

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 area west of the Great Dividing Range. In 1824, Wiradjuri warriors, led by Windradyne, fought a war against the British in the Bathurst 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. Occupation by indigenous Australians of the district which became Albury began as early as 60,000 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 at Appin, before leaving Gunning on October 3, enroute to Port Phillip, with a party of six, Claude Barrios, Henry Angel, James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Boyd, Benjamin Smith and Samuel Bollard. According to Hovell's diary, the party arrived in this district on November 16, naming the river Hume (after Hume 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 1838 map). The tree was destroyed by fire after white settlement (the stump was said to have been seen by Robert Brown in 1857). Hume and Hovell camped at Mungabareena (Waterworks area) on November 18. On November 20 they crossed the Hume River a little above the junction with the Mitta River.
- 1825 Hume & Hovell re-crossed the Hume River on their return journey at about the location of the Bethanga Bridge on January 3.
- 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 land on both sides of the river, including the 'Bonegilla Run' the 'Mungabareena Run' including the whole of the land on which Albury now stands. He erected a homestead at Bonegilla and placed William Wyse, as stockman in charge. William Wyse drove the first cattle to the Murray (Hume) River, arriving in November.

- 1836 Robert Brown opened first the store near the Hovell Tree in the area known as 'The Crossing Place.' Paul and Charles Huon established the 'Wodonga Run' including Baranduda and Middle Creek; set up a homestead on the banks of the Wodonga Creek. John Dight forms the '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. Dora CeCe Station, River Murray 12 Aboriginal or Torres Strait people killed. Source: University of Newcastle. <https://c21ch.newcastle.edu.au/colonialmassacres/detail.php?r=574> & A&DHS Bulletin 647 October 2023.
- 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 John 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, left Melbourne January 1 and crossed the river near Howlong. Thomas Scott Townsend drew first town map of Albury after instructions from Governor Gipps to the Surveyor-General on June 29. First white lady to cross the Murray River at Albury was Mrs Joseph Hawdon, March 1. Early pioneers Osborne, Barber and Morrice. First advertisement by Robert Browne (Brown) promoting his store, house of accommodation and alcohol supplies, February 23. Faithfull Massacre, Benalla, 8 Colonialists and one Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander person killed. Source: <https://alburyhistory.org.au/investigating-dispossession> University of Newcastle <https://c21ch.newcastle.edu.au/colonialmassacres/detail.php?r=506> April 11-12; resulted in the government ordering police posts on the Murray and other river crossing sites. The first police camp and station (slab hut) near the Murray River crossing place in October on the river below Scotsman's Hill (between Padman Drive and the river) manned by five armed and mounted police, in charge of Sergeants Leary and Rose.
- 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 Sir John Franklin explorer and Governor of Van Diemen's Land, passed through Albury, April 20-22 – she kept a significant diary. 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. Twenty mounted police 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 the district was Elizabeth Huon, daughter of A Balcombe Huon, October 16, later Mrs Armstrong of Suva (refer *The First Settlement of the Upper Murray*, Andrews p76). Whorouly Station, Dr George Mackay's run – confrontation and violence May 26, 27. The following months confrontations at Peter Stuckey's run Broken River, John Chisholm's station Myrhee near Greta and David Waugh run near Mansfield. Death of two Aboriginal men Jaggerrograr (aka Harliquin) in Melbourne and Mimmup (aka Merriman) at the Hume River (later Murray River). <https://alburyhistory.org.au/investigating-dispossession> December 10.
- 1841 Dr John Crichton 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. 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.
- 1842 First fine house erected by Robert Brown, valued at £2,000, and a new Hume River Inn (at 406 Wodonga Place) built. Elizabeth Mitchell arrived at 'Mungabareena' with seven of her children.
- 1843 A Post Office building established in Albury, April 13. Presbyterian Church sent minister on preaching tour throughout the district. 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. Albury Inn known as the Commercial at 407-409 Townsend St, licensee William Wise till 1848.
- 1847 Post Office re-opened with John Roper as postmaster, February 1. Albury Court of Petty Sessions established on January 1 with Mr John Roper appointed first clerk. John McEvan appointed Chief Constable and Bailiff, October 4. Flooding at Albury
- 1848 Surveyor Thomas Townsend extended Albury's street layout north and eastwards. Punt moved upstream; Edward Crisp, then proprietor of the Hume Inn, established a formal punt service departing from a special punt reserve at the end of Hovell Street. 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 in August. Hume Tree was damaged by fires lit by passing stockmen eventually falling into the river. William Conley purchases land on SE corner Townsend and Smollett streets; he later built the Squatters' Arms Hotel which later became the Sebastopol Hotel then Exchange Hotel.

- 1849 Ferry for Albury gazetted on August 14, NSW government takes over punt service, auctioning the license, Crisp only applicant. 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 of Dean & Kiewa streets, June, 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 1900 was celebrated November 21). Post Offices are allocated numbers, Albury receives 50. James Layton becomes licensee of Royal Hotel, NW corner of Hume and Townsend streets (built by William Wyse in the 1840s, probably as the 'Albury Inn').
- 1851 Population 442. Colony of Victoria received Royal Assent July 1. First 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. Police Barracks established. Presbyterian Church commenced with Rev David Ballantyne being sent from Melbourne in May. 'Black Thursday' bush fires on February 6. Church of England clergyman, Rev Henry Elliott took up duties in August. A courthouse was erected in Wodonga Place demolished by council 1885. Victoria Hotel at 441 Townsend St keeper Donald Mackay, May 1853, becomes the Gold Diggers', 1857 reverts to Victoria, 1874 renamed The Carriers' Arms, 1883 becomes the Federal Hotel. Squatters Hotel SE corner Smollett and Townsend streets, licensee William Conley, 1857 additions and second floor, 1858 becomes Exchange Hotel taken over by Adam C Kidd & William B Brickell.
- 1852 Site of Belvoir (later called Wodonga) fixed on south side of Murray River, April 30. Rose Inn, vicinity of 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 March 11. Dog Act extended and pound keeper appointed December 31. Fence erected around the Hovell Tree. Maurice Asher establishes Criterion Hotel in Hume St – moves to NE corner Smollett and Townsend streets as 'New Criterion,' 1893.
- 1854 Belvoir township gained a police station. Government Gazettes notes that John Kelly, sub-collector of Custom, appointed January 2. Inland Customs Office established April. Albury and Belvoir also appointed a collection point to impose poll tax for Chinese entering Victoria. Fr John Maher (Meagher) appointed resident Roman Catholic priest, October 1.

- 1855 Owned by Francis Cadell, and skippered by Captain George Johnston the first paddle steamer, 'Albury,' arrived from South Australia on October 2. The Roman Catholic Church established a denominational school, teachers Mr & Mrs Tuohy. The Albury Benevolent Society formed, May 26. First mention of a band in Albury, a German band that played on the PS Albury. Albury Jockey Club formed April 6, lasted until 1865. A new watchhouse in Kiewa Street erected by Morris Asher for £710.
- 1856 Population 645. First newspaper, the *Border Post*, printed October 4, (microfilm at LibraryMuseum available from November 15, 1856 till October 3, 1902 – first five years added to Trove website in May 2025). Bank of New South Wales opened at the Court House (present post office site) on June 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', 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. Albury's first brewery in Dean Street opposite Townsend St, partnership of Robert Davidson & John Kaleski.
- 1857 Show Society formed as 'Albury and Murray River Agricultural and Horticultural Society' on January 13, first fruit and grain Show on April 13, stock, sheep and dairy Show on 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. John Peter Frauenfelder built 791 David Street (Albury's oldest house still in use in 2026). Foundation stone of St Matthew's Church of England, Kiewa Street, laid on July 24 by George Macleay MLA. First concert at new hall in the Rose Inn, 482 Kiewa St, February 21 (closed 1916). Public meeting to establish a Mechanics' Institute, April 28. German String Band forms in Albury. Meeting called in March by Robert Brown to erect a suitable testimonial to Hume & Hovell. Snow on May 24. First 'Building Society' formed. Hiram Crawford forms H A Crawford & Co, a coach line between Beechworth and Albury. The telegraph line reached Belvoir (Wodonga), December. Travellers' Rest Hotel established, Sydney Road Thurgoona, Charles Hopgood licensee October 12. Maurice Asher's Imperial Hotel, Townsend St opens, September – destroyed by fire August 1879. Foundation stone for the St Matthews the Apostle and Evangelist was laid July 24 by George Macleay, Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 1858 The Sydney telegraph line reached Albury at noon October 28 (Wodonga's line arrived December 1857); John Nichols of the Rose Inn 482 Kiewa Street allocated room for the telegraph office, and operated the line from Melbourne, April 9. New library opened Kiewa Street opposite the National School, July 7. The Hume Monument (marble obelisk) unveiled near Hovell Tree enclosed by iron fence, July 18 – later re-located to the Botanic Gardens in 1884. 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 at 473 Townsend Street (later 'Kia Ora'), built for Bank of NSW, opened June 1. *Albury Telegraph & Federation Journal* commenced in April, ceased 1864 and merged with *Border Post* (the *Albury Telegraph* including the *Albury Advertiser* [August 15, 1863- July 5, 1864 Owner

Maurice Neligan] available at Albury LibraryMuseum on microfilm). New ferry gazetted December 1. Advance Australia Hotel, SE corner David & Wilson Streets, built by James Layton, was taking shape January 31, opened December first licensee Arthur Walker (hotel became Albury Police Barracks, c.1863-1877, purchased by James Soden 1899). Public meeting to discuss a hospital called August 18. German Harmonic Society formed in May. First German Ball held at the Exchange Hotel (corner Smollett and Townsend Streets), August 14 (theatre opened at same hotel, proprietors Messrs Adam Kidd & William Brickell). 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. 'Great Southern Road' Sydney to Melbourne proclaimed. NSW Parliament passes the Local Government Bill which subsidised country municipalities June. Albury holds a meeting on November 25 to promote Albury becoming a municipality; committee formed. The official returns for T H Mates business showed exports of £854,000 in value and imports £272,000. Punt again relocated, moving a further 600 metres upstream to Wodonga St at the southern end of Wodonga Place. Flora McEachern becomes licensee of Gold Diggers' Hotel, SE corner of Hume & Townsend streets – Thomas Field takes over July 1859 and changes name to Horse & Jockey Hotel, premises becomes Albury Custom House in the late 1860s. Travellers' Rest Hotel changes name to Mount Pleasant Hotel December 26.

- 1859 January: municipality petition sent to colonial government; 84 signatures attached. Albury proclaimed a borough, June 4, and Government Gazetted on June 8, first Municipal Council elections on July 27, 24 candidates, first mayor, James T Fallon. First Council meeting July 27 at the Rose Inn. August 8 first Town Clerk, Samuel F Blackmore, appointed along with two assessors, Kirkpatrick & Robertson. October Mr J H Wood appointed town surveyor. 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 St), 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; disbanded 1860; reformed 1876-79. First District Courts of Quarter Sessions opened November 9, by Judge Callaghan. New ferry installed at end of Wodonga 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. Albury lock-up proclaimed a public gaol and two small cells opened in July. First Quarter Sessions sitting held November 8. Layton's Hotel yard holds Agricultural Society's first sheep show and classing exhibition. First oranges grown on the Murray by Robert Brown
- 1860 New courthouse opened August 15, vicinity 564 Dean Street designed by Alexander Dawson, builder Thomas Allen (Albury) first case heard September 3. *Albury Banner & Wodonga Express* newspaper established July 7, (ceased publication May 28, 1950) – available to be seen at Albury LibraryMuseum on microfilm. 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. 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 (St John's Anglican Church),

opened, made of wooden slabs; also used as a school. Crown Lands Office (later Burrows House) built by W J Jones, (in 2015 part of Murray Art Museum Albury). In July, Albury's first medical practitioner, Dr John Crichton RN, who died 1847, was re-interred in the new cemetery (now known as Albury Pioneer Cemetery). Previous site was 'Sand Hills' in the vicinity of Waite's Park, South Albury. Pound erected in Macauley Street, Henry Taylor Pound Keeper. Murray Valley Vineyard Company publishes a prospectus to introduce co-operative principles to the wine industry of Albury. February contracts let for stumping parts of Dean, Hume, Townsend, Smollett & David Streets. Customs Abolition Committee formed and a 12-yard petition of signatures was produced in three days. Bridge Inn located beside the punt and in 1861 the bridge over the Murray, Daniel Driscoll licensee, December.

- 1861 Census population 981. In March, Council recommended appointment of trustees for Cemetery but not made effective for some years. First Union Bridge opened September 2, contractors William Brickell and Adam Kidd. Albury Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, vicinity SW corner Thurgoona & Pemberton Streets opened October (demolished 1934). Braidwood designed Gaol completed, vicinity Cahill Place & Thurgoona Street (first occupant was the builder) – demolished 1949). Kerosene lamps ordered by council for street lighting. Post Office was conducted from Mate's store, Hume & Townsend Streets. Telegraph office opened August 26, 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; known as the Kraegen time-ball. First Masonic Lodge, 'The Hume,' opened December 29. Philharmonic Society first performed under W N M Edmondson November 20. A manse built next to Presbyterian Church, Smollett Street Lavington called for a National School in May. Mechanics' Institute original building commenced and opened 1863. Black Range (Lavington) proclaimed a goldfield December 31. Petition to government to allocate land on Dean St as Market Square (later became Dean Square then QEII Square). Farmers' Home Hotel established at Thurgoona, Edward Crisp licensee.
- 1862 Albury National School moved to Olive Street 'The Annexe' in January, run by Mr and Mrs William Dwyer (they took up post in 1856). 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. Robertson Land Act or Free Selection Act enacted January 1, amended 1875, new legislation 1885. 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 crossing the Murray from Victoria, but withdrew five years later. Rates prove hard to raise, Council decide not to allow anyone to vote who had not paid rates. The formation of Dean Street undertaken and Market Square (now QEII Square) a common secured. Albury-Border Cricket Ground formed (later Albury Cricket Ground, Albury Sports Ground). Border Cricket Club formed, September. Albury Gold Reward Fund to run from June 9 (fund to encourage opening of "a payable gold-field within 15-mile radius of Albury"). Show Society defunct. William Brickell marries 'Albury girl' Mary Bulmer, they leave next day for America and later buy land in Florida and are founders of the cities of Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Albury incorporated in the South-Western Police District, Headquarters in Deniliquin, soon after the Murray Police District was formed with Albury the headquarters.

- 1863 The Mechanics' Institute opened with a ball May 25. 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. Police quarters removed to the Advance Australia Hotel, November. Albury Advertiser Newspaper 1863-1864 (available on microfilm at Albury LibraryMuseum).
- 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, May. Model School established opened by Mr D Patterson. First town letter carrier, John Gleeson. Border Quadrille (dancing) Club formed August 23. Contract for gravelling streets, maintenance man appointed and wheelbarrow and shovel purchased by council.
- 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,' opened by Mayoress, Mrs Samuel Blackmore on November 27. Empire Hotel and Lavington Hotel for Jennings opened at Black Range. Presbyterian Church for Black Range September 3. Roman Catholic Church Bowna dedicated August 25.
- 1866 Church of England denominational school Kiewa Street opened July 22. 'Cumberoona' paddle steamer launched on July 1 at Echuca, arrived Albury August 23. Albury consortium, WNM Edmondson, George Day, Kenneth McLennan, J T Fallon, John Dight, T H Mate & John Hore form a partnership for a steam navigation Company August. Twelve kerosene lamps light Albury streets. Bowna Presbyterian Church erected last service September 10, 1933, later rebuilt and sold as a house 1986. Mr Ashton Company Circus appears in Albury, April. Riverine Separation movement, petition sent to the Governor General of NSW, seeking annexation to Victoria.
- 1867 Additions made to the Model School. Extensive flooding in Albury, October level was 5.79m – [Source GHD 2012]. 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. New Albury Turf Club formed September 10.
- 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. Union Bridge Hotel (Wodonga Place) opens became the Traveller's Rest then the Turk's Head Hotel, 1875 licensee Charles E Cass. Steps taken by Council to align streets and form footpaths. Fallon cellars approved for building 587 Kiewa Street, fire May 2001, demolished 2012 for Quest apartments. Albury Borough Council grants 5 acres of the 'Recreation Reserve' between Hume and Smollett Streets to Border Cricket Club "until such time as the Council might require it for other purposes," January 4; fenced for the Albury Cricket Ground (later known as Sportsground), August. Attempt to form Second 'Building Society' fails. Bush Inn just over the Union Bridge, Wodonga flats, licensee Michael Tiernan. First Show in seven years held. The Albury Common, NSW Government

Gazetted May 19, to be formed of 1,025 acres; May 26 Gazetted expansion of Common to 7,000 acres approximate locality Nail Can Hill: current Pemberton Street around to Poole & Sackville Streets.

- 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, closed 1952). 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 September 8. Earthquake felt September 1. Earthquake opens a fissure over 2 miles long and metre deep appeared at Moorwatha, between Howlong and Burrumbuttock, April. Postmaster General representation and the Governor in Council approved the Aboriginal name 'Wodonga' be restored. Bellbridge Hague Solicitors business commences. Albury German Association formed October 2. John Burrows brought Hume Flour Mills, business remained with family until 1946.
- 1870 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. Opening and Blessing of St Bridget's Convent, February 6, by Bishops of Maitland and Bathurst. Flooding again October 23, 24, reading 5.89m – [source GHD 2012]. John Burrows announced new flour mill called 'The Hume' for Albury, vicinity 649 Dean Street. Albury Free Public Library housed in Mechanics' Institute opened February 21 by the mayor. Coach services link Albury to the rail terminus at Goulburn six times a week. The Post Office and Telegraph Office amalgamate, January 1 (a move which was not successful). Salutation Inn opened in Dean St in July 1870, delicensed 1922, demolished May 1935 to make way for Albury Wool Exchange.
- 1871 Census population 2,592. Albury floating baths established at the river in January. First pile driven for construction of a 160-foot wharf contractor Hamlin & Simpson, January 24, completed by May. Five-ton Crane for wharf installed November 22 (Demolished 1896). Opening of Freemasons' Hall new lodge room October 4. Albury Protestant Association formed May 2. Flooding again, approximately 4.87m – [source Bailey]. Grammar school re-located to St Matthew's Church Hall 517 Olive Street. Albury Choral Society formed at a meeting, November 23. First documented earthquake June 8.
- 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 Kiewa Street opened (closed 1964). First letter carrier (postman) recorded in Albury. New pavilion at Albury Cricket Ground (March), Builder Frew. Two breweries established, Hume Brewery Wilson Street and Porter Brewery Wodonga Place, George Billson took over this one 1879; in 1888 both combined as the Albury Brewing & Malting Company. Earthquake felt January 6. Captain Brownrigg appointed Gold Commissioner for Black Range and Ournie Gold-fields. Crawford starts coach services between Albury Globe Hotel and Wagga Wagga. Foster Cooper becomes *Albury Banner* editor and stayed for 49 years, the longest serving newspaper editor in Australia. Earthquake experienced January 3 @11.00pm. Riverina Redress Association was formed to complain of the border custom duties, a committee formed to communicate to other townships along the Murray River to obtain separation or annexation to Victoria.

- 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. Black Range had a weatherboard building erected to serve as a church shared by various denominations. Explorer Hamilton Hume died at Yass, April 19. Tender of Bourke and Jennings accepted to erect a police building facing Olive Street, accepted June. Albury Brass Band mentioned in July, first performance in November 10 under bandmaster Charles Gladow, becomes Albury Town Band in 1887, then Albury City Band 1946. 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. Australian Joint Stock Bank opened in George Day's Commercial Buildings January, manager A S McKee. Albury Hotel Dean Street opens, becomes Tattersall's in 1876 and re-named Albion Hotel 1880. Crawford's coach services commence from the new Wodonga railway terminus to Albury with exclusive rights from 1875.
- 1874 St Matthew's Church of England Chancel 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, closed 1961. George S Dulley appointed first Municipal Sanitary Inspector January 24. Congregational/Independent Church vicinity of 488 Swift Street foundation stone laid December 18, by J F Skinner. Turks Head Hotel, Wodonga Place, started life. Laying of Foundation stone for the new Police Barracks by Mayor Kenneth McLennan October 31. The Star Hotel was opened as the Builders Arms Hotel, Guinea Street, by James Walsh, it was later named the Star Hotel by Mrs Jane Poole who took over the licence in 1879. New schoolhouse erected at Black Range by Messrs' Frew & Co. Another Second 'Building Society' formed
- 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.-Council granted permission to private individuals to plant shade trees in front of their premises. 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. Crawford's coaches purchase. New by-laws by the Borough Council to improve the towns sanitary conditions, April.
- 1876 Wodonga Shire created from Yackandandah Shire, first meeting May 11. St Matthew's Church of England formally opened including pipe organ, 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. Albury Football Club formed (Australian Rules) at Day's chambers June 13, first game July 8 verse Beechworth. 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. Albury Hotel opened (new premises, further east on Dean Street). George Hotel Dean St opened. *Albury Banner* February 20 reports that the toll has been removed from the Union Bridge. Border City Hotel, Townsend Street licenced to William Mangan.

- 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. Market Hotel, corner Dean & Olive Streets opened (from 1901 Ryan's Market Hotel). Australian Hotel (Townsend St) opened. Albury has 18 licenced houses for a population of under 4,000.
- 1879 Loyal Murray Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows formed September 13. Robert Brown died at Collendina, February 12, buried at Mulwala cemetery. First street lighting, with kerosene lamps began in May. Flooding at Albury. 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. Albury Industrial Exhibition opened August 14, for 10 days. Albury Gaol contract for additions and extensions awarded though not completed until August 1881. Exchange Hotel destroyed by a large fire. Heavy rain fell causing flooding of Bungambrawatha Creek, dams in Black range burst and solid wall of water flooding in Townsend and Dean Street vicinity, Macauley Street described as a river, October 17.
- 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. First white European, George Morrison (from Geelong), paddled the length of the Murray River, Albury to Goolwa, by canoe in 65 days. Albury's second Australian Rules Football Club forms, the Albury Mechanics.

- 1881 Census population 4,040. 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. O'Keefe's Lane railway gatehouse (Thurgoona Drive) opened February 3. Railway turntable built the second in the colony, an American Patent (replaced in 1926 and 1979). Ettamogah railway station opened and closed 1975. Station Masters residence, two storey Railway Parade. 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 Dean Street established (closed 1962, licence transferred to Astor Motel-Hotel). William and Charles Gordon commenced architectural business as Gordon & Gordon. Kell & Moore Solicitors founded. Joseph Box purchases land at Black Range and calls it Lavington. Third 'Building Society' formed. Golden Fleece Hotel, David St south of Dean St opened by William Morrissey – delicensed 1922, demolished for Albury Infants' School 1939. Fanny Douglas' Railway Hotel (later known as Brady's) opens corner of 450 Smollett and Macauley streets.
- 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). New Black Range (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. New fire brigade February 20. Meeting called to form the Albury Gas Co, July 5. Bowna Post Office opened May. Terminus Hotel (corner Dean & Young streets) opened; licence granted to Robert Doughty February 5 (razed by fire 2005). Christian Brothers order purchases land SE corner Smollett & Olive Streets, October; the following year the Patrician Brothers arrive to teach in Catholic boys' school.
- 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. The opening ceremony and banquet started 3 days of celebrations. First passenger trip Melbourne to Sydney August 21. Albury Railway Station was electrified with 75-light powered by an engine, Mr Kingsbury supervised, July. 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. Albury Club moved to 519 Kiewa Street August. 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. Federal City Football Club (Australian Rules) April. Albury Bicycle Club formed at the Albury Hotel July 6. Public meeting to form an Albury Iron Foundry Company Ltd, October 15, foundry opened February 1884. Albury Hospital and Benevolent Asylum upgrade and extensions. Stone & iron bridge at western end of Dean Street, replacing old wooden bridge.

- 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 Arthur Andrews opened Mechanics' Institute Hall extensions, March 18. Hamilton Hume Memorial moved from wharf location to Botanic Gardens (the word 'District' added to the inscription) March. Black Range (Lavington) schoolhouse built, (demolished 2009). Young Street Showgrounds grandstand erected, capacity 600, designed by George Mackay and additional six acres land purchased. Court House iron gates installed. Several bandsmen split from Albury Brass Band to form Albury Premier Brass Band, bandmaster Phillip Helm. Mate's store expands to a two-storey building corner Hume & Townsend streets. Table Top Public School opened May 5, officially known as Yambla until 1944, remaining there till 1959 when it moved closer to the Table Top Railway Station. Albury Iron Foundry & Agricultural Implement Manufacturing Co., Townsend Street commenced January, original meeting to form company October 1883.
- 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 opened August 12. 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. Catholic Library stone laid with motto AMDG (Latin: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam), 497 Smollett Street on wall in Olive Street. Albury Volunteer Infantry Corps formed in June. Albury Coursing Club (dogs) formed in August 6 – greyhounds had been racing impromptu until this time. Multiple 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, and guts *Albury Banner* building, Dean St. The Denominational School sold to Wilson and Smith. James Higgins coach building factory, Townsend St, architects Gordon & Gordon. *Wodonga & Towong Sentinel* Newspaper first published 29 August, Purchased by *Border Morning Mail* 1965 and last edition 22 March 1968. Jane Pool (wife of James, now deceased) moves to Railway Commercial Hotel (later known as Waterstreet's) Smollett St. Temple Court in Dean Street built, architects Gordon & Gordon. Signal Box built opposite platform, brick & timber with gabled roof.
- 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 (currently East Albury tennis courts) dedicated January 15. 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. Albury Telegraph office north-west corner Dean and Olive Street erected, contractors Hardie and Downie of Wagga, opened April. Agreement reached: Albury a change station for passengers and Wodonga for livestock. NSW Volunteer Infantry Company under command of Foster Cooper begins. First mention of Albury Commercial Club, April. Federal City Amateur Dramatic Club formed, March. Horticultural Society formed October 2 and show held November 12.

- 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 (an E2 model with 36 leavers, opened March 25). 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 called for a single span wrought iron arch bridge. 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. Construction of the Guinea Street Bridge across the rail line. Land Office moved to Wagga Wagga. Albury Lawn Tennis Club formed.
- 1888 Municipal sale yards (mainly sheep) opened at Newmarket, by Mayor T H Mate, November 7. Municipal baths near Dean Street and Bungambrawatha Creek 60' x 40' (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 changed in January to a Superior Public School (senior students will work towards the Junior University examination). Ella Caspers (singer) born in Albury August 28. Albury Vine & Fruit Growers' Association first meeting October 3. Newmarket Hotel 200 Borella Road opens November. Billson's Brewery and Hume Brewery merge to form the Albury Brewing & Malting Co, a company that lasted till 1911.
- 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 ceased approximately 1976. Albury Chamber of Commerce formed. *Albury Evening Mail and Wodonga Chronicle* newspaper first edition March 9 ceased January 3, 1891 available at Albury LibraryMuseum on microfilm. Black Range general store housed the post office, James Colquhoun postmaster. Flooding at Albury. Reservists become partially paid volunteers – named H Company. Albury Polo Club, G A Thompson president. first meeting May 7. Ivy Hotel Bowna, first licensee John Peard. Beehive Building Dean Street, owner Griffith brothers. Younghusband Ltd opens in Melbourne and Albury. Hayes Brothers' Flour Mill explosion, killing a boy January 30. The Carriageway 506-508 Smollett Street designed for F A Selle by Gordon & Gordon (now on State Heritage Register).

- 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. First section of 'Adamshurst,' 603 David Street, built for George Adams and family. Temperance Hall became Federal Theatre, vicinity NW corner Stanley & Kiewa Streets. Rotunda in Botanic Gardens for the city band opened November 23. Next mention of the Commercial Club's formation. Tender called September for train engine drivers' barracks, 508 Young Street.
- 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 December 31, 1924). Labour Electoral League formed July 1. Federal Wool Scouring Company started in October. The scouring company located on the Albury Wodonga Road on the banks of the Murray River, Wodonga. First gas lamp ('Sugg lamp') installed at intersection of Dean & Kiewa Streets. Second reservoir completed holding $\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons. Wilson Street railway gatehouse opened February 2. North Street railway gatehouse opened February 2 (closed 1965). Newmarket Hotel (Sydney Road, now Borella Road) licensee M T Kelly, February. Pavilion at Albury Cricket Ground destroyed by fire, June. Second Albury Bicycle Club formed, August. Fourth 'Building Society' formed. Federal Capital Association formed. Saroff family is named as the first Lebanese family to settle in Albury.
- 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. The 'White Lady,' a statue of the Greek Muse Melpomene, presented by Alderman Charles Schmiedt proprietor of the Albury Hotel, in the Botanic Gardens. Land vested into council control and used as Market Square (later Dean Square then QEII Square). Second pavilion built at Albury Cricket Ground. Salvation Army conduct services at Black Range. St Patrick's Church pipe organ cost £750, built by Fincham & Hobday, June 17.
- 1893 Free Industrial Museum established in conjunction with education facilities, housed in the AMP Society Building, opened by Mayor G H Billson, October 27. 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. New Criterion Hotel opens (corner Smollett & Townsend streets, moves from Hume St), becomes the Gloucester Hotel in 1935. Several Albury residents left Australia to establish a utopian paradise in the Paraguay wilderness to be known as 'New Australia,' July. Albury Federation League formed January 10. The last cargo paddle steamer arrives in Albury July 12, the first steamer in 9 years.
- 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. Albury Free Industrial Museum

becomes affiliated with the Sydney Technological Museum February. A separate Albury Horticultural Society formed August 17.

- 1895 Albury Athletics club formed in June. Industrial Museum opened in the model school building in Olive Street by Mr Jacob Garrard MLA Minister for Education February 6. Thurgoona Vine and Fruit growers Association formed August 29. Hawksview Bridge officially 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. Younghusband & Co. open new warehouse between the NSW & Victorian rail lines opposite junction of Young and Swift Street, demolished 1956. Younghusband's first wool sale, November 1. Eastern Standard Time established February 1 – Victoria was 20 minutes behind NSW due to the longitude of the respective capitals.
- 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 at the Mechanics Market Square, Dean St. First use of X-rays in Albury by Doctor Patrick Kennedy, Doctor Cleaver Wood and photographer Watson, October. Port of Albury wharf demolished.
- 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. Second pavilion at Albury Cricket Ground destroyed by fire, August. First record of 'moving pictures' in Albury January and first film night March.
- 1898 Telephone Exchange opened one of 10 in the state with 17 subscribers June 30. Frew and Logan, builders, established, NE corner Young & Wilson Streets. Second Union Bridge replaced earlier bridge, opened December 31, builders J B & W Farquharson. 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, Dean Street. 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). Fifth 'Building Society' formed. Albury & District Federation League formed May 20. Bicycle first used for mail delivery by Albury Post Office, April.
- 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. 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 21. Albury Choral and Operatic Society began May 9, convened by A E Fletcher. 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). Hayes Bros flour mill (a few doors south of Dean Street on western side of Townsend Street) has boiler explode and kills a young boy. St Matthew's pipe organ overhauled, dedication October 15. Dr Cleaver Woods establishes the Albury Choral & Operatic Society and also build *Valetta* his home in Swift Street; demolished 1969 for Albury Convention Centre.

- 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. Drill Hall in Victoria Street constructed. Black Range Football Club formed to play for the Swain Trophy. Albury & Wodonga celebrate the Federation milestone. The British Parliament passed the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act July 14, 1900. Albury Drill Hall erected in Victoria Street; May used until 2000 and demolished 2004. T H Mate & Co Jubilee celebrations November 21; *Albury Banner Supplement* December 7.
- 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. Electorate of Hume commenced, ceased 1949. Earthquake hits Black Range, April.
- 1902 The *Border Post* ceased publication January 3. New stage erected at Mechanics' Institute, John Wilkinson president. Benevolent Society formed in June. Another grandstand completed at the racecourse in March. Commonwealth of Australia gave women over 21 and British subjects the right to vote. Clifton Lodge Private Hospital (later Chelvey), 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. A meeting at the Border City Club was held to form a new club. The club to be known as the Commercial Club formed, May 7. Delegates attend Albury for the proposed site for the Australian Federal Capital February 11, unfortunately Albury was hot and a dust haze and not selected in 1908.
- 1903 Hamilton and Decimus Mott began *The Border Morning Mail* October 24 (first microfilm copy available November 6, 1903), available on microfilm up to current day at Albury LibraryMuseum. 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 July 1, H Company (Albury) and G Company (Wagga) combined to form No 4 NSW 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. Black Range Cricket Club formed. Albury Young Men's Club established May 31. Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society formed June 16. Border Medical Association formed January 20. Albury Bicycle & Motor Club formed in February and would soon be known as the Albury Motor Cycle Club. Oakley building completed, housing Oakley photography, February; Jack Dallinger occupies building in 1942, later becoming Foto Supplies and Camera House.

- 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. Bitumen 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, September; reformed 1911 and March 1925. 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. First Dunlop reliability motor rally February 21-25 Sydney to Melbourne arrived in Albury February 23, leaving for Euroa the following day. Albury Choral Society reforms at a meeting February 6 with Dr Cleaver Woods president, first concert July 4 (wind up in 1909). Black Range Methodists purchase land on the NE side of Urana Road opposite store & post office.
- 1906 Bowling Green at Botanic Gardens opened December 5. James E R Fellows Botanic Gardens curator begins re-development of the Gardens. 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. Black Range joined the newly formed 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. 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. James Mitchell, Table Top, dedicated a bell to his mother at St Matthews Church.
- 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, located north of McAlroy Drive, entry off Olive Street. 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. The Commercial Club and liquor licence to move to premises know as 'Day's Buildings' Dean Street February. First lecture for men from St Johns Ambulance Association, Frank Shephard Hon Sec, June 28.

- 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 18. 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 7. St Matthews front fence and gate donated by Benjamin Bell. Albury eliminated in second of 9 rounds of ballot for selection of Federal Capital, October. School of Music at *Kia Ora* Townsend Street by Mr H D Tracy commenced; operated till 1920. Madame Nellie Melba performs in Albury February 6 and again September 6, 1909.
- 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 Lawn Tennis Association, October 12. Gordon Fleming began Boy Scout group but it lapsed when he left Albury. New curator's residence erected in Botanic Gardens. Albury celebrate the Jubilee of becoming a Municipality, June 4. A great fire burning Table Top to Gerogery including James Mitchell's property December 20-23. Perl's clothing store established.
- 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 – first 'honeycomb' concrete silo in NSW. 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 Tennis Tournament March 2. – (precursor to the Easter Tournament). 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. Railway footbridge built, extended 1944 and 2006. Government Savings Bank opened at the Land Office 556 Dean Street, October 17. Commonwealth Defence Forces special school of institution camp held in Albury August 1910 to January 1911.

- 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.' 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. Announced February 24 that the railway footbridge north end of Albury Railway Station has been finished. Extended 1944 Demolished December 6, 2025 for new walk bridge. Hume Shire offices moved from Jindera to Albury, March 7. Empire Open air theatre in Market Square for Scanlan opens and first screening January 1912. Albury Trotting Club July. Border United Co-Operative Breweries Ltd take over Albury Brewery and the Anglo Australian brewery Beechworth, dissolved 1922. Farmers & Settlers Association formed, Dr A Andrews president, April. Library becomes known as the Albury Literary Institute. St Patricks Church new fence and gates blessed, inscribed with Latin letters AMDG – Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam or 'For the great of God,' November 5. Southern Riverina Farmer's Co-Operative Association formed, November.
- 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 & the fruit growers Industry formed. Albury and District Agricultural Bureau formed, October 7. 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. Turf cricket wicket discussed and laid at Albury Sportsground. 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 (QEII) opened January 5.
- 1913 Albury & Border baseball and hockey clubs formed May 23. 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. The Superior Albury Superior Public School was raised to the status of a District School July 1. New school building at Lavington opened by Dr A Andrews with a silver key, August 13.
- 1914 World War I declared August 4. Land for a new hospital selected in Wodonga Place in June, opposite Botanic Gardens. Theatre Royal owned by F C Blacklock opened 11 May, designed by S M Logan, built by Frew & Logan. Orchestral, Choral and Philharmonic Societies all amalgamated at a meeting March 23. 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. 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. Commonwealth Bank opens in new premises (previous agency at the Post Office) manager J R Stewart September 21. Albury Patriotic fund established to raise WWI funds, August. Australia's first air-mail flight left Melbourne July 16, French pilot Maurice Guillaux landed at Albury Racecourse, the longest air-mail flight of 580 miles at that time.

- 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. River Murray Commission formed. First Albury Gift as part of the Eight-Hour movement; sports day commenced, active till 1938. First Albury Scouts commenced. Lavington Tennis Club formed October with new courts opened October 23 and first game December 18.
- 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, 481 Smollett Street. March 28. Convent High School building opened October 29 by Rt Rev Dr Gallagher. New Albury Technological Museum opened by Mayor Percy Burrows and Superintendent of Technical Education in NSW James Nagle June 7, 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. Albury pioneer Charles Hilton Dight is honoured with a drinking fountain at the Botanic Gardens, unveiled June 17. Wodonga Public Library, High Street, officially opened March 8. The Billjims' sisters commenced running fund-raising stalls to raise money for the members of the 4th & 5th Artillery Brigade in France. Southern Riverina Farmers' Co-Operative purchase extensive wool stores and plant, corner Townsend & Smollett streets, June (former Colquhoun's Co-operative Selling Co's Wool Stores).
- 1917 Large flooding October 23 at Union Bridge, 5.83m compared to floods of 1870. Christian Brothers come to Albury and start Christian Brothers College 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, later leading to Noreuil Park Albury being named in honour. First concert of the Billjims' Sisters, July 19.

- 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; run by Sister Dempsey till 1922 then Sister Whitehead who retired October 1943 when Albury District Hospital took over. Albury's Battery fort in the battle Mont St Quintin August 31-September 3. Moved that a Repatriation Association be formed November 4 and the first meeting of the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Imperial League held at the 'Beehive Building,' May 1, 1919.
- 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, February 8, 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 (first reinforced concrete bridge on the Hume Hwy) opened 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 February. 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.' Remained a hospital till 1943. The Aerial Transport Co sought landing rights at Alexandra Park for commercial flights, November. A G Colquhoun & Co (real estate) established, ceased 2021. St Patrick's Cricket Club formed. Farmers' & Graziers take over the business of Southern Riverina Co., August, their first wool sale November 7.
- 1920 Albury High School commenced February 2 in old hospital building in Thurgoona Street. Noreuil Park Swimming and Lifesaving Club began. Albury Swim Club affiliated with the NSW Amateur Swimming Ass. First carnival March 1. 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. Australian Aircraft Engineering Co. has the first commercial flight Sydney to Melbourne, Flight-Commander Mr N B Love landed at Alexandra Park, April 15. Albury Municipal Council adopt street numbering August.
- 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 5.21m –

[source Bailey]. Albury Butter Factory sold to Holdenson & Nielson, purchase price £5,975, 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. Old Howlong Road name changed to Pemberton Street, August [see [A&DHS Bulletin 652](#) for origin of the name]. Wymah punt sank. Wodonga to Cudgewa railway branch line opened May 5 (closed 1981). World War 1 memorial tablet erected on the pillars of the gates at St Patrick's Church, April 25. The South-Western and Murray Police District combine under the name Riverina Police District, headquarters in Albury.

- 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. New Albury & Border Trotting Club commenced, March. The Bridge Inn or Brasseurville residence and 32 acres acquired by Edwin Waite, July. The brewery nearby was demolished and connected to a dairy farm. The old residence retained and re-named 'Courabyra.' West's garage Kiewa Street opened. Albury show & carnival under electric lighting including trots, horse high jumping September 7. Licences Reduction Board closes four hotels in Albury: Australian Hotel Townsend Street, Golden Fleece Hotel David Street, Salutation Hotel Dean Street and Union Bridge Hotel December 8. Plaque placed on the Town Hall recognising the support of women during the Great War, April 25. *Albury Banner* case for the Riverina to secede from NSW, May 5. First Seventh -day Adventist services.
- 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 site of Exchange Hotel). Cyclone in Albury, one of the worst storms seen, death of a girl 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) May 18. 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 16-20 included Children's Day; memorial obelisk to explorers unveiled by R T Ball MLA at Hume Dam, on November 20; bronze plaque acknowledging Hume and Hovell was laid in Council chambers. Centennial race meeting November 20-22. 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. New Wymah punt commissioned. *Albury Daily News* printing company purchased by *Border Morning Mail* and ceased publication, December, wound up the following May. First Mullengandra Hall, SE corner Hume Hwy & Sweetwater Road officially opened with a 'Grand Ball' March 18, used till the 1950s. Ovens & Murray Football League's *The Critic* match booklet commenced.

- 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 Brentnall 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 Wheen. Amalgamated Textiles (Aust) Ltd (woollen mills) began factory operations on February 9. Roachville Estate North Albury plans submitted by W M Roach, in October. Sunday Sydney Express train first operated August 9. Albury Boys' Choir formed. Albury cemetery extended by 16 acres. 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 £1,000 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). Albury Municipal Council grants permission to build tennis courts, corner Mitchell & Victoria Streets, July 28; the 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. 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, Holdensen & Nielson move to Gateway Island Wodonga, 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). A B & M A Chick (builders) established by A B Chick. Terminus Hotel second storey added, architect Louis Harrison. Reunion of Murray District Pioneers, held at Hovell Tree Park; pioneers who claiming 60 years residence; celebrated 2nd anniversary of Hume & Hovell Centenary celebrations; about 150 each presented with a badge, a book of Albury views and photograph of Hovell Tree.

- 1927 Regent Theatre built for Mr Betro Abicare (formerly spelt 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 Pty Ltd opened a wool store 429- 431 Wilson Street, architect L Harrison. East Albury (later adding Newmarket) 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. Albury Church of Christ formed October 30. St David's Church pipe organ built by George Fincham & Son, Christened Peter Bell Munro Memorial pipe organ, December 7 and service 11th; overhauled 1969.
- 1928 Albury Rotary Club's Charter presented February 6. Congregational (Independent) Church, 488 Swift Street, sold to Trinity Lutheran Church, first service by Rev P F Ruddoph, March 21. Dalgety's Wool Stores extended. Albury High School, Kiewa Street new building A Block unofficially opened March 21 by Hon D H Drummond, principal J W Mann. 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 Glen Park 1980, Officially closed June 30, 2025). Gerald Methuen Stedman and Charles Hunter Griffith purchased land on Western Hill and announced that they intend to subdivide into residential blocks, announced May 17. Municipal Council reports that plan drawn up by J E R Fellows for the landscaping on the Dean Street axis up to the Monument.
- 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. Baptist Church commences. New baths (Pool) 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. Wirlinga explosives depot commenced. Regent Theatre run by Hoyts Ltd; the first 'Talkies' movie *In Old Arizona* August 26. Second Albury Scouts group formed.

- 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) September. Albury Croquet Club's first meeting May 15 (first greens in Crisp St and Banff Ave until greens opened in Mitchell St, 1931). 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. Hume Golf Club formed land lease was forfeited December 1941 (retained by council till 1954). Ritz Ballroom upstairs with six shops below 'The Block & Ritz Arcade' opens March, closes May 1961. Thurgoona Street Tennis courts opened by Mayoress (Mrs A Waugh) serving the first ball, later becomes Forrest Hill courts, December 20. Lavington Amusement Club commenced.
- 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. Bridge built in Lavington 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, station located in the Post Office. Albury's first aerial pageant held at 'Hawkscote Station' June 8. A second held at M Barrow's 'Kindamindy' property Howlong Road November 28. 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. Dean Street railway overbridge handed to Albury Council May 25 (demolished 2006). Lavington Amusement Club has now laid a concrete cricket wicket and cleared to tennis courts. T H Mate's building second story was limited to Dean Street until extension opened in August. Albury Repertory Society commenced. North Albury Scouts formed.
- 1932 Australian Legacy Club formed in Albury, October 28, Dr Leslie Woods, president. Jubilee celebrations for Lavington School, December 15. Book of Remembrance, listing Albury and District servicemen and women, unveiled April 25; the idea was suggested in 1927 and Mrs F B S Falkiner offered to meet the cost. Noreuil Park floodlit and opened by Mayor C E Bunton December 19. Inauguration of a 'Wool Week' in February. 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 and opened September 34. 1860 acres west of Albury, along Howlong Road, added to Hume Shire, June 17. Albury Municipal Council took over the functions of the Mechanics Institute and conducted the library as a subscription library. First Easter Lawn Bowling Carnival over 6 days and 300 players continued until mid-1990s. Back to Albury celebration November 19-20.
- 1933 Population 10,543. Sydney to Melbourne Highway diverted through Lavington and Table Top, August and September, as Bowna was inundated with water due to the Hume Dam. 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. Grass Tennis Courts opened at the Albury

Sports Ground by Mayor Alf Waugh, April 8. First Model Plane Aeroclub formed in November later, becoming the Twin Cities Model Aeroplane Club, Ettamogah. Albury Women's Cricket Association formed October, and first game November, (patroness Mrs Ellen Waugh). Farmers and graziers' Company open new additions to showroom SE corner Townsend & Smollett Streets August 9. Farmers & Graziers Co-Operative Ltd demolish the old Exchange Hotel and opened extensive additions to the Smollett Street Wool Stores operations, October 19. Albury Municipal Council adopts work for the dole, a Federal Government scheme, July

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. Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester visited Albury on route to Melbourne and presented the prizes in the MacRobertson International Centenary Air Race, October 22. "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 opened March 1935 by Mayor Alfred Waugh. Council took over the Mechanics' Institute renaming it the Plaza Theatre. 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, December 1, a bus service travelling east and west to service towns up and down the Murray River (ceased 1959). Albury Blues' Rugby League Club formed. Albury Gold Cup named as Uiver Gold Cup. Riverina to separate from NSW again proposed, *BMM* September 8. St Francis De Sales Church Bowna, Roman Catholic Church also known as Pioneers' Church foundation stone laid & blessed, June 17. The Church was deconsecrated August 3, 2025. Sale of Table Top Station 18,400 acres from Mitchell family to Mr F E Cobbold, Queensland January 16. Rover crew First Lavington formed. Floral Float depicting Albury 'The Garden City' (included Floral Queens) prepared for Albury Agricultural Show, September and Floral Parade in Melbourne suburbs, part of Victoria's Centenary celebrations, October 26.

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. Club incorporated a bowling green. 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. NSW Department of Main Roads takes over the Wymah ferry service. Lola Wigg Salon seems to have opened. The transfer of name from the Criterion Hotel to the Duke of Gloucester Hotel approved September 17, demolished October 1984. West Albury public recreational reserve, three acres, later tennis courts added, July. Rotary founder Paul Harris visited Albury March and has a memorial Wishing Well to him in the Botanic Gardens.

- 1936 Hume Dam (Lake Hume) completed, official opening by Governor-General, Lord Gowrie on November 21. It took 17 years to build; (dam 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 on 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 (later became Moran & Cato). Commercial Bank of Australia opens. Albury & District Plumpton Coursing Club formed in August, not connected to Albury Coursing Club. Albury KLM Netherlands Gold Cup, 22 April, attended by Prime Minister Joseph Lyon. Younghusband Ltd open new wool store 430 Wilson Street, commenced May, completed September, Albury architect Graham, builders Messrs John R and E Seccull Pty Ltd, (later occupied by Considine's Furniture, Georges, Harvey Norman and Services Australia). Albury (Netherlands) Gold Cup, April 22-23. Post Office to be established in West Albury at 836 Padman Drive, first postmaster Mr Bill Minchin, June. Billy Hughes then Minister for Repatriation, former Prime Minister, had a car crash at Ettamogah April 19 at what was later known as Billy Hughes corner.
- 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. Aviation Beacon erected on West's Garage, Kiewa Street (LibraryMuseum 2007) February. Hoyts Theatre, 483 Olive Street, opened by Mayor Alf Waugh March 12, art deco design. Albury's Regent Theatre refurbished by Charles Smith, opened May 1. 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 (Oddie's 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. Albury Showgrounds announce the purchase of land Fallon Street for new showgrounds, August. Albury & Border Kennel Club formed at the showgrounds, September. Albury Showground site transfer to Mate St approved, July. Albury Arts Club formed with Mr R C Smith president, August 18. National Australia Bank Building 606 Dean Street opened on November 29, closed 1998. Opening of nurses' quarters, the new £17,000 block at Albury District Hospital by Minister for Health Mr Fitzsimons October 27. The Theatre Royal changes name to Royal Palais and boxing and other events in the Royal open-air stadium.
- 1938 Aerodrome Gazetted, February 5, laid out and 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, 562 Kiewa Street, old facade demolished and new facade built, first dance October and opened December 15, architect S S Oxenham and builder F W Lemcke. Abattoirs opened in East Albury near the saleyards after June. 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; The Governor General Lord Wakehurst attended. Includes Wednesday 16th Holiday, Malcolm's Bakery made a cake 10-foot-tall and weighing 1200 pounds, Street parade & floats, Period Ball, Fireworks at Showgrounds, Citizens' dinner, Pioneers acknowledged in Botanical Gardens, Athletics carnival, Horse races, Light horse parade. 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. Commercial Club add a squash court. Pastoral Hotel Townsend Street opens, licensees Waterstreet and Cox. Uiver tennis courts opened West Albury. Northside Hotel (earlier known as Sars, Continental, McWhite, Garrison and from 2001 Northside) 303 Union Road built (Motel units built 1963). Hume Boat Club formed, President Mr Crosthwaite, operated from Ebden, Boat Haven, March 1. Albury's first squash court opened, August 3. Albury Athletics Club formed with athletics and wheel races at Albury Sports Ground till about 1952.

- 1939 World War II began. 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. Albury Tourist Bureau opened and commenced operations from the town hall, Arthur Newnham tourist officer February 23. New cycle track opened at Albury Sportsground including electric lighting 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 Aero Club forms June 15, lapses during WWII and reformed November 1945. Black Friday and Albury has blackouts, January 13. Albury Club Hotel renovated by Frederick Lemcke and becomes the Carlton Hotel, opened July 18. Temperance & General Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd, corner Dean St and AMP Lane, Architect A& K Henderson & Partners, nears completion December. Spillway Caravan Park, Lake Hume, opened with a kiosk. A patriotic concert company called the 'Victory Vanities' organized by producer Miss Raie Langley, November. 'Municipal Council agreed to serve notices on owners requiring

the removal of all verandahs supported by wooden posts in Dean Street, between Young and Elizabeth Streets within a period of five years.' - (War conditions push this back). Glenroy 'Happy Valley' Lutheran Church Hall erected & Dedicated December 10. Heatwave conditions in SE Australia, 11 consecutive days over 40°C, January. Hovell Tree seedling from Hovell Tree planted Albury Botanic Gardens (Curator W Fellows) Planted by Joan Kennedy, Rosehill Girls' School captain, Arbour Day August 18.

- 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). Miss Lola Wigg hair salon in T & G opens December 2. Royal Stadium Albury holds Australian heavyweight wrestling title between Australian George Pencheff and Leo Demetral of the USA. Planes landed piggyback 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. Railway signal box has 10 more levers added with the excess train activity, opened May 2. CUSA (Catholic United Services Auxiliary) Hut at Albury Showgrounds opened by Bishop of Wagga December 15. Rest rooms opened in Dean Street by Mayor Alderman D G Padman April 25. Albury Baseball Club formed, May 8.
- 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. First air-raid trial commenced December 22. AMP Society building has staff move into new building Corner AMP Lane and Dean Street, July.
- 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 transshipping of goods in the railway yards – called 'Friendly Aliens' (non-British Europeans. Fifteen cottages built along North & Alma streets for workers at the munitions factory, Young Street – they became known as 'The Walnut Shells,' remained occupied until 1966, demolished 1977. AMP building (the third) opened Dean Street July. Albury semi-automatic Telephone Exchange commenced.

- 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. Albury Thurgoona street Gaol closed June 14 (demolished 1947). YWCA take over Bonegilla House from Army providing accommodation for leaving service women.
- 1944 The conception 'Unity Conference' Canberra, October 13-16 to form the Liberal Party of Australia hosted by Robert Menzies to unite non-Labor political forces. Then a Conference at Albury held in Mate's Ltd Lounge, December 14 to 16 set the constitution, functional and structural frameworks for the Party. 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. Pat's Beauty Salon 602 Olive Street 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. 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; on 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) Symphony concert held October 4. Features the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Major drought in Albury and Hume Dam has 27 days of water left. Alamac sold to White Manufacturing and a name change to Adelyn continued to trade till Thursday March 27, 1970. 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 Minister for Agriculture Mr E H Graham MLA. The Governor-General the Duke & Duchess of Gloucester attended at Dalgety & Co. wool stores. Burrows Flour Mills sold to Bunge Pty Ltd June. 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 opened August 17. 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 (last service July 4, 2004). New Wymah Ferry commenced (replaced May 14, 2013). Albury High School Girls Hostel 'Adamshurst' opened (ceased 1977). A municipal referendum overturned the

council ban on Sunday sports at the Albury Sportsground. Upgrade of Albury sewerage system. Deny Dalton and Fred Ogden start Albury's first air taxi service. Committee of Direction of Fruit Marketing (COD) fruit & Vegetable received approval to operate in Albury by council, April; operations commenced September in Young Street. D J Delarue & Co (Engineering) Volt Lane commenced. Murray Valley Development League located at the Wools Exchange Dean Street in January then new address Albury Chambers Kiewa Street, July. West Albury Memorial Hall opened; later renovated and first production for Revolution Theatre Production held November 8, 2024. Murray Valley Development League opens an office in Albury and prints the Murray Valley newsletter commencing January-February.

- 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, February, 23, by Hon C A Kelly MLA, Minister for Health. funded by money from will of Mr Blackie, local pharmacist, Redvers Mould builder. First baby born at Blackie House was Paul Richard Kelly. 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 10 when celebrations included entertaining 100 pioneers. North Albury Progress Association re-formed in May. Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) bought Boortkoil Private Hospital, 566 Wyse Street, offering accommodation for young women from November 10. 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. Happy Valley (Glenroy) Progress Association formed, February. The Colours of the 2/23rd Battalion (Albury's Own) were laid up in St Matthews on April 27. Eastern Roadlines (bus service) commences operations from CML Building, Olive Street, chairman and managing director Mr Reg Ansett providing services to the North-eastern Victoria and on to Gippsland. Albury Council works program announced July: Billson Park enlarged and David Street is re-aligned around park; Greenfield Park commenced along with straightening of Bungambrawatha Creek between the two parks; South Albury reserves to be graded into ovals (Lambert Park & Aloysius Reserve along with straightening Mudge Canal along Hovell Street); Alexandra Park to have another two ovals; Gertrude Colquhoun Park to get a playground; JER Fellowes Park East Albury and Fromholtz Park South Albury to get children's play equipment. Gas from Albury supplied to Wodonga a first in Australia between two states August. Beaurepaire Tyre & service station opened NW corner Dean & Young streets October 30. Life Savers' Club re-forms Noreuil Park Life Savers' Club, November. First meeting of the Ovens & Murray Amateur Swimming Association, President Dr H C Horch (now O&M District Swimming Assoc), December 7. Civic reception

for his Excellency Governor of NSW Lieut. General Northcott & wife, Dean Street procession, floats school children move to the Sportsground. The Albury Horticultural Society under Stan Hepner's supervision create a floral clock, Botanic gardens celebrating Albury becoming a city April 10.

- 1948 Alfred Waugh born January 27, 1870, died August 19; he served 27 terms as an alderman commencing in 1903, 20 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. 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 August 24. 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 agrees 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. Post WWII, soldiers resumed in 1948 with the formation of the 8th/13th Victoria Mounted Rifles, a tank regiment of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps. K D Watson Hall at the showgrounds opened. Albury Council Town Planning Interim Development commenced November. Foundation stone laid for new Albury Technical College by Mr Heffron, Minister for Education & Mr Padman MLA, December 14. Blacklock's open new showroom & offices Kiewa Street, November. Community College (short courses) open to all who have left school, June. NSW & Victorian governments announce that students attending school in the other State are to be entitled to transport & scholarships. First large-scale Carols by Candlelight put on by Albury City Band at the Albury Sports Ground December 20 – continued through the 50's. YWCA purchases property of Boortkoi, May; seven army huts erected later.
- 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. Town planning committee formed. Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Act enacted July 7, officially began October 17, completed in 1974. 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; the Mercy Hospital gets the same amount to build a 70-bed hospital on Poole's 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 proposes a number of name changes to roads around Lavington, June. The first time the Electoral Division of Farrer name is used, named in honour of William James Farrer. Albury Commercial Tennis Courts opened at rear of premises, April 10. Mr V F Nagle's property, 573 Young Street, sold and to open as Lancaster Lodge, December. Adastra Airways took a series of aerial photographs of Albury, May. Junior Free Library and Adult Library become Albury City Library. Academy of Music established by Tija Savickis. Federal Seat of Farrer established named after William Farrer who released Federation

Wheat. Telephone exchange for North Albury commenced April 22. Albury Marching Girls Association formed (possibly a hiatus and reform in the 70s).

- 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, Headquarters located in Albury. City town plan draft exhibited in June. *The Albury Banner & Wodonga Express* ceased publication May 26. Further waterworks development under Roy Collings, Town Clerk. Alfred Waugh memorial water fountain, made of Tasmanian red granite, opened in Civic Square, April 3. Town Hall re-modelled in October. Seventh-Day Adventist built school commenced in Parkinson Street, East Albury, later became Border Christian College 24 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. Albury War Memorial Cemetery opened. Eastern Roadlines takes over the East and West Albury bus routes from City Omnibuses, March 1. New Hume Hydro power station at Lake Hume commences construction, April. Murray Murrumbidge Development Committee formed May. Albury City Council takes responsibility for Noreuil Park after dissolution of the Noreuil Park Recreation & Boating Committee, October. Riverlander magazine for Murray Valley Development League commenced June 1. Second 23rd Infantry Battalion (Albury's Own) presented with 15 drums November 1940; accompanied them on overseas operations, only 3 returned; plaque unveiled at the Commercial Club, July 22.
- 1951 First annual Floral Festival, March 13-17 and Floral Queen crowned March 17; the annual festival continued till 1972, included balls, and dancing bands, recitals, art, garden competitions and street fetes. Council proposed a ten-acre block for the city's civic centre bound by Dean, Kiewa, Swift & Olive Streets August. 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. Extensive flooding, June and July. Baker Motors advertises a new carwash. COD building (Committee of Direction of Fruit Marketing) opened at 425 Dean Street. Australian Water-Skiing championships held at Ebdon Boat Haven, January 1-6. Albury Council initial Civic Centre policy proclaimed.
- 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 29. 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. Dairy Farmers Co-Op Milk Company has a railway siding, Albury side of Fallon Street, May. Free Milk introduced to NSW Schools Haberfield's dairy contractor. Albury's first air service to Wagga via Holbrook begins October 17. Council decides to make Mate Street 1.8 m wider, October. Albury Museum located in the Technical College, Dean St closed on advice of the Department of Technical Education and the exhibits are stored by Albury City Council pending selection of a new site, announced February. The Poole Street Technical College officially opened by Minister for Education Hon R J Heffron. Greenfield Croquet Club formed. Splitters Creek Rural Fire Brigade begins, February 5. Hume Weir Caravan Park commenced construction. New Seventh Day Adventist School dedicated October 18. Replacement Parts Pty Ltd, (Repco) Townsend Street opens, December 7. Riverine Universities' League (to promote rural universities, William [Bill] Merrylees instigator). Mate's furniture store opens in Kiewa Street, October 1. Polo Crosse Club formed in Holbrook June 2, the start of today's Albury-Holbrook Polo Crosse Club est. 1984 and involved with the Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre since 2003.

- 1953 Albury Business & Professional Women's Club formed in October 20 (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 bought 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. Wodonga-Albury Camera Club formed on February 5 as the Wodonga Camera Club. Work begins on the Windsor Park Bowling rinks, December. First Easter Hockey Carnival commenced April 5. Cherrywood Library, 1082 Mate Street, built by Olive & Louisa Fellow, opened July 6. Permewan Wright's new premises 428-432 Dean Street commence, builder R Hurst, architect C H MacKnight. D J Delarue Pty Ltd move to new premises 220 North Street September. Alfarm franchise begins. Murray Valley Travel Bureau opens in Albury, May 8. Bradford Kendell (Bradken) first sod turned, June 2. Albury District Hospital gazetted as Albury Base Hospital in June. Fifth Albury at St David's Church; later Sixth Albury Scouts formed at CBC. Salvation Army opened in Lavington Union Road July 17.
- 1954 Population 16,726. Wodonga District Hospital opened, taking pressure off Albury Base Hospital. Jaycees Club formed in July. Memorial Bowl costing £6,000 commemorating WWII dedicated on November 28, Ben Mudford builder. Upper Murray Regional Library purchase a van to transport books. West Albury Infants opened. Waugh Road opened giving another route to Lavington, May. Work commenced on raising the Hume Dam wall. Cleaver E Bunton, long serving Mayor, received Order of the British Empire. Hume Golf Club (second edition), 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. 'Highway 31' signs begin to appear on the Highway August. Albury Second World War Memorial Bowl dedicated November 28. Home & Rural Exhibition opens for eight days at Dalgety Wool store, July, the same exhibition in 1955 lasts a fortnight. Mate's Ltd wooden horse (16' or 4.87m high) celebrating Christmas and Santa was banned by Albury Police a tradition set some 20 years before, December 1. YWCA new accommodation block for girls/women at Boortkoi; dedicated by Rev J Edwards Smith, August.

- 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. Bush Fire Brigade built a new station in Wagga Road. Albury High School Memorial Oval opened by D G Padman MLA, December 2; the Gymnasium was also constructed by Griffith & Co. Ten o'clock closing in NSW hotels began on 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 operated from D J Russell & Co, 484 Dean Street, April 4. The first driving school for high school students starts at the Technical College in Poole Street, August 27. Wishing Well at Botanic Gardens erected by the Rotary Club of Albury, March. Joe Klipple's new Caltex Newmarket Motors and Service Station, corner East & Borella Road, December 13. Noreuil Park foreshore amenities block and toilets opened, December. Albury Croquet clubhouse opened, November. Lavington Post Office building opens, November. Work announced to widen the causeway (later called Lincoln Causeway) between Albury & Wodonga, August, completed early 1959. First Championships of East Albury & Newmarket Tennis Club, April. The Albury Repertory Company Amateur Theatrical Group formed.
- 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 and would later close 1984. Plaque erected at the site of Robert Brown's original store by Mr Renshaw 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. 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. YWCA opens a new boys' hostel called 'Darjon' 566 Wyse Street opens April official opening October 6. Flavoured milk introduced to Albury Schools July 16. Hume Council approves a roundabout at Mate Street and Union Roads. Albury Croquet Club

opens a new clubhouse, Mitchell Street. Vast flooding of the Murray River but Albury only reaches 5.08m. New Tallangatta township officially open June 10. Rocla Pipes Ltd opened Bandiana, April; Rocla had operated a factory in Kiewa Street near the Gasworks opening some time before 1927, Rocla formed 1922 by H Clarke & W Robertson. Netherlands Association of Albury & Lavington called 'de Uiver' formed, February. Victoria Red Cross transfusion service and Albury Base Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary and Red Cross branch Albury opened its Red Cross blood bank. A movement for separation from NSW to form a new Riverine colony with Albury the capital.

- 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. Rowena Donnolly first baby born at the new Mercy Hospital, May 9. Hydro Power Electric Station added to Hume Dam and power transmitted to Albury April 16. Albury Lions Club formed, April 15 -Chartered November; 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 showers and amenities. St John's School at Newtown Orphanage opened by Bishop Dr Henschke D D, January 25-(Foundation stone laid 5 August ,1956). St Mark's Anglican Church Hall, 518 Gulpha Street, dedicated, Ron Hurst builder. An 1859 renovated gas streetlight 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. Television and radio licences introduced January 1. Commercial Club building extensions officially opened, July 11. Albury Football Clubrooms completed, builder G I & ME Gafey, May. First Hume Dam electricity to supply Victoria, April. Albury Council Town Planning gazetted and came into operation June 14. Lavington Centenary Celebrations, a week-long celebration from 1 March. J Gadsden and Co. close their plant Borella Rd and Young Street. Bowna-Mullengandra Hall (second) at the Mