

ALBURY & DISTRICT TIMELINE

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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 indigenous Australian 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. Indigenous Australians 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 Hamilton Hume & William 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 (possibly after his father or after Hume himself, the first to see the river). 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 **NOTE:** more information on early settlement along the Murray and into Victoria can be found in Dr Arthur Andrews' article 'Early Settlement' – go to <https://alburyhistory.org.au/resources/history-topics/>
Charles Hotson Ebdon selected on both sides of the river, including the 'Bonegilla Run' the 'Mungabareena Run' 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 arrives November.

- 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' including Baranduda and Middle Creek; set up a homestead on the banks of the Wodonga Creek. John Dight forms 'Bungowannah Run' ten miles downstream of The Crossing Place. Major Thomas Livingston Mitchell, Surveyor-General of NSW, explored vast tracts of land from the Murrumbidgee through western Victoria to Portland. He named it 'Australia Felix;' he published this work and it attracted a large number of emigrants; crossed the Hume/Murray River at Howlong ('Oolong') on return to Sydney.
- 1837 'Mungabareena Run' gazetted February 7, in the name of Captain William Mitchell of Brisbane Meadows, near Bungonia, NSW (married Elizabeth Huon 1813); he died in September and his son Thomas Mitchell (not the explorer) took over management; transferred to his mother, Elizabeth Mitchell, homestead established on site which later became Albury waterworks pumphouse. Tender of Joseph Hawdon for the conveyance of fortnightly horse mail between Melbourne and Yass, accepted November. Charles Bonney, working for Charles Ebdon, left Albury with a mob of sheep establishing the first track to Port Phillip, a track which was afterwards known as the Sydney-road. Early pioneers: Dr Reid, Coghill, Ryrie and Faithfull.
- 1838 January, first mail established between Sydney and Melbourne carried by John Bourke employed by John Hawdon. Thomas Scott Townsend drew first town map of Albury after instructions from the Governor to the Surveyor General on June 29. Killings, later known as the Faithfull Massacre took place in the Benalla region in April; 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 and station (slab hut) near the river crossing in October on the river below Scotsman's Hill (approximately present junction of Smollett Street and Howlong Road) manned by five armed and mounted police, in charge of Sergeants Leary and Rose. First white lady to cross the Murray River at Albury was Mrs Joseph Hawdon, March 1. Early pioneers Osborne, Barber and Morrice.
- 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. Lady Jane Franklin, wife of the Governor of van Diemen's Land, passed through Albury, April. A plan of a road between Gundagai and Port Phillip mapped by W H Wells, called the Port Phillip Road. Many early arrivals claim as much land as they could. The formation of the lower Yackandandah station by Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell; station was for sheep only. 20 mounted police stationed based at five stations between Melbourne and the Murray, Major Nunn and Captain Christie being in command. Early arrivals Belcombe, Mitchell and Hope.
- 1840 Robert Brown obtained a licence and built the Hume Inn, licensed June 17, held licence till 1846, transferred to William Conley and in 1847 to Charles Crisp. First picnic race meeting held by the river. First European child born in this district south of the river was Mrs H M Armstrong daughter of Mr A A Huon October 16.

- 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. Cropper brought sheep from Maneroo to Laceby and owing to drought took them through the hills and built a rough shearing shed at 'Woolshed Creek.' Early arrival Hanel.
- 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. Presbyterian Church sent minister on preaching tour throughout the district. Original primitive punt (canoe, rope and pole) established by James Gullifer and operated by Aborigine Merriman; purchased 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 of Albury 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 & Kiewa Streets. The Community School was opened in a bark hut by Mr Rowley. Henry Taylor was the first public pound-keeper. Snow August.
- 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 & 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 (Later called Lavington) by Richard Heaver and James Dennison in November. Police Act extended to Albury on May 27. Presbyterian Church commenced with Rev David Ballantyne being sent from Melbourne in May. 'Black Thursday' 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, closed 1904. Flooding at Albury.
- 1853 Police stipendiary magistrate, Heyward Atkins, appointed for Albury, March 19. New punt Gazetted for Albury December 31. The first moves by the NSW Government to start collection of border duties with Henry Ringwood appointed. Dog act extended and pound keeper appointed December 31.
- 1854 Belvoir township gained a police station. Government Gazettes that John Kelly, sub-collector of Custom, appointed 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, Oct 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 till October 3, 1902). Bank of New South Wales opened at the Court House (present post office site) September 1, John 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 & Wilson Streets, built by James Layton, was taking shape January first licensee Arthur Walker (hotel became Albury Police Barracks, c1863-1877, became Soden's Hotel 1894.) Meeting called in March by Robert Brown to erect a suitable testimonial to Hume & Hovell.
- 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 18. 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 1. '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 (theatre opened at same hotel). 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. Bank of Australasia commenced business April 7. Doctors Silver and Barnett arrive in Albury.

- 1859 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 in new brick church, Smollett Street (Previous location was in Townsend Street) March 27. First Annual General Meeting of Albury Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, August 18. 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 & Dean Streets purchased by T H Mate in October. First record of bathing and swimming in January. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney opens in March, NE corner Smollett & Townsend Streets, manager Mr Swete. White Horse Hotel, Sydney Road Bowna opened, licensee John Hunter Kilpatrick January 1.
- 1860 New courthouse opened August 15, vicinity 564 Dean Street and first Quarter Sessions September 3 designed by Alexander Dawson, builder Thomas Allen (Albury). '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 & 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. Murray Valley Vineyard Company publishes a prospectus to introduce co-operative principles to the wine industry of 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, contractors William Brickell and Adam Kidd. Albury Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, vicinity SW corner Thurgoona & Pemberton Streets completed March 27, concert held for building opening on April 13, (demolished 1935). Braidwood designed Gaol completed, vicinity Cahill Place & Thurgoona Street (first occupant was the builder)- Demolished

1949). Post Office was conducted from Mate's store, Hume & Townsend Streets. Telegraph office opened August 22, NE Corner of Dean and Kiewa Street. New National School building erected NE corner Olive & 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 (Lavington) proclaimed a goldfield December 31.

- 1862 Albury National School moved to Olive Street 'The Annexe' in January, run by Mr and Mrs William 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 & 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 'Faugh-a-ballagh' in November. First bridge built in Dean Street over Bungambrawatha creek built by John Pool, August. Racecourse, Fallon Street, 141 acres, NSW Gazetted July 16. Crown Lands Office (later Burrows House and part of MAMA) opened May 23.
- 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 & 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' paddle steamer launched on July 1 at Echuca, built for Albury consortium, WNM Edmondson, George Day, Kenneth McLennan, J T Fallon. Twelve kerosene lamps light Albury streets.
- 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. J T Fallon purchases the Murray Valley Vineyard, December 23. Black Range (Lavington) Post Office opens July 1.
- 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. Large contingent of German Lutherans from South Australia passes through Albury.
- 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 a 160-foot 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. Albury Choral Society formed at a meeting, November 23.
- 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. Court House Hotel opened (Closed 1964).
- 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. Australian Joint Stock Bank opened in George Day's Commercial Buildings January, manager A S McKee. Albury Hotel opens becomes the Tattersall 1876 and re-named Albion Hotel 1880.
- 1874 St Matthew's Church of England foundation stone laid March 20, by T H Mate. Manchester Unity Oddfellows Hall, 552 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 Dullely 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. The Star Hotel was opened as the Builders Arms Hotel by James Walsh, it was later named the Star Hotel by Mrs Jane Poole who took over the licence in 1879.
- 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 & Swift Streets, foundation stone laid January 19 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 March (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 (Lavington) School first records found and reopened – (Government Gazetted February 10, 1874). Albury Municipal Council decided to borrow £8,000 for water supply. Larger Wesleyan (Methodist) Church opened. 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. Ettamogah vineyard passes to Harbottle, Alsop & Co. Australian Joint Stock Bank purchases site SW corner Dean & Kiewa streets, building completed December 1877. Jindera Public School opened.
- 1877 Matthew Peasley appointed curator of the Botanic Gardens; first tree planted by Mayor W J Jones. Bank of Australasia purchases site in Dean Street September. Alexandra Park is bisected by a railway line October (line completed October 1881).
- 1878 Masonic Hall opened at 562 Kiewa Street, Combermere Lodge constituted June 4 and opened July 30. Post Office foundation stone, NE corner Dean & 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 & Kiewa Streets, later Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. Meeting to establish a pigeon shooting club May
- 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 feet again. New Post Office finished by Alexander Frew (Snr) mid-year and clock installed and struck 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 2020). Five acres NE corner Young & Guinea Streets became new Showgrounds and first stock show and Industrial exhibition held there in August 15. Extensions to gaol took place over next three years. Second Fire Brigade disbands; many big fires, largest destroys Imperial Hotel & guts Bank of NSW, Townsend St. Albury Convent Chapel blessed and opened October 12.
- 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. 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, Mr Lankey and 75 parliamentarians 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. Town Hall Hotel established (closed 1962, licence transferred to Astor Motel-Hotel). William and Charles Gordon commenced architectural business as Gordon & Gordon.
- 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, supervised by John Whitton. Church of England Grammar School, 515 Olive Street, opened. Albury Public School building completed 'West Block' NE corner Olive & Smollett Streets. Albury Club moved to 519 Kiewa Street. New fire brigade February 20. Meeting called to form the Albury Gas Co, July 5.
- 1883 Official opening of Albury Railway Station June 11. 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 start of June, and Albury streets illuminated June 2 official opening in June at 441 Kiewa Street. New building for Girls' Public School completed, NE corner Smollett & Olive Streets. Plaque from Mechanics' Institute has 'This Hall' erected and finished March, corner stone laid by Mrs George Day, November 9. Architect Philip Kennedy and contractor D Hehir. First official Albury Cup won by 'Coolabah.' Work starts on Albury waterworks reservoir contractor Mr Martindale June 4. Twenty-four by-laws published in the NSW Government Gazette regarding Albury's sewerage system May 12. Salvation Army hold their first service in the Botanic Gardens Sunday July 1.
- 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 extensions, March 18. Hamilton Hume Memorial moved from wharf to Botanic Gardens (the word 'District' added to the inscription) March. 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 & 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 & Olive Streets); four Patrician Brothers arrive from Ireland to teach at the Catholic boys' school, one drowns in Murray four weeks later. Albury Volunteer Infantry Corps formed in June. Coursing Club (dogs) formed in August and many hares escaped during the first event at Albury Racecourse. 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. James Higgins coach building factory, Townsend St, architects Gordon & Gordon.

