuccessful. Xavier High School vacated Kiewa Street South Campus and all year 7 to 12 students settled at 294 Fallon Street (old Aquinas College campus). Neil Carr memorial bridge at National Forest Grove unveiled, September 2001.
- 2002 Prime Minister Howard decided on internal route for Hume Freeway. Albury City Council Chambers ground floor refurbishment opened July 16 by Mayor Patricia Gould. Glenecho Neighbourhood House opened by Mayor Patricia Gould, April 29. Thurgoona Rural Fire Brigade building opened in June by Tony Howe. Trinity College, Thurgoona, commenced. Lavington Rural Fire Brigade Station, Krautz Street, opened July 22, by Mayor P Gould. Former Albury Base Hospital, Wodonga Place, demolished.
- 2003 Albury Council spending passed \$1 million-a-week mark. Marianella Nursing Home redevelopment opened September 24, by Hon Sussan Ley, MP. Nanping China declared sister city to Albury. Mitta Mitta Canoe Club new clubrooms at Noreuil Park opened December 9. Commercial Club's new gymnasium opened by President E R Landon, November 28. 'The River' by sculptor Ken Raff installed on pavement at 546 Dean Street, August.
- 2004 Council mergers tripled size of Albury City to more than 300 square kilometres by absorbing parts of Hume Shire on May 26 (Hume Shire Council becomes Greater Hume Council). Lutheran 'Delacourt' Aged Care Facility foundation stone laid by Chaplain Howard Schilling, September 19. Hume Weir plaque re major works at Hume Weir 1994 to 2004. Tree dedication at national Forest Grove, Wagga Road, April 2.
- 2005 Council purchased greyhound racing track, Newmarket, and sold to Harvey Norman for shopping complex. Centrepoint Arcade re-development opened by Pearsall family in December.
- 2006 Borella Road & North Street bridges completed over Hume Freeway. Baptist Church Thurgoona services began November (though Sunday School started in October 1980). Cricket Albury-Wodonga formed August. Albury Regional Museum at the Turks Head closed its doors in November prior to moving to the new LibraryMuseum building in Kiewa Street. Dairy Farmers Co-op, Fallon Street demolished due to freeway changes.
- 2007 Hume Freeway Internal Bypass opened by Prime Minister John Howard March 4. Albury LibraryMuseum opened July 27, SE corner Kiewa and Swift Streets, by Mayor Amanda Duncan-Strelec. Official opening of the Mott Family Border Mail 'Info-zone' at the LibraryMuseum by Mayor Cr Stuart Baker November 24. Harvey Norman Centre at Newmarket opened. Information Centre at Railway Station opened by Mayor Amanda Duncan-Strelec, June 12. Art installation erected on Victorian (southern side) side of Union

Bridge (named 'Porta' from Latin meaning gate, entrance or exit), artist was Ken Raff. Albury Lapidary and Allied Crafts building opened by Mayor Amanda Duncan-Strelec March 11, at 304 Eames Street, site of former Diggersville Tennis Club courts. Fallon's wine cellar demolished for Quest Apartments, 550 Kiewa Street.

- 2008 Gardens Medical Centre, 470 Wodonga Place, opened. Albury Regional Emergency Management Centre opened stage one, March 26, by Hon Nathan Rees. MP. Visitors information, plaque and sculpture by Alexander Seaton called 'Lost and Found,' an Albury Railway project commemorating Russell Drysdale, opened. 'Mid Week Express' first published April 16 (ceased December 12, 2012). Trinity School, Thurgoona, opened. Apology to Australian Indigenous people "Stolen Generation" given by K Rudd February 13. Islamic Society of Albury-Wodonga began in August. Howlett Science Centre, The Scots School opened August 10. LibraryMuseum building awarded 'excellence in a public building' by the Australian Institute of Architects. *Border Mail* becomes part of Fairfax media. First group of 22 Bhutanese refugees arrived in Albury-Wodonga October 8.
- 2009 Council delegation sent to sister city, Nanping, China. New airport building opened October 23, by Mayor Alice Glachan. Albury-Wodonga Health merger July 1. New dry hockey fields opened Alexandra Park. AlburyCity purchased Lavington Sportsground for \$1.2m in July. Albury-Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Inc, Daniels Street, opened by Greg Aplin MLA on August 26. Kensington Gardens Retirement Village, Thurgoona, opened by Mayor Patricia Gould, June 12.
- 2010 Charles Sturt University Albury Campus relocated from central Albury to Thurgoona 2009-2010. Plaque remembering National Servicemen unveiled in Harold Mair Park, Dean Street east, installed by Albury-Wodonga branch National Servicemen's Association, April 11. Flying Fruit Fly Circus Training Facility in former Adelyn factory, opened by Hon Simon Crean MP, November 4. Thurgoona Plaza opened in March. Lavington lighting upgrade \$500k. Charles Sturt University dentistry and oral health campus completed.
- 2011 Volt Lane development began in central Albury including new Australian Taxation Office premises and multi level car park. Wodonga rail bypass opened August. Albury Public School amenities block, David Street opened December 14. Bhutanese Association in Albury incorporated. Oddies' Reserve adventure playground erected. Rotary Friendship tree planted at Brown's Lagoon October.
- 2012 New Australian Taxation Office opened in Smollett St (opposite St Patrick's) December 5, by Michael D'Ascenzo, Tax Commissioner. Kremur Street boat ramp opened by Mayor Alice Glachan & Hon John Ajaka MLC, December 10. Allied Mills, SE corner Wilson and Young Streets, demolished (previously Burrows and Bunge); site still vacant 2018. Bishop's Walk Thurgoona, Yellow Gum Way, plaque dedicated to Sgt Charles G Bishop.
- 2013 Lavington Library moved to North Point Tower July 12, Zauner build. Floral panels on eastern side of Harold Mair Bridge installed, artists M Laubli and L Gavioli.
- 2014 Motor car gear box manufacturing (Borg-Warner, BTR, ION, Drivetrain Systems International) closed down on October 31 after 43 years in Albury. Albury Ambulance Station moved from Dean St Albury to 329/331 Wagga Rd Lavington. Lt Albert Borella, VC, MN, MID, monument unveiled November 6, at Peard's Nursery; includes list of VC recipients. Lavington Panthers Sports Club closed August 4. Albury-Wodonga Ethnic

Community Council established December. Waterwheel removed from Wodonga Place due to safety concerns.

- 2015 'Grow' sculpture installed Aitkins Street, features Crimson Spider Orchid found around Albury, artist Warren Langley, unveiled in February. Murray Art Museum Albury, MAMA, opened October 2, by Hon Sussan Ley MP and Mayor Hank van de Ven. Plaque unveiled for the centenary of scouting in Albury on Scout Hall Mitchell Street, November 1. East Albury Tennis Club's new buildings opened by Mayor Kevin Mack on February 22. Art installation 'Migrating Spirits 11,' by Ron Gombox and 'Unplugged' Robin Yaakinthou installed in QEII Square, October. IAAF Class 2 certified fields opened at athletics track Alexandra Park. AMP Lane lights completed August 26. Homemakers' Centre Wodonga sold to Gerry Harvey \$24.6m. Halve Waste program rolled out in April 2015 by Transpacific and AlburyCity. Yindyamarra sculpture walk opens. 'Fairy Wren' sculpture by John Wood unveiled at Brown's Lagoon.
- 2016 Census population 51,076. The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre opened November 16. New building at J C King Netball Park opened in May. Public Art project Volt Lane by Nat Ward in partnership with AlburyCity in September. AlburyCity awarded the A R Bluett Award for excellence in local government in October. Fallon's cellar timber used in seating in QE11 Square, Wodonga Place, and Wagirra Trail including the Yindyamarra sculpture walk. Submissions to the AlburyCity 2030 draft plan closed March 24. Albury Waste Management Centre opened November 3. Urana Road oval new Pavilion opened May15.
- 2017 Lavington Youth Centre, 'The Hive,' in former Lavington Library Griffith Road, opened April 7. 'News Weekly' publication final edition March 29, after 8 years publication. Noreuil Park unveiled two new plaques on the centenary of Battle at Noreuil, April 8. Junction Square Wodonga opened June 7. Reuse shop at Albury waste facility opens in October, run by Aware Industries. Wodonga Plaza sold by Vicinity Centres for \$43m to West Australia, M/Group. Airport upgrade \$4.7m commenced. Aware Industries and Albury-Wodonga Community College merge July 1. New fence around Botanic Gardens in keeping with R M Wilkinson Gates completed. New video surveillance for Dean Street installed, commenced operation in December 19. Albury & District Historical Society logo changed from Waterwheel to the War Memorial in August. Mann Central shopping complex Wodonga opened October 11. Gym equipment area opened at Noreuil Park in September 28. Artist Kade Sarte produced a mural for the Logan Road Dog off-leash park September. Albury and Wodonga Councils sign a partnership agreement, a first in Australia October 12. Multi storey car park completed, 441 Kiewa Street with 711 car parks, December 16. NSW 10 cent bottle or can return scheme starts at Springdale Heights, December 1.
- 2018 Bunning's original store closes and second store in Albury opened in Drome Street, February 5 with official opening February 9. 'The River' by sculptor Ken Raff re-installed the corner Dean and Creek Streets, May 18. The 'Birds of Albury' barbeque area at Noreuil Park commenced construction May. 'The Fern' sculpture installed at the Botanical Gardens by Artist Michael Laubli August 2018. Albury Airport terminal has a \$5.7m upgraded and opening August 20. Rotary reflection area opened at Brown's Lagoon, October 24. New Children's Tree house at botanical gardens opens, December 4. First sod turned for Solar power system at Albury Waste Management centre, November 14. Plaque unveiled celebrating the centenary of Armistice Day at Albury Pioneer Cemetery, November 11. Noreuil Park amenities upgrade commenced, November.