- 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 & Olive Streets. Recreational land (East Albury tennis courts) dedicated January 15. Lawn tennis events began though lawn tennis shoes are advertised locally from 1882. 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). Albury Borough Council met for the first time at the old Telegraph Office (later sold for demolition for the new Albury Town Hall). Yamba Post Office (Ettamogah) opened April 1, re-named Table Top 1895 and closed 1968.
- 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. Waites Park and Brown's Lagoon dedicated for public recreation May 13. 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. Smollett Street extended west of Wodonga Place to the new Howlong Road without however the provision for a bridge over the Bungambrawatha Creek. Tender for A wrought iron arch bridge constructed by Messrs Jackson, Hudson and Brookbank, April. Albury Brass Band became Albury Town Band. Municipal cattle yards Newmarket dedicated March 30. Alexandra Park has fence installed and Council set aside 30 acres for night soil depot.
- 1888 Municipal sale yards (mainly sheep) opened at Newmarket, by Mayor T H Mate, November 7. Municipal baths near Dean Street and Bungambrawatha Creek (Gertrude Park) 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 (senior students will work towards the Junior University examination).
- 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. Albury Polo Club first meeting May 7.

- 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 & Kiewa Streets.
- 1891 Census population 5,447. Two storey building commenced 20 April, SW corner David & 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 & Kiewa Streets. Second reservoir completed holding $\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons.
- 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. Gas company install a new gas tank. Scanlan & Blacklock cycles begin business (later Blacklock's passenger and commercial vehicles). Initial meeting of the Albury Butter Factory held December 6.
- 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 committee formed August 17. 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. Albury Butter factory, prospectus announced June 25. Albury Cricket Association formed October 10 and the first match against Tallangatta played November 3.
- 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. Thurgoona Vine and Fruit growers Association formed. Hawksview Bridge opened April 26, named Talgarno Bridge located upstream of Bethanga Bridge just below where Bowna Creek meets the Murray River, designer Percy Allan and was submerged 1929.
- 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 second 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. J G Arnold's fruit business opens a store in Olive Street

- 1898 Telephone Exchange opened July 30 with 17 subscribers. Frew and Logan, builders, established, NE corner Young & 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 started at Literary Institute. Patrician Brothers left Albury and Sisters of Mercy continued to teach both boys and girls. Springfield Girls' School, SE corner Crisp & Macauley Streets, commenced by Miss Jessie Heath at her family home. Caledonian Society's inaugural meeting May 18. First poker machine installed at Salutation hotel. Union Bank of Australia opened in September, Beehive Building Dean Street, manager Mr Stephens. Burnley Hospital, 525 Swift Street located behind Dr Cleaver Woods new home October – the hospital had all the up-to-date facilities including an X-Ray machine (newspapers suggest it opened in 1888).
- 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 & Kiewa Streets completed and opened October 7. 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. Bank of NSW opens new building 613-615 Dean Street June 22, demolished for present building 1938. Albury Herald newspaper commenced January 3 ceased April 28, 1900 (available on microfilm at Albury LibraryMuseum).
- 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 builds a brick store on the corner of Dean and Kiewa Street corner.
- 1901 Census population 5,821. Australian became a nation, Federation Day January 1. The Sportsground, SW corner Wodonga Place & Smollett Street, 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. T H Mate set up a timber yard 576 Townsend Street NE corner opened July.
- 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. A well sunk at Lavington to 100 feet (30.5 metres) opposite and slightly east of school and used for about the next 30 years.

- 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 & 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 & 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 9, president R M Wilkinson. 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. St Matthews Literary and Debating Society inaugural meeting March 28. First meeting of Albury Horticultural, Poultry and Dog Society July 28.
- 1906 Bowling Green at Botanic Gardens opened December 5. Albury Municipality receives an addition of about 700 acres with the passing of the Shire's Act May 16. Mylon's (later Mylon Motorways, Dysons in 2008) started as a two-way horse-drawn bus service between Wodonga and Albury. Hume Shire Council first meeting December 5. St David's Presbyterian Church, SW corner Olive & 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 & Olive Streets, laid by Mr W Palmer October 17. Albury Musical and Literary Festival April 12-18. 'Springfield,' built for the Heath family, SE corner Crisp & 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 & Swift Streets (closed 1997). 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. First Church Service December 1. Methodist (Wesleyan) Parsonage, Kiewa Street (site police parking in 2020) 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 December at the Mechanic's Institute by president John Wilkinson. First outbreak of Phylloxera (small insect attacking grape vines) discovered in

Albury, December. Union Bank of Australia opened Street April 3, NE corner Dean and Olive, builder Frew & Logan.

- 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. St Matthew's Club established July 15 in Olive Street Hall. Chas L Griffith & Co purchased by Dalgety Ltd, April. St Matthews front fence and gate donated by Benjamin Bell.
- 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 12. 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, Jas Colquhoun, President.' Albury Council invested in a steam roller on October 29, retired 1938 and later used as climbing equipment at Billson Park. Abe Nathan's Emporium, SW corner Townsend & Dean Streets, destroyed by fire December 13. New John Burrows' flour mills, SE corner Young & Wilson Streets, began May. West's Olympia (Malcolm's) open air theatre, Kiewa Street (opposite St Matthew's Church), opened December 13. Dalgety's built first wool store, NE corner Young & Wilson Streets. First Albury & Border Easter Tennis Tournament March 2. Glenair and Albury Ladies' College merged and re-established at 'Springfield,' SE corner Macauley & Crisp Streets, by Miss Jessie Heath. New Industrial exhibition hall built at show grounds, Young Street, tender accepted May. Plans for Albury underground sewerage plan adopted.
- 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. Sunnyside Kindergarten opens. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney opens SW corner Dean and Kiewa Street.
- 1912 Betro Abikhair, a Lebanese migrant, built the Big Store ('Australia Building'), SE corner Dean & David Streets, opened August 31. The Model Store, NE corner of Wilson & 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 2020), 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 & 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. Meeting of ratepayers held to hear explanation of Council's proposals re electric lighting scheme for town – poll taken, ratepayers asked if in favour of the proposal to borrow £10,500 for the scheme. Five tennis clubs form an Association, December. Empire Theatre lease James Scanlan, beside Market Square (QE11) opened January 5.

- 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. Alex D Robbins and Azor 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. From July 1 the Albury Superior Public School was raised to the status of a District School.
- 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 & 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 (also sets an Australian altitude record 7800 feet, 2377m, March 8). Mueller petrol-electric (hybrid) road train drove down Dean Street, May.
- 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 & Kiewa Streets, destroyed by fire, December 12. New brick and iron building to house the new electric lighting generator and water pumping plant at waterworks, December. Charles C Reade arrives and raises interest in Town Planning which Council adopt some of his recommendations November.
- 1916 Springfield Girls' School closed. Electricity for Albury turned on by Mayoress Mrs P Burrows on July 28 (via pumphouse at waterworks Mungabareena). 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 & Olive Streets. Six o'clock closing for hotels began. T H Mate's department store reopened in August after the 1915 fire. Sewerage pipe laying began May 22, at the northern end of Parkinson Street east Albury. A meeting to form the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), June.

- 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 & 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 opened 1919. Logan's timberyards, Spencer, Macauley & Wilson Streets, suffered a serious fire November 22. Rokeby Private Hospital, 564 David Street (south of Soden's Hotel) – run by Dr Shellshear and sold to Dr Gordon Paton February 1918; run by Sister Dempsey till 1922 then Sister Whitehead who retired October 1943 when Albury District Hospital took over.
- 1919 Hume Dam (Lake Hume) construction began in July, first sod turned by Governor-General His Excellency Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson, November 28. Noreuil Park name chosen by returned Albury men who worked on clearing the ground, ratified at Council meeting November 14, in honour of Albury Battery. Basic dressing shed built at Noreuil Park. 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 (Spanish Flu) reached Albury, isolation camp set up on sportsground, (opened February 17 and closed April 1) borders closed, masks worn etc, from January 28 midnight to August. Returned Soldiers League formed. Opening of Methodist (Wesleyan) Church, Bungowannah. Flooding between Albury and Wodonga. Meeting of Albury Grammar to form 'The Grammar School Old Boys' Association' August 12. Number 3 bridge opened on the now Lincoln Causeway by Minister Vic Clark November 12. NSW Public Works Department handed over the reticulation section of sewerage scheme to council, enabling private connections to begin July. Meramie Private Hospital commenced on SW corner Kiewa & Victoria Streets c1913, then 1919 moved to 'Delaware' home of C H Griffith, 597 Kiewa Street and nurse Sister Alma Burt renamed it 'Meramie.' The Aerial Transport Co sought landing rights at Alexandra Park for commercial flights, November. A G Colquhoun & Co (Real Estate) established.
- 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 (son of Albury National School teacher), Bishop of Wagga July 25. Royal Palais opens new 'open air' theatre December 23. Mitta Mitta Dam Sports Association formed March. Albury Street numbering system introduced at a meeting of Albury council August. Australian Aircraft Engineering Co. has the first commercial flight Sydney to Melbourne, Flight-Commander Mr N B Love landed at Alexandra Park, April 15.
- 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 (First concert December 1). Maples Pty Ltd purchased Abe Nathan's emporiums Albury and Wagga Wagga, October 11. Council agrees to a loan of £15,000 from the Commonwealth Bank for electricity extensions. St Patrick's Football Club admitted to the O&M league May 21. Choral Society forms May 10.

- 1922 Albury Bowling Club greens opened by President J Stephens at 620 Macauley Street, October 14 – the site purchased by the Bowling Club, immediately north of the North Albury Tennis Club, was owned by Mr P D Burrows (late 1941 the Bowling Club purchased the tennis club for £862 and the tennis club folded). 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 (relocated to rear of church in QEII square 1991). 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. In April, Council moved that a Tourist Bureau be formed. Farmers & Graziers Co opened wool store SE corner Townsend & Smollett Streets, August 9; architect L Harrison and contractor E Griffin (previously Empire Hotel). Cyclone in Albury, one of the worst storms seen, September 21. Post Office opens at racecourse, May. Riverina Steam laundry opened, Volt Lane, January.
- 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 (Major General) C F 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. Wodonga water-tower built by T Bartleson, opened December 4.
- 1925 Colonial Mutual Life (CML) office block and clock tower, SE corner Dean & 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 (builder Thomas Bartleson, Architect Louis Harrison). 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 (see 1939). Boy Scouts given a block in Mitchell Street in August. Methodist Hall, SW corner Olive & Swift Streets, foundation stone laid November 21, by Rev H When. 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. Rural Bank of NSW commences March.

- 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 & 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. Further land approved for recreational use November 5, now known as North Street oval, SW corner North & Keene Streets. Albury Advancement Association formed July 1. West Albury Progressive Association formed May. North Albury Parents' and Citizens' Association formed July 5. Albury & District Rural Co-operative Society Ltd (known as the Butter Factory) inaugurated September 15. Alexandra Park, all land east of the railway line dedicated to Council. Noreuil Park Boating & Recreation Club hold the first Albury Henley (festivities, new timber dance floor and 5,000 attend).
- 1927 Regent Theatre built for Mr Betro Abikhair, Leased by Hoyts 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 (Closed 1982). 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 & 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 & Fallon Streets, in November by Hon T D Mutsch. Albury Rotary Club formed on August 5. North Albury Post Office, NW corner Mate & Fallon Streets, opened November. Easter bowls tournaments commenced. Choral Society re-formed. Younghusband, Roe & Co Pty Ltd opened a wool store 429-431 Wilson Street, architect L Harrison. East Albury Progress Association formed July. South Albury Police Station closed February after 30 years' service. Electricity supply extended to Lavington, out to the Newtown Orphanage and some of Hume Shire.
- 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 new building A Block unofficially 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. Bert Hinkler (aviator) lands on Albury Sportsground in the afternoon, May 19. Captain Charles Kingsford Smith (later Sir) tendered a Civic

welcome by Mayor of Albury (his brother Wilfred lived in Albury), October. Glenly Tennis Club, Stephens Street commenced with a meeting in March (shifted to Glenroy 1980).

- 1929 Albury Grammar School acquired by the Presbyterian Church, February 1. 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. Baptist Church commences. New baths opened next to Sportsground, October 26. Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary formed in December. Rangers (Senior 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 Baptist Church, NE corner Macauley & Crisp Streets, Foundation stone laid September 6 and is 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 designed by Chas Ruwalt Ltd, opened for traffic August 9. Albury Brownie Pack began (pre-Guides). Albury Croquet Club's first meeting May 15. West Albury tennis Courts opened December. 'Diggerville' tennis courts, North Street opened November 1930 and operated until 1996 when it combined with St Patrick's tennis club.
- 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. Albury's first aerial pageant held at 'Hawkscote Station' June 8. Diggerville Tennis Club opened two courts, October 31. East Albury Golf Club formed, using a 9-hole course on the high side of Schubach Street between Mount & Vallambrosa Streets
- 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 Buntton 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 railway overpass bridge built, half at Albury Municipal Councils cost (demolished 2006). Church of Christ foundation stone set for new chapel, July 30.
- 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. East Albury Golf Club granted land at Alexandra Park for a compact nine-hole course, May. Miss Fanny Brown, daughter of Robert Brown and first white girl born in Albury, dies in Corowa aged 90, July. Albury Croquet Lawns officially opened October 28.

- 1934 KLM's DC2 'Uiver' landed in Albury at 1.17 am October 24, left Albury that morning to Melbourne for the race finish. The landing and take-off were assisted by the public which took place at the Albury racecourse. 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. "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. 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. Former hospital/high school in Thurgoona Street demolished. Murray Valley Coaches formed.
- 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 Crosswaite, 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 (Lake Hume) 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 & 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 14. Commercial Banking Company Bank, SW corner Kiewa & Dean Streets, demolished for new bank and offices. J E R Fellows retired from the Botanical Gardens after 34 years, December. McLennan's Drapery store sold to G J Coles Stores, 583 Dean Street. Commercial Bank of Australia opens.
- 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 317 Noreuil Park). 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. Bridge completed at Waterworks reserve February. Infantile Paralysis (Polio) – to prevent the spread from Victoria, policing of the Murray River began August 28 at noon (no children under 16 to cross the border unless a Certificate holder), border closure lasted till April 16, 1938. Work to provide facilities for cricket, football, hockey, golf and tennis begins at Alexandra Park, July.

- 1938 Aerodrome laid out in February, opened November. All Saints' Church of England opened SW corner Bellevue & 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 purchase land west of railway line from Show Society and building commences including a dormitory. Lutheran Church of St Luke, Guinea Street built (F W Lemcke) and foundation stone laid September 28, by J H Linke. The Albury division of Australia's 150 Birthday celebrations March 12-19; Malcolm's Bakery made a cake 10-foot-tall and weighing 1200 pounds and the Governor General attended. 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 Plaque laid November 6 by Most Rev. J W Dwyer DD. Albury Motor Cycle Club circuit at Wirlinga, NSW Grand Prix Motor Race March 19. Bogong View Estate opened. Rural Bank of NSW opens new building 615 Dean Street May 23. East Albury Post Office, NE corner Hanel & Rau streets, January. First 'A' Grade cricket match on a new concrete wicket at Alexandra Park between Colts and St Matthew's, October 15. The hall was shortly purchased the Red Shield Hall at Bonegilla through the Disposals Commission and transported to Buckingham Street.
- 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. New St Brigid's Primary School building blessed and opened by Bishop Henschke, June 4. Tourist Bureau opened. New cycle track opened at Albury Sportsground March 25. Lavington Red Cross formed October 4. North Albury Red Cross formed at a meeting October 9. Newly- elected NSW Premier, Alexander Mair, the MP for Albury was received in Albury with the unveiling of the Mayoral and town clerk robes (chains-of office arrived later) August 11. Reserve in Vallombrosa Estate (East Albury) named Fellowes Park after J E C Fellowes, for services June 1. Many street names adopted by council June 1. Albury celebrates Australia's 150th Anniversary March 12-19. Albury Aero Club forms June 15, lapses during WWII and reformed November 1945.
- 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 20. 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. Albury railway platform extended by 190 feet (58m), February to make it the longest platform in Australia, 445 m long – Station is Australian National Heritage listed. CUSA (Catholic United Services Auxiliary) Hut at Albury Showgrounds opened by Bishop of Wagga December 15.

- 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. Snow on One Tree Hill August 1941. T. H. Mate's Department store releases their 'Communique' magazine February. Albion Hotel, Dean Street, re-built in art deco style.
- 1942 The RAAF established the Ettamogah depot on One Tree Hill, Closed July 30, 1961. Lavington Public School's Hague Memorial Gates opened September 5. Albury Infants' School (Manor building) opened July 17 by Hon Clive Evatt KC Minister for Education. Council purchases a three wheeled electric truck, to be used by electrical department July. Boortkoi Private Hospital, 566 Wyse Street – run by Sister Aikins who purchased a Griffith family home; Albury District Hospital leased Boortkoi as a maternity hospital, March 1942; later became the YWCA hostel after the war. First group of 100 Europeans were brought to Albury, April, members of the fourth Employment Company, to provide labour for the break of gauge transhipping of goods in the railway yards – called 'Friendly Aliens' (non-British Europeans).
- 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. Lady Gowrie opened a recreational centre for men and women in former picture theatre, Dean Street, April 27. Alamac clothing factory began operations.
- 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, September. East Albury Red Cross formed at a meeting October 23.
- 1945 Albury Library adopted the NSW Library Act and established a Junior Free Library, Brenda Roxburgh librarian, housed in Mechanics June 29. Golfington Estate, David Street between North Street and the Cemetery put on the market by B F Mudford. Murray Valley Coaches commenced in December. Albury Kindergarten opened behind 553 Kiewa Street September 15, Miss Ann Hogan, directress. Chelvey Private Hospital, 492 Olive Street (present Hume Bank location), previously home of Dr A Andrews – he turned it into what is said to be the first private hospital in Albury; in 1901 the Andrew's family shifted further north in Olive Street; the first matron was Sister Bugden; in May 8, 1945 Chelvey Hospital was renamed Mercy Hospital and run by the Sisters of Mercy until 1957 when the Mercy Hospital was opened in Poole Street. First Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) concert held October 2. Features the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Major drought in

Albury and Hume Weir has 27 days of water left. Alamac sold to White Manufacturing and a name change to Adelyn. A new building approved by council for Murray Valley Apiaries, Fallon Street, October 26. East Albury Cricket Club formed at a meeting October 26 and first game played in 'B' Grade November 10. Albury new trotting track unveiled at Albury Show, November 2. First advertisement found for Baker Motors Olive Street September 15. Albury Municipal Choir conducted by A C Sellars July 25.

- 1946 Albury proclaimed a city on December 18 by NSW Government and celebrations ensued with the announcement. Mate's Ltd store sold to Burns Philip January. SS&A Club opens in Dean Street. First Sheep Show held in Albury August 6 & 7, opened by Governor-General the Duke of Gloucester. Burrows Flour Mills sold to Bunge Pty Ltd June. 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. North Albury Youth Club Hall licenced August 9. East Albury Rovers Football Club formed, playing in the District League. North Albury Football Seniors Club joined the Chiltern & District League (Juniors are mentioned in earlier years, the club also mentioned in 1911 & 1919. North joined the O&M in 1947). CASA Hut, showgrounds, acquired by Catholic Church and moved to approximately 609 Young Street becoming St Joseph's Catholic Church. Wymah Ferry commenced (replaced May 14, 2013).
- 1947 Population 14,412. Announcement that Bonegilla would become a migrant reception centre October 10. 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, 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 & Kiewa Streets, F W Lemcke builder August 15. North Albury Presbyterian Church (later St Andrew's) first service on November 16, held in North Albury Youth Club Hall purchased March and opened August 19. Albury Town Band became Albury City Band. Floodlights and sports hall installed at sportsground. West Albury Public Hall licenced September 5. Australian Lutheran World Service commenced locally with Pastor Bruno Muetzelfeldt, a ministry to European migrants and refugees to resettle via Bonegilla Migrant Centre, July 15. Dean Street parallel parking introduced March 3.
- 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 (Previously broad sheet). Albury council names Greenfield Park, Noreuil Park Oval and Lambert Reserve (after Harry Lambert) June 2. Greenfield Park, on top of an old tip, is earmarked for women's basketball and hockey, June 2. Minister agree to increase capacity and add a top to the Hume Dam October 18. South Albury Youth Club Hall licenced July 9. Council outlay £75 for (The green tin Shed) at Alexandra Park, Newmarket Cricket Club formed and second concrete wicket laid on Alexandra Park Number 2.

- 1949 Riverina Daylight Express trains link Albury and Sydney on September 19 (ceases operating December 1993). Stone unveiled 23 September, by Clive R Evatt KC MLA, Minister for Housing, at a multi-story building of welfare housing, SW corner Pemberton & Thurgoona Streets using bricks from demolition of gaol; F W Lemcke, builder June 2. 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 & North Streets, dedicated June 17. J C King Park, SW corner David & North Streets, gazetted for public recreation June 17. The Albury District Hospital wins £250,000 to upgrade the site and becomes a Base Hospital, The Mercy Hospital gets the same amount to build a 70-bed hospital on pools Hill November 21. Albury Council calls a meeting of border Councils and Shires (NSW and Vic) to form a regional library, April 29. Hume Shire propose a number of name changes to roads around Lavington, June.
- 1950 The Upper Murray Regional Library initial meeting March 31 and forms July 1, over time most of the district's regional centres join the UMRL. 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 remodelled in October. Seventh-Day Adventist built school in Parkinson Street, East Albury, later became Border Christian College 24 Ava Ave 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 2020). 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, partially demolished April 1994. Cricket grounds Number 3 and 4 added to Alexandra Park. 45-degree angle parking re-introduced to Dean Street (other parts still parallel) May 9. A sundial is unveiled in the Botanic Gardens to mark the 100th anniversary of Mates Ltd.
- 1951 First annual Floral Festival, March 14-18 and Floral Queen crowned March 17. Council proposed a ten-acre block for the city's civic centre bound by Dean, Kiewa, Swift & 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. New Caledonian Society formed after a hiatus February 3 Union Bank becomes ANZ bank corner NE corner Dean & Olive Street (closes 1998). Angle parking re-introduced to the rest of Albury March 24. Many Lavington streets named.

- 1952 Lavington reservoir is completed March 20. New water supply to Lavington, turned-on September 2. The Lavington reticulation water scheme officially opened by Minister for Public Works, J B Renshaw, September 19. North Albury Presbyterian Church Manse-Hall, Buckingham Street, North Albury opened November 16 by Rev John Armour (services till July 1961). Windsor Park Bowls Club NE corner Young Street and Railway Place formed (closed March 1994). Turf wicket laid at Alexandra Park Number 1 by East Albury and Newmarket Cricket Clubs, hockey arrived using the Number 1 and 2 grounds. Thurgoona school students get their first new building since 1868. First diesel electric locomotive comes to Albury on the broad-gauge line, July 11. Albury's first air service to Wagga via Holbrook begins October 17. Council decides to make Mate Street 1.8 m wider, October.
- 1953 Albury Business & Professional Women's Club formed in October (Closed 2008). 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 & Macauley Streets is opened, August 11 by J F Clark, builder F W Lemcke. Lavington get its first public bush fire-fighting service, December 1. Police Boy's Club commences (PCYC). Greenfield Park extends after council purchases 'Walnut Shell' houses. Dairy Farmers Co-operative brought North Albury Co-operative Society. East Albury/Newmarket Progress Association granted land in Short Street for tennis courts, June. City of Albury Coronation Day celebrations June 2.
- 1954 Population 16,726. Wodonga District Hospital opened, taking pressure off Albury Base Hospital. Jaycees Club formed in July. Memorial Bowl commemorating WWII dedicated on November 28, 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 May. 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 2000). Post Office extends along Kiewa Street. Albury North Public School separates infants' and primary departments. Council decides to introduce 2-hour parking limits to Dean Street, June 10. Bridge linking Albury High School and its oval is opened, October 1. Albury hospital polio ward is opened November 1.
- 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, December 1. St Vincent de Paul 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. Catholic Church purchases land in North Albury for future school buildings. Hume Co-operative Building & Investment

Society Ltd founded. The first driving school for high school students starts at the Technical College Poole Street, August 27.

- 1956 Inter-Capital Daylight Express times between Sydney and Melbourne, changing at Albury, cuts time to 13 hours, March 2. 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 by Bishop Henschke, corner Lowry & Curlew Streets, March 11. 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, June 15. Albury Base Hospital Blood Bank officially opened by Dr J P Morris in August. RAEME plans drawn up for Bandiana. Extensive flooding in Albury July. Amalgamated Textiles became Macquarie Worsted Ltd. The Albury Railway Institute opens its bowling greens, February 12, later becomes Windsor Park. Letter deliveries to the suburbs including Lavington finally begin April 1. Olympic Flame is carried through Albury along the route of the Olympic Way on its way to Melbourne, November 21 at 1.39 am. Poker machines legalised in registered clubs. St Thomas Aquinas School plaque unveiled by Rev F A Henschke DD, April 8. Flooding July 8-15, the annual rainfall was reached by July 11. Eastern Heights estate (Mount, Saunders & Downside Streets for sale February. Tumgarra Estate (Fallon Street off Mate Street) for sale June. Dean Street re-surfaced February.
- 1957 Cardinal Gilroy opened new Mercy Hospital in Poole Street (NW corner Kiewa Street) December 1, the Sisters of Mercy had been operating from Olive Street since 1945. Hydro Power Electric Station added to Hume Dam and power transmitted to Albury April 16. Albury Lions Club formed, April 15; Lady Lions formed October 31. Lavington Centennial Celebrations March 2-9 (included festivities at Lavington Recreational ground). Memorial Gates at the Urana Road oval dedicated by D G Padman MLA, June 17. Albury Town Plan gazetted June 14, Murray Vale, home for disadvantaged girls, foundation stone laid October by Fr Agst, Ron Hurst 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. Red Cross Blood Bank opens. Parallel parking re-introduced to Dean Street but does not last long.
- 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. Albury Wodonga Yacht Club formed. The first classes at St Anne's Primary School in North Albury, February 3. Lawn cemetery established next to monumental cemetery in

Waugh Road. First permanent Fruit-Fly-road block established on Lincoln Causeway. A new 'American styled' supermarket opens in Dean Street for Moran and Cato in old Hunter and Stelling building, January 16. The United Protestant Association opens Murray Vale accommodation for 15 girls April 12

- 1959 East Lavington Public Street, 518 Daly Street opened September 25, by J F Bingham (classes began about April). 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. She spent the previous night at Bungowannah Park. 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 September 13. Automatic Telephone Exchange 473 Kiewa St built by A B & M A Chick (work began August 20, 1958). Jack Sarvaas, Albury Council engineer and town planner left after 24 years with Albury Council. Roy Collings, Town Clerk for 45 years retired. The North Albury Sacred Heart Church is opened for services, April 19. The new hall at All Saints Church in North Albury is opened, September 23. North Albury Girl Guides formed. Centennial Celebrations of Albury being proclaimed a municipality September 27-October 2. Murray Vale opens four cottages opened December. Hume Weir Motor Race Circuit first meeting held November 2 (last meeting March 27, 1977). Boomerang Hotel-Motel and café opened, the first erected in regional Australia, October 23. Southern Cross Motel Wagga Road opens December 7. Work starts on the Poole Street water reservoir to supply Glenroy with a reticulated system.
- 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 22. 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 & Buchhorn Street, 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. Sarvaas Park named after Jack Sarvaas; past city engineer dedicated a public recreation area May 13.

- 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, builders A B & M A Chick (located east, behind St Mathews Parsonage in Civic Square). 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. 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 (site of earlier chapel 1869). West Albury public golf course opened. Hume Highway re-routed out of Dean Street by extending Young Street to Hume Street December 25. Thurgoona Post Office closed. Lake Hume 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 3,005,157 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 trialed in Albury November 2. Waterworks chimney stack demolished March. Work starts on the Astor Motel/Hotel corner of Young & Guinea Streets, March 1, opened April 2, 1962 (renovated 2020).
- 1962 Standard rail gauge completed from Wodonga to Melbourne, opened for goods traffic January 2. Southern Aurora (overnight sleeper) uninterrupted Sydney to Melbourne, April 13. 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 September 13 ceremony held 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 Alamein Avenue opened as North Albury Football Club grounds. Woodstock Presbyterian Girls' School moved to Diggers Road, Lavington from Schubach Street and opened by the moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly Rev A A Adams, October 20. 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 and elections December 1. Viscount Holdings, the first public company in Albury. Logan Road is opened to traffic, February 4. Albury residents elect 12 councillors for the first time, December. New clubrooms opened at Bunton Park.
- 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. North Albury Rotary formed May 1, chartered 15 June. 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. Base Hospital children get television via transmission from Melbourne August 5. 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 & 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 & Swift Streets, doors open August 5 and opened by D E Fairbairn, December 7. 'Berrelli' (later Marianella) Nursing Home, annexed to Mercy Hospital for aged care. Albury and Merced California USA agree to a sister-city relationship, February 20, Mayor welcomes sister city councillor W M Bryars and wife to Albury, June 18. Albury taxis are fitted with meters.

- 1964 Albury 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. A local television station in Albury-Wodonga started with 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 & Mate Street. 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 3 (MRCC vacated Town Hall and renovations took place February.) Last act ('Pygmalion') performed at the Mechanics'/Civic/Plaza Theatre, May 2. G J Coles stores moved to 519 Dean Street May 7. Last C38 stream train leaves Albury June 22. One hour parking limits introduced to Dean Street November 2. New Dog Pound opened May 10.
- 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, turned on September. Night landing facilities at the airport finished May 13 with the arrival of a 'Fokker Friendship' from Melbourne. 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 & Stanley Streets, demolished. Commodore Motel, Kiewa St, completed February 15. Freak of nature Snow falls November 11.
- 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 Blakett award from the Australian Institute of Architects). Federal Theatre, NW corner Kiewa & 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 & Kiewa Streets, demolished. Snowed in Albury July 15. New science block opened at St Joseph's Ladies' College by Senator R C Cotton. March 2). 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 2021). Albury Grammar Centenary block foundation stone laid by Mr Fairbairn May 1. Lawn cemetery in Hamilton Valley opened August 18. Thurgoona man Private Ernest Grant is killed, August 18, in the battle of Long Tan during the Vietnam War. He was the first Albury resident to die during the war. Later a park in Thurgoona named after him.

- 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 December 3, 1966 official ceremony February 4 by Hon David Hughes, MLA. First traffic lights switched on, corner of Dean & Kiewa Streets on March 13 at 12.18 pm. 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 Band room opened in Reserve Street by Mayor Bunton. New Hume Shire building, SW corner Englehardt & 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, called 'Folk Museum' Wodonga Place, December 15. Referendum to include Indigenous 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 April 2. New bridge works over Bungambrawatha Creek in Nathan Avenue, January 5. The first Albury to Melbourne return air service with TAA takes off January 31. New dog pound is opened, May 10. Last of major street verandas (at Globe Hotel) goes. North Albury Girl Guides' hut opened Swan Street. The first display home opened at Indianna Park Estate, April 15.
- 1968 Royal Palais Kiewa Street (Westend Plaza 2020) to be demolished in March. Kalianna 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, October 5. The Church of Christ Lavington opened. Second set of traffic lights installed at Olive & Dean Streets intersection, November 29. Village Shopping Centre, SW corner Young & Crisp Streets opened November 27. Fence removed from Hovell Tree, replaced by stones. Lavington Sports Club finds a permanent home at the Divine Word seminary April 22 and apply 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 and water restrictions introduced February. First stages of six units for St Matthew's Retirement Village, Cahill Place, opened November 26. The Sisters of Mercy celebrate 100 years in Albury. Haberfield's Dairy releases the first 'Pure-Pac' carton for milk, December 19. Albury Squadron of the Australian Air League formed August. Work starts on 16 Housing Commission homes in Logan Road, May 16. Albury High School gets its first demountable classroom, July 3. Matador Motel Young Street opens December 16.

- 1969 A waterwheel erected Australia Park, starts September 21 and opened November 21 by Percy Burrows, removed February 27, 2014. 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 Hume Dam wall opened December 27, by Sir D Fairbairn and G Mackie. NSW Government Tourist Information Centre opened at 323 Wodonga Place, October 16. Lavington Sports Club granted a liquor licence April 24; also, the Club released plans for a \$1 million upgrade, December 23. Albury's latest rubbish tip at Alexandra Park opened, January 1. Work starts on bringing sewerage to Urana Road, Hague & Prune Streets. Kentucky Fried Chicken first served, approximately 487 Young Street, August 13. Albury Council announces demolition of historic 'Valetta' for civic centre. Albury Border Rescue Club (Volunteer Rescue Association) building, Kiewa Street, commenced February, officially opened March 1970. North Albury's fire station opened corner of Saunders & Prune Streets, May 27. Botanic Gardens win the Riverina Municipal or Shire award for best gardens, April (had also won in 1963, 1964, 1965 & 1966). YMCA open preschool childminding facilities, available twice a week at the St Matthew's Parish Hall. State Government Offices Dean Street awarded 'Blacket Award' to architect E H Farmer (Sydney) by NSW Chapter of Australian Architects October. Presbyterian 'Woodstock Girls' School' (Lavington) opened new boarding house called 'Norwood', October 8. Windsor Park Bowls Club opens new clubrooms NE corner Young Street and Railway Place, December 7. Farrah House, Swift Street, opens, builder AB & MA Chick, December. Building commences on NE corner Kiewa & Smollett Streets for Lindsey's, subsidiary of Myers, later known a Target (Australia) builder AB & MA Chick, December, opens May 19, 1965. First stages of Hume Park Sanctuary, 25 acres, February; later becomes Ettamogah Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 1970 Internal route (Parkinson Street) chosen for Hume Freeway. Borg-Warner (Aust) Pty Ltd, gearbox factory, Kaitlers Road Lavington, construction commenced in March, officially opened October 8, 1971 – name changes include BTR Nylex May/June 1987, ION Ltd 2002, became Drive Train International Systems 2006 and closed October 31, 2014. St Mark's Anglican Church, 328 Gulpha Street, plan approved April 10, cost \$280,000. 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 2. The Albury and Border Rescue Club gets a new building, 398 Kiewa St, March 21. Prime Minister 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 3. Albury girl, Margaret Court, takes the Grand Slam of tennis, September 12. Battenfield Ltd, factory production and opening day March 21. Twin Disc (Pacific) opens December 18. 'Valetta House', Swift Street, demolished for the Entertainment Centre, commenced last week February. Sarah Coventry (Jewellery manufacturer Wodonga) officially opened February 14 (pulled out of Australia March 1979 and later purchased by Sargem). Lavington Lions club chartered. Alessi Motor starts, May 4.
- 1971 Bonegilla Migrant Centre closed. Albury High School new library and classrooms erected, (B Block 1971, C Block occupied November 1972, D, E and 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 13, 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 Ivy (Bobby) C Derkenne elected September 22. 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 Lawn Cemetery and Crematorium (Glenmorus Gardens) completed and opened by Mayor C E Bunton, March 19. Flooding August. Cooper Tool Group Ltd opened November (became Apex Tools 2010, ceased operating 2021). West Albury Rotary Charter presentation dinner November 27. New eight storey Travelodge Hotel, 648 Dean Street, opened October 15 by Prime Minister Gough Whitlam (previous site of Albury Club Hotel, 648 Dean Street). North Albury Red Cross elevated to a branch July.

1972 The Scots School, Wood & Perry Streets, created by merging Albury Grammar School (for boys) and Woodstock Girls' School, February 2. Stargazer Drive-in Cinema, Thurgoona first night, October 5. Hoyts Theatre, vicinity 483 Olive Street, closed April 12. New Albury City Hall (later known as Civic Hall/Convention Centre and then the 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 & Mate Streets. Old Union Bridge is demolished, November 27. 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). Bandiana Military Museum, Gaza Ridge barracks established. Drage's Aircraft Museum opened November on land now occupied by Victory Lutheran College, moved to Wangaratta January 1985, closed 2020. Last Floral Festival Queen crowned March 19. Parallel parking is introduced to Dean Street (again), angle parking in other streets, September 1. Large round ceramic 'City of Albury' emblem donated to the city by Mrs E N Garry.

1973 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, inaugural meeting June 28. Gold Key Furniture, 496 Dean Street opened by Mayor, August 3 (Later became Highpoint Furniture and Retravisio, announced closure May 2008). Original Racecourse 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 work commenced in 1973. 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 initially called Bogong Canoe Club followed by Kaiela Canoe Club. Lavington Sports Club opened. Flooding August-September.

- 1974 AWDC stated aim for 300,000 regional population by 2000. First Interim board of the Development Corporation meeting January 22. Albury Wodonga Ministerial Council's first meeting May 9 – formed to advise the Development Corporation. NSW finally back the Development Corporation, May 2. Sanyo television factory in Wodonga opened by Premier Hamer, October 25 (factory closes 1987). Five eucalypt trees planted adjoining the Hovell tree. Albury & District Historical Society placed a plaque, November 17, on the occasion of the 150th (sesquicentenary) anniversary of Hume & Hovell's crossing. Flooding January 10, across city and severe in South Albury, October 18; Murray River flood level reaches 5.46 metres fourth highest on record. 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 Civic Centre, May 10, opened by Hon. G F Freudenstein, Minister NSW. Hoyts Theatre 483 Olive Street destroyed by fire October 20, demolished for a Venture Store. First stage of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Wodonga Place, October and dedicated in 1975. Murray Grey Society moves its headquarters to Albury from Melbourne (society formed 1962). Gas & Fuel Corporation of Victoria bought out Albury Gas Company. Work begins on Albury's multi-story 'cluster housing', McDonald Road Lavington, March 10.
- 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.). Abattoirs located at Saleyards south-west corner East Street and Borella Road closed April 1. 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 August 4. Seventh-Day Adventist Church and School, 805 David Street, dedicated August 30 by Pastor Robert Frame. Murray High School, SE corner Kaitlers Road and Kemp Street Lavington, constructed throughout 1975. Major renovations and additions at St Anne's Primary, Lowry Street. Albury Pre-school Kindergarten relocated to 714 Alma Street, December 4, opened by Mayor Cleaver Bunton, builders K & J Allen. First night football game at Lavington Sportsground between Rutherglen and Yarrawonga, March 1. AWDC Carramar nursery, Riverina Highway. Alexandra tip site Keene Street closed December 4, new site at 672 Kemp Street, Lavington. H D Lee factory opened April (jeans manufacturer, Wodonga). Jindera Brickworks commenced (later taken over by Boral Ltd 1979 and rebranded PGH Bricks 2015). Clever Bunton AO OBE became an independent Senator and maiden speech to the Senate April 22. First NAIDOC Week July. Banjora Children's Centre, 30 Cardo Drive opened. Mates Ltd is sold to Sydney based firm, August 3, before being purchased by Walton's group in 1977.
- 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. 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 E G Whitlam and blessed by Rev F P Carroll, February 15 (demolished 2019). Albury

declared a drought zone, May 5. Work begins on a Coles supermarket and Woolworth's shopping centre in Lavington, November 28. First classes begin at Murray High School, December 3, (corner of Kaitlers Road and Kemp Street). Ross Circuit Pre School Centre opened by Hon W Fife MHR, September 25. WAW Credit Union forms with the amalgamation of Wodonga and Wangaratta Co-operatives. Rotary Club of Albury Hume chartered August 26. Albury council no longer close for an hour lunch. Waltons purchase Mates building, Dean Street

- 1977 Albury-Wodonga fully converted to natural gas, July. 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, inaugural meeting March 3. 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 June 25. First Albury Council Carols by Candlelight in December. Albury's first heated indoor pool opens in Wagga Road, August 2. Work begins on the new five ways intersection, October 10. First Nail Can Hill run. Volunteer work starts on the manual activities' centre for retired people at Jelbart Park, December. Cinema Centre Twin opening night, September 14. Waterwheel re-located June. Adamshurst, the boarding house for Albury High School girls, closed December. The first steps to close Noreuil Park caravan park taken April 14. Demolition of Ryans Hotel (Market Hotel) corner Dean & Olive Streets commences June 30. East-end Market in Wilson Street opens.
- 1978 AWDC housing estate developed at St John's Hill, Thurgoona mid-year, also Corry's Wood Estate would have smaller 'environmental' streets, November 30. Cleaver E Bunton OBE awarded OAM. 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, later re-located north of playground in Broad Street owing to road changes. St John's Orphanage closes and Guadalupe House for disabled men opened at St John's Thurgoona, September 7. Chair at Council chamber dedicated to Cleaver E Bunton, OBE OAM. Harold Mair, OAM, elected as first Labour candidate since 1946 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. New Greek School Hall in Olive Street blessed and opened December 30. Italo Australian Sports Club conceived and later became the Albury Wodonga Italian Community with rooms in Abercorn Street. Albury-Wodonga Australia's Inland port established allowing direct consignments of good to the area with necessary customs and quarantine clearances. St Marks Anglican parish in North Albury is inaugurated March 5. George's Discount Store trades on a Sunday April 23. The Siesta Motel resort opened Wagga Road September 1.
- 1979 Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital, Pemberton Street Albury, first patient admitted July 30, and opened by Hon K J Stewart MD, November 24. The first sod is turned for the new Australian Newsprint Mill plant, January 2. Murray River Performing Group and Flying Fruit

Fly Circus began this year, first performance in a circus tent at Hovell Tree Park, May 15. 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) available on microfilm at the Albury LibraryMuseum. Border Shopping Town opened by Neville Wran, Premier NSW, July 30, later renamed Lavington Square, February 1988. Extension of St Patrick's Church western end and vestry. Marks' Park (Ralph Marks, alderman, North Albury Football Club stalwart), corner North & East Streets, opened August. Lavington Football Club admitted to the Ovens & Murray Football League. Major flood mitigation work commenced at Noreuil Park; Mudge Canal pump installed. New St Mark's Anglican Church, 319 Gulpha Street, consecrated by Maxwell, Bishop of Wangaratta, April 29. Thurgoona Drive is directly connected to the Hume Highway, July 2. Arrival of a DC2 aeroplane in Albury to be restored by Rotary Club of Albury West, August 31; purchased from Davidson Aero at a cost of \$3,500. Murray River Basin Promotion organisation changes name to Murray Valley League for Development and Conservation, March 5. Hotels allowed to trade Sundays, December.

- 1980 Peter Till Environmental Laboratory (Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre from 1986) opened at Thurgoona, August, by Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler, VC. New saleyards at Wodonga, (later named W G Page Saleyards) Murray Valley Highway, Bandiana opened, July 29, first sale May 28. 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 and opened by Deputy Premier Hon L J Ferguson with plaque, August 22. Lifeline Albury-Wodonga established. Logan's Timber closed in June. First McDonald's restaurant built in Albury and district, NE corner Townsend & Hume Streets. 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, February 20. The 1st Lavington Brownie-Guide Unit commences, August 23. Marianella Nursing Home added to Mercy Hospital on site of 'Berrelli,' December 14. St John's Green estate commences. Albury College of TAFE moves out of historic Dean St Telegraph Office, July 10. Uiver memorial DC2 aircraft placed on supports at Albury airport; Uiver weekend and air carnival March 1 & 2 with unveiling of Uiver memorial ceremony at Albury Airport, March 2. New administration offices and jockey rooms constructed at Albury racecourse. Arnolds fruit stores move to Wodonga. Centenary celebrations for Albury Railway Station, March 6-14. Local Credit Union changes name to WAW Credit Union Co-operative Limited. Murray Vietnam Veterans Association formed (ceased 2016). Albury Council buys its first automated kerb and gutter machine April. The 1st Lavington Brownie-Guide unit inducts its first six members, August 23. A tree in Wilson Street gets the first special kerb protection, September 30. Stereo-surround sound gives patrons at the Cinema Centre a close encounter with sound, October 15.
- 1981 Australian Newsprint Mills (Fletcher Challenge 1997, Norske Skog from April 2000) opened its production plant, July 1, official opening August 28. Albury Regional Art Gallery re-located to former Town Hall, April, after a period in the Library in Civic Square (Audray Banfield had been appointed head, August 4, 1980) and first exhibition March. 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). Thurgoona gained new tennis courts and new golf course. New football and cricket ground opened Alexandra Park in October. Mitta Mitta Canoe club moved into the pavilion at Noreuil Park. The Adamshurst Day Care Centre in David Street is opened, February 10. Springdale Heights first general store and shops begin April 2. Border Express begins operations in Wagga Road, October 6. Springdale Heights Public School is opened, November 18. Rotary club of Albury unveils commemorative plaque to Australia at Noreuil Park, January 26. The Mighty Murray Mural on the NSW Government Offices, Dean Street created for the Twin City Festival, co-ordinated by Sherryl Smith and Peter Day. Murray River County Council depot office and amenities, North Street opened by Ald John Roach, chairman, August 3. Blacklock's Motors open in Wodonga, January 5.

- 1982 XPT trains start between Albury and Sydney, August 2. Army transfers its Apprentice School to Latchford Barracks from Balcombe Victoria. Shorko (Australia) Pty Ltd opened a \$16 million packaging film plant, Melrose Estate Wodonga. Alexandra Park Athletics track opened by Alderman J L Roach, November 14. A/W Volunteer resources group established. New Albury Central fire station at 817-821 Mate Street, July 23. Army closes 311 Supply company ammunition depot at Wirlinga. Wodonga Plaza opened, built by A B & M A Chick (Target and seven shops). 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, and adjoining Centrepoint arcade, March 1. Albury's tourism puppet 'Murray Cod' is unveiled, April 7. Albury gets go ahead to upgrade airport to jet standard, May 6. Lavington Bush Fire Brigade opens in Krautz Street, November 13, by Mayor John Roach. Albury Chapter of the Australian Conservation Foundation first meeting December 17. The UPA gets approval to start work on aged care hostel, May 11. Hospitality Inn, later Greentree, 579 on Olive, Mercure Hotel opens August 25. Wagner's store museum Jindera awarded Museum of the Year.
- 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. 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, for the 38th Class of Army Apprentices, a \$40 million expansion completed. Fluoridation of Albury's water supply, December. Borg Warner \$20 million upgrade, September 18. Work begins on Bonnie Doon Park, West Albury, area marked for expansion July 4. AWDC given more support with a new five-year plan provided by its Ministerial Council, August 31. Thurgoona Golf Club first nine holes opened February.
- 1984 Sports Stadium, 229 North Street, costing \$1.7 million, opened September 14, plaque laid 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. Hume Dam wall closed to traffic. Upper Murray Steamship Company formed in July 1984, aiming to launch 'Cumberoona' number two. Mercy Health Palliative Care unit established. Radio 2AY broadcasting 24 hours daily. Hume Golf Club built driving range. Albury Eisteddfod re-commenced. First big green wheelie bins begin, February 21. Council approves a BMX track in David Street, June 17. Plaque at Hovell tree on the walking trail celebrating 160 years since Hume and Hovell's arrival, November. Pastoral Hotel (opened 1 November 1938) and Gloucester Hotel (formerly Criterion, building opened 1859 as the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney) in Townsend Street demolished for West End Plaza. Border Medical Imaging begins X-raying from 682 Dean Street, May 1. Cann's store closes its doors after 50 years, June 30. Albury-Wodonga Orchid Club established. Thurgoona Golf Social Club makes way for Thurgoona Golf Club, September.

- 1985 Wodonga bypass opened by Federal Minister for Transport Hon. P Morris MHR, March 29. 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, worth \$15 million opened November 26. 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, February 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. Rotary Club of Lavington established. Radio 2REM FM commenced in new studios moving from Ettamogah to 243 Borella Road, March. AWDC provides loan to V-Line to develop tracks to Bandiana, coupled with Customs and Excise facilities (Inland Port), November. Albury Aboriginal Land Council was formed with David Clark as chairman – he later became NSW Aboriginal Lands Council chairman. The log book and other mementos donated to Albury by Uiver pilot's daughter, April 3. Viscount Holdings, Albury's only public company, now controlled by Melbourne property firm, April 5. Claas (Aust) Pty Ltd has their first header come off the assembly line, May 24. Peat Marwick Centre, NW Corner Kiewa & Engelhardt Streets, completed.
- 1986 Geofabrics opened a factory. Albury selected for an Australian Tax Office announced, June. 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 – (Brown's lagoon dates back to the 19th century). NSW Governor-General opens Cemeteries and Crematorium, called 'Glenmorus Gardens' Union Road, October. First Albury Rovers Den re-opened November 22. Riverwood Retirement Village opened by Harold Mair MP, March 15, (Mayor Alderman Roach opened stage one the previous year, development to be complete 1988). Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre established at Peter Till laboratories Thurgoona (official opening 1987). St Patrick's tennis club removes from South Albury Courts, October. PS 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 Black Range, December. The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip, presented his banner to the Corps of RAEME Bandiana for significant contribution to the Army, May 14. The new \$6.5 million headquarters for Murray River Electricity is opened, 429 Swift Street, worth \$6.5 million, March 16. Seventh Day Adventist School at Thurgoona is opened while the Thurgoona Public School is under construction, September. Thurgoona Stargazer Drive-in is re-opened September 23. Trees removed from Wodonga Place to make a four-lane roadway. John Woodman killed riding near Table Top, October 3, former Sun Tour winner and is remembered with the memorial cycle race from Wagga to Albury. Snow recorded at Albury, July 25. Borella House construction began October 2, 1985 now valued at \$1.6m and welcomes first resident, September 15. Albury Wodonga Bandits Basketball Club formed. City Walk replacing the old Coles Variety store in Dean Street with 13 specialty shops worth \$1.85 million, December 1. Thurgoona Park, with 30 lots, opened to the market, December 18. Birrale Park shopping centre West Wodonga Stage one completed, May 29. Walton's and Norman Ross both occupy Mates building, corner Dean & Kiewa streets.

1987 Court House, 515 Olive Street opened September 8 with official opening October 26 by Hon Barrie Unsworth MP, cost \$2.5m, Peter's Construction builder. Wodonga TAFE Institute opened. 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 & Olive streets opened February. Civic Centre Theatre sound & control room upgraded, painted, May 2. AWDC shifted from Wodonga West to Thurgoona (cost \$4.2m). Lychgate at Pioneer Cemetery opened April 5. Ettamogah Pub at Table Top opened March 11. Umpires' Rooms completed at Noreuil Park, June 10. Tax office moved in to former Farmers & Graziers building, SE corner Smollett & Townsend streets, October and the \$10m development officially opened December 2. St Peter's Lutheran Education Centre opened, August 9. Thurgoona Public School opened, November 23 by member for Albury Mr H Mair. Telegraph system became computerized. St John's Anglican Church, Thurgoona, re-opened after four years in December. 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 Road Pantry (Ampol), 840 David Street, September 27. Museum to the 8/13th opens at Buna Barracks, Victoria Street, June. Vietnam Memorial established at the Civic Centre. Kimberly Clark opened June 6 by Senator John Button. Wodonga Plaza sold to Alter's Pacific Shopping Centres March. Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre opened by Hon Gareth Evans, October 24. Fruit Flies become an annex of Wodonga High School, to be known as the Flying Fruit Fly School of Acrobatic Arts & Performance Skills. Eagle Boys pizza chain opens, closes May 2017. The Albury Manor House opens Young Street 42 standard units, cost \$3m, March 5. Hume Country Club extensions worth \$1 million opened September 5. Lake Hume strengthened by the instillation of a post-tensioning steel cable system to improve the safety of the structure.

- 1988 Bicentennial celebrated and time capsule buried at Australia Park, beside 317 Wodonga Place (north), 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 II and Duke of Edinburgh visited Albury May 5 and the Civic Square was re-named Queen Elizabeth II Square (known as QEII 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 & Wodonga Place roundabout completed. Traffic lights for North & David Streets; Smollett & David Streets and Dean & Creek Streets. Official opening of new synthetic hockey fields at Alexandra Park, April. Bungambrawatha Creek flood mitigation completed. Thurgoona School of Arts Hall demolished. Thurgoona Country Club Motel opens November. Miss Australia Quest final held in Albury, February 12. Eastern Estate gets go ahead to develop land once owned by the Murray Brother's Piggery. New tourist attraction 'Frog Hollow' opens its maze, Olive Street, Brown's Lagoon, April 2. Lara Lakes Estate commenced. Chamber of Commerce and Industry re-commenced, May. Albury Zonta club formed. Xavier High School becomes fully co-educational, Term One. Scot's School commence building a \$1.8m auditorium and chapel. Springdale Heights Tavern opened. Target Shopping Centre, Wodonga Plaza \$10.5m expansion for 28 new shops, March. New \$1.3m library opened at Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education, February. Norman Ross closes its doors, February 12. For the first time Albury-Wodonga have 30,000 jobs, March. Woodstock Centre opens its own swimming pool, December 2.
- 1989 Riverina College of Advanced Education, later Riverina Institute of Higher Education became Charles Sturt University, Albury Campus, Australia's 26th university, July 19. AWDC wind-down begins with Gordon Craig retiring; the Ministerial Council decided to return planning to local government June 8. Ron Dennis becomes new chief executive of AWDC, December 4. 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 fire in transformers at the Union Road substation, September 10. Concrete deck added, widening and plaque added to Bungambrawatha Creek bridge, Dean Street, December. The foundation stone Lutheran Aged Care Cottages laid August 8. Albury Wodonga Tourism wins the NSW Tourism Award. Hume Permanent changes name to Hume Building Society and introduces first ATMs in a workplace at Uncle Ben's and Australian Newsprint Mill. Mercy Hospital \$3.32m three level building extensions opened. Launch of Albury-Wodonga Art Foundation by Hon E G Whitlam March 17. Council decides to leave vacant blocks around Monument Hill, September 13.
- 1990 AWDC and Albury Council agree to jointly develop Norris Park, August 15. Charles Sturt University began purchasing sites in Olive Street north including 'The Cedars.' St Matthew's bells arrived and installed. Dartmouth Dam 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 commemorating Bob Croft, June 1990. Albury and Wodonga are in a time warp again as NSW and Victoria run different daylight-saving periods, March 4. The Botanic Gardens and QE11 Square are floodlit, September 30. Thurgoona shopping strip opened October. Art and Craft Expo later 'Craft Alive' commenced. Albury Chamber of Commerce and Industry amalgamates with Wodonga Chamber. *Border Mail* moves to McKoy Street, opened by Victorian

Premier Jeff Kennett, July 30. Albury and border ablaze; Thurgoona and Nail Can Hill are hit, homes are burnt and peoples' lives are at risk; biggest blaze in the region's history; Thurgoona Post Office burnt, January 3. Eastern Estate land is released for sale March 9. Agricultural Company, Alfarm, collapses and struggles on for a few months, June 6. Albury's Dart Defence comes under the control of Australian Defence Industries, June 28. Braemar air-conditioning opens in Albury, July 6.

- 1991 Albury and Wodonga combined population exceeded 70,000. 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. St Matthew's Church destroyed by fire, September 14. Vietnam Memorial and Avenue of Honour, Borella Rd, opened August 17 by Mayor L Langford (987 trees planted). Purpose built Lavington Library opened by Mayor Les Langford, 329 Griffith Road, builders Zauner Construction, August 23. A new Kiewa Street Bridge over Bungambrawatha Creek, opened by Mayor Langford, December 16. Waterworks doubled its capacity with new pumps. Methodist Church site, SW corner Olive & Kiewa Streets, sold to NSW 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. Poker machines are allowed in Victoria and changes the operations of the local large clubs in Albury. 'Winan-Gidjal' (learning), the Aboriginal education centre opened at Charles Sturt University Murray. Demolition of the old Borella Road timber bridge, January 4; replacement bridge opened December 13. Ampol service station, SE Corner Swift & Kiewa Streets, demolished to make a carpark, September 8, later to become site of Albury LibraryMuseum. Tom Pearsall's portfolio of properties sold as the State Bank has placed his companies in receivership, October 13. Albury loses its Civil Aviation Authority weather station, November 15.
- 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 Langford including synthetic field at Alexandra Park, August 30. Restoration of St Paul's Anglican Church Jindera. Methodist Manse, Swift Street, demolished for police car park, July. St Vincent de Paul opened Quamby House for homeless men in Rich's Lane South Albury, February (funding commenced October 13, 1991, closes in 2013). First Probus Club formed February 12. Albury Day Surgery, Baker Court, West Albury opened August 11 and officially by Aileen Fenton, August 21. Construction begins to Albury Swim Centre re-constructed with entrance to pool moved from north to south end. Two plaques laid at Railway Station roundabout by Tim Fisher MP, April 19, commemorating 30 years of standard gauge rail between Melbourne and Sydney and the restoration of gas lamp at traffic island. Lavington Square shopping centre extended at a cost of \$2m. Southern Cross, a third commercial television station, joins Prime and Vic TV, January 1. The Lutheran Rest Home approved for construction in West Albury, June 8. 2AY radio converts to FM transmission, November. New water tank for Nail Can Hill, January. The Uiver Memorial plaque unveiled June 25 by Dr Reinier and T H Derksen, Consul-general of the Netherlands. UPA administration office and opportunity shop opened May 2 by Ian Glachan MP. MV Discovery tourist boat officially launched Noreuil Park, May 2. Graham Middleton swims

the Murray River 2,366 km, completed April 15. Development Albury Wodonga 2000 took over from the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation. Timezone (electronic gaming) gets go-ahead to build over Bob Jane site beside Regent Theatre September 7. Jindera Public School opened in Dight Street, November 14.

- 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 SE corner Kiewa & Dean Streets; Dean Street upgrade opened, July 17. Sydney-Melbourne Express replaced by Countrylink XPT. Tourist watercraft, 'Discovery,' launched at Noreuil by owners Russell and Sheryl 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 started in a bid to help street kids, September 30. The first sod turned for Latrobe University, February. The Museum Collection is moved to storage at Thurgoona, December. St David's Church dedication of new buildings, including the Wesley Centre, November 28. Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation building purchased by Charles Sturt University to develop its Murray Campus. South Albury wake to flash flooding, residents demand protection, January 18. Globe Hotel engulfed in flames, March 11. Albury Council end the dumping of sewerage into the Murray River in a tight vote, March 11. Sisters of Mercy leave their convent and move to a new home Olive Street.
- 1994 New Albury Base Hospital, Borella Road, officially opened November 9 by Hon Ron Phillips MP, Minister for Health (first patients October 4). 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 Countrylink 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. Thomas and Charlotte Mitchell painting received by Regional Art Gallery, April 21. Lutheran Age Care facility 'Yallaroo' opened (Somerset Drive). Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation formed. Gordon & Gotch magazine recycling plant opens, April 29. Nine-year program costing \$6m to mitigate flooding in Bungambrawatha Creek completed, plaque unveiled by Hon. George Souris MP and Mayor Cr, A J McLeish, June 2. Ritz Tavern, Dean Street goes up in flames July 31. First marriage in the rebuild of St Matthew's Church, October 1.
- 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, September 18. 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, May 9. Sunday trading for all businesses at Lavington Shopping Centre begins, December 10. Pavers laid in Dean Street between Olive & David Streets. Hume 'Break Even' service for responsible gambling by Upper Murray Health commenced February. Freedom Furniture opens 478-483 Olive Street February 1. Cinema Centre adds two extra cinemas, December 14. Save Our City (pro-external bypass) campaign began, 2,000 people attend QE 11, December 16. Murray Darling Basin Commission approved a grant to commence remedial work on Hume Dam wall March.

- 1996 Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett unsuccessfully promoted Albury-Wodonga merger. Slight movement in Hume Dam core wall of embankment led to emergency releases and flooding; Murray Darling Basin Commission announces that flooding will continue for at least two weeks October 7. Albury Cinema Centre expanded to six screens with \$6m investment. Roy Herbert Benyon Reserve, off Mountford Crescent, 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 (Aust) a subsidiary of an Italian company purchased Haberfield's Dairy, October 9. 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 (ALTC), June. SBS Television available in Albury, August. Hot House Theatre commences. Second synthetic hockey field constructed on all-weather gravel surface. Plaque unveiled to commemorate builder Tom Bartleson & Architect Louis Harrison at War Memorial, April 21. Albury-Wodonga Breast Cancer Support Group commenced. Albury celebrated 50 years of becoming a city, time capsule buried on Western Hill near the War Memorial.
- 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. 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. International Forestry Conference last week April. Society of St Vincent de Paul centre (323 Urana Road) opened by Ian Glachan MP, August 2. Albury Wodonga Limited first media conference July 11, key roles of promotion, research, lobbying and co-ordinated promotion of the area. Albury War Memorial classified by National Trust, November 3. Bonegilla celebrates 50th Anniversary with a festival, October 6.
- 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. Hume Veterans' Information Centre Wodonga opened. Lavington & District Family History Society formed.

- 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. Upper Murray Regional Library administration centre opened at Moorefield Park Drive Wodonga, August 20. Pemberton View Lutheran Aged Care services foundation stone unveiled May 2 by Chaplin Carl Dohler and time capsule Rose Place West Albury to be opened September 19, 2024. Albury Wodonga Christian Broadcasting applies for a long-term licence 101.7 MHz currently 'The Light' radio 98.5 MHz. Jindera community 'All town sale' commenced.
- 2000 Majority of Kosovo refugees left Albury 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; local girl, Jacinta Van Lint wins Silver Medal in 200m relay swimming. University of NSW Rural Clinic, School of Medicine opens adjacent to Albury Base Hospital. Margaret Court Tennis Cup January
- 2001 NSW and Victoria Government's proposed merger of Albury and Wodonga was unsuccessful. Xavier High School, South Campus students Years 9 to 12, vacated Kiewa Street, and settled at 294 Fallon Street to join Years 7 to 8 (the site was former Aquinas College). Neil Carr memorial bridge at National Forest Grove unveiled, September 2001. First Hockey synthetic field was replaced with a wet synthetic surface. A partnership between Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation and Woomera Aboriginal Corporation produced the Koori Cross Border Health Plan. Hume Dam emergency closure gates replaced.
- 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 extended, Krautz Street, dedication July 22, by Mayor P Gould. Former Albury Base Hospital, Wodonga Place, demolished. Ries family plaque of the 'Model farm' unveiled near Albury Airport terminal, October 29. Hume-Murray Farmers Market Gateway Island, Lincoln Causeway, now known as Albury-Wodonga Farmers Market. Regional Express (Rex) Airline formed August, incorporating parts of Ansett, Hazeldon and Kendall Airlines. Memorial Uiver removed for refurbishment, August 20. Hockey fields construct portable clubroom facility.

- 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 556 Dean Street, in front of Art Gallery, August. "Country Hope" (Cancer support) Somerset Drive formed.
- 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 a complex merger of Hume, Albury and Corowa Shires). Lutheran 'Delacourt' Aged Care Facility foundation stone laid by Chaplain Howard Schilling, September 19. Hume Dam plaque re major works, 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. Fallon's cellar has 28 beams and 21 columns removed from the Kiewa Street site. "Shalom Hostel" (part of Lavington UPA Homes) opened by Sussan Ley, November 16. J C King Netball courts re-surfaced. Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service becomes fully operational, June 27. 'Block 19' Bonegilla new interpretation centre, 'The Beginning Place,' opens December 4.
- 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 Albury LibraryMuseum building in Kiewa Street. Dairy Farmers Co-op, Fallon Street demolished due to freeway changes. Albury 'Pub lockout' to licenced premises after 1.00 am from July 1.
- 2007 Hume Freeway Internal Bypass opened by Prime Minister John Howard, March 4. Albury LibraryMuseum opened July 27, SE corner Kiewa & Swift Streets, by Mayor Amanda Duncan-Strelec. Harvey Norman Centre at Newmarket opened. Visitors Information Centre at Railway Station opened by Mayor Amanda Duncan-Strelec, June 12. Art installation erected on Victorian 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. Official opening of the Mott Family *Border Mail* 'Info-zone' at the LibraryMuseum by Mayor Cr Stuart Baker November 24. Albury Bowling Club had previously shifted to Bunton Park and changed its name to North Albury Bowling Club.
- 2008 Gardens Medical Centre, 470 Wodonga Place, opened. Albury Regional Emergency Management Centre opened stage one, March 26, by Hon Nathan Rees. MP. Opening of Visitors' Information Centre, plaque and sculpture by Alexander Seaton called 'Lost and Found,' an Albury Railway project commemorating Russell Drysdale. 'Mid-Week Express' first published April 16 (ceased December 12, 2012). Trinity School, Thurgoona, opened. Apology to Australian Indigenous people "Stolen Generation" given by Prime Minister K Rudd, February 13. Islamic Society of Albury-Wodonga began in August. Howlett Science Centre, The Scots School opened August 10. Albury 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. West Albury Hall unveiling and re-dedication ceremony on October 11. Hall donated by the army from Bonegilla around 1946. New North Albury Fire Station opened by Greg Mullins AFSM, September 20 (located corner of Kaitlers Road & Nagle Street). 'Write Around the Murray' event commences. Mylon Motorways business sold to Dyson Group of Companies, July 2. NSW Rural Fire Service opened Albury Regional Emergency Management Centre, 25 Airport Drive, May 25.

- 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. Albury LibraryMuseum leaves the Upper Murray Regional Library. Work started to remove QEII Square fountain November 25. Ettamogah rail hub NEXUS opens. Hume Retirement Resort, Logan Rd commenced. Allied Mills closes (previously J Burrows Hume Flour Mills, Bunge Flour Mill)
- 2010 Charles Sturt University Albury Campus relocated from central Albury to Thurgoona 2009-2010; also New Dentistry and Oral Health Campus. Plaque remembering National Servicemen unveiled in Harold Mair Park, Dean Street east, installed by Albury-Wodonga branch National Servicemen's Association, April 11. Flying 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. Final freight train uses original Wodonga train line and first train travels over the Causeway rail bypass, June 23 (works cost \$181 million). Caravan Albury Wodonga served its first meals, May. Hume Building Society lease second electric car from Baker Motors (Albury Council electrical department used one in the 1950s). Thurgoona Lions Club chartered, June.
- 2011 Volt Lane development began in central Albury including new Australian Taxation Office premises and multi-level car park, opened December 1. Wodonga new rail station opened June 25. 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. Xavier High School Administration building blessed & opened by Rev Gerard Hanna DD, May 18.
- 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 & Young Streets, demolished (previously Burrows and Bunge); site still vacant 2021. Bishop's Walk Thurgoona, Yellow Gum Way, plaque dedicated to Sgt Charles G Bishop. Warriors Albury-Wodonga Dragon Boat Club commenced. Rotary Club Albury Wodonga Sunrise established. Ettamogah Oz.e.wildlife sanctuary closes May. North Albury Red Cross re-formed after an absence since 1988.
- 2013 Lavington Library moved to North Point Tower, July 12, Zauner build. Upper Murray Regional Library closes its doors after 63 years. Floral panels on eastern side of Harold Mair Bridge installed, artists M Laubli and L Gavioli. Hilltop Centre part of Albury Wodonga

Cancer Centre completed January. Winter Solstice commenced for survivors of suicide and friends.

- 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 Street, Albury, to 329/331 Wagga Road, 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. Hume Building Society becomes Hume Bank, July 1. North Albury Bowling Club became Incorporated. Maya Fish sculpture at Yindyamarra walk displayed, artists Ken Murray, Darren Wighton & Andom Rendell.
- 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. City2City run/walk to raise money for Albury Wodonga Health begins. Albury Wodonga Headspace (dealing with mental health) opened. Albury Wodonga Motorcycle Enthusiast Club formed March. New Parent and Baby Unit opened by Mayor Hank van de Ven November 4. Bungam Community Garden commenced July.
- 2016 Census population 51,076. The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre opened November 16. New building at J C King Netball Park surface 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 May 14 by Mayor Cr Hank van de Ven. Retro café (Youth café) opened November by Mayor Kevin Mack. Age Concern amalgamates and becomes Live Better. Memorial Uiver memorial removed to Smart Air hanger May 12. 'Tea Cup' community garden commences in Broad Street, November 27. Jetgo airline commenced flights between Albury and Brisbane, flights ceased in 2018.
- 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, France, 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 CCTV 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 park spaces, December 16. NSW 10 cent/bottle or can return scheme starts at Springdale Heights, December 1. Albury racecourse has a \$1.5m track upgrade. Plummer Street Park Community Garden commenced March.

2018 Bunning's original store closes and second store in Albury opened in Drome Street, February 5 with official opening February 9. 'The River' sculpture re-installed, corner Dean & 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. Albury Airport terminal has a \$5.7m upgrade, opened 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 stage one upgrade includes seats, paving and totem pole completed December 13. Kerford Estate Thurgoona commences. UPA Lavington stages 1-3 opened at Murray Vale Village March 16. Lavington Square and Westend plaza sold to SCA property group \$120 million. Alexandra Athletics track re named Les O'Brien precinct October 6. Kiewa Kids childcare centre Ebdon Street opens February.

2019 Jones Street walk bridge opened March. Oddies Creek playground have additional equipment added, April. Collings Park new centre concrete wicket installed, May. Opening of new play space at National Foresters Grove, June 2. Murray Park estate, Thurgoona approved July 22. Railway station has two slate roofs completed, July 22. Albury Council management adopt a new model with General Manager, two deputy chief executives and ten service clusters taking effect from October 1. *Border Mail*, owned by John Fairfax Holdings, sold to Anthony Catalano & Alex Waislitz of Australian Community Media, July 1. The Elms estate, Table Top Road approved July. JC King Netball open a new pavilion valued at \$2 million, July 3. Opening of Albury's new renewable energy hub. Australia first solar farm built on top of a capped land fill site (Mudge Street). Sale of Lavington shopping centre including Coles' supermarket. Tim Fischer (politician and past deputy Prime Minister) died and a State funeral held at Albury Entertainment Centre, August 29. Visy purchases Norske Skog's plant Ettamogah. Brain and Mind centre at Mercy Hospital opened by premier Gladys Berejikian, October 2. New Nagle Centre, part of St Vincent de Paul housing complex, was formally Riches Lane (now Dempsey Close) opened and blessed September 11 (38 units replaces Quamby house shelter for homeless men). Two gym training equipment stations placed on East Albury to Thurgoona walking track, September. Two Cities One Community, Albury and Wodonga Councils work together to share facilities, venues, infrastructure and services, Regional Deal announced March 20. First 'Gardenesque' event held at Botanic Gardens, October 12, 13. Endeavour Park play space opened Kurnell Street, October 18. Young @ Park, a Parkinson support group forms for local people under 65 years. Active space Waites Park South Albury opened November 10. 100-year commemorative plaque unveiled at Hume Weir picnic area November 28. Amart Furniture opens November 28. Instillation 'Summer Place' is erected QEII Square

November, closes March 2020. Noreuil Park carpark and additions completed November. Norske Skog to close and majority of staff to leave, December 20. 13CABS commenced business, November. East Albury three gym stations opened in parkland beside Hume Freeway, October. Council proceeds to switch 8,200 street lights to LED fixtures, July.

- 2020 January, devastating fires in the Upper Murray including dangerous levels of bushfire smoke engulfing Albury-Wodonga, NSW and Victoria, some sports and outdoor activities postponed. Council electric car charging station opened and located at second floor of carpark in Kiewa Street, 26 February. Former local, Judge Sean Grant, returns to Albury as first resident District Court Judge, February 10.
- Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic, March 13 Government imposes restriction; Stage one restrictions imposed, March 22; Stage two March 26; first case on the Border found March 22 and first death (patient returned from Ruby Princess cruise ship) April 2-3 at Albury Base Hospital.
- A full version of events to be released soon.
- War Memorial landscaping, improvements and up-grades, has flag raising ceremony, May 15. Viewing platform at Leaney's Bend along Wagirra trail, Kremur Street, June. First 'Red Light' Speed camera turned on June 29, intersection east-west Guinea & Young Streets. Uber ride sharing business commenced June 26. AlburyCity begins on Instagram July 2. Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal officially signed July 9 to reduce regulatory barriers to create more jobs and community infrastructure. Plaque to Tim Fischer AC for contribution to Australia, unveiled at Albury Railway Station, August 29. Tiddalick the frog installed at Wonga Wetlands, collaboration between Treahna Hamm & fabricator Michael Laubli, September 10. Hovell Tree wood fired oven re-development and expansion opened, November 13. War Memorial Western Hill upgrades, new plaques and security cameras, unveiled November 13. Albury and Wodonga 'Upstream' Festival commenced for the first time, March. Hillford Estate, Thurgoona commenced September. Lavington Sports ground \$19.6m re-development with a second ground and infrastructure upgraded opened November 27. Community Gardens Macauley Street (CGMS) opens at Billson Park November. IGA East Albury mural and facade opened December 18. Davey Drive first sod turned December 18. Regent Theatre renovation and upgrade. V2Food operations Pty Ltd opens a \$20m plant in Wodonga to produce plant-based meats.
- 2021 Lithium battery to be installed at Lake Hume's Trout Farm Road as part of an innovative \$32m project involving the dam's hydro-power station, announced February 2. Harris Farms Market opened Young Street, January 29. Work opened at Nexus Industrial precinct with \$45m plastic recycling plant, February. Trout sculpture at Noreuil Parks in Oddies Creek 'Ode to the mighty Murray' by Tobias Bennett unveiled March 6. Albury named NSW's top Tidy Town, recognising Albury Council's solar project, Halve Waste organics recovery program and education and infrastructure recovering resources, March 13. Albury basketballer Lauren Jackson awarded USA NBA Naismith Memorial Basketball's Hall of Fame, May 17. Thurgoona Drive and Elizabeth Mitchell Drive traffic lights installed, May 25. Ettamogah Hub \$15m rail siding opened May 31. Blacklock's Lane artwork by Kade Sarte 'Mity Murray Float', June. Wilson Street carpark entrance 'Home sweet Butterfly', artist Kristina Greenwood, June. Ovens and Murray conduct first 'double header' involving four football/netball clubs (Lavington, Wodonga, Yarrawonga & Wangaratta) at Lavington Oval, June 12.

- 2024 Bi-centennial celebrations of Hume & Hovell crossing place. Pemberton View Lutheran age care time capsule, Rose Place West Albury to be opened September 25, 2024.
- 2046 Centenary of Albury being Proclaimed a city. Time capsule buried December 18, 1996 and to be opened December 18, 2046, location near War Memorial, Western Hill.
- 2088 Time capsule buried at Australia Park beside Turk's Head building 317 Wodonga Place, to be exhumed 25 September 2088.

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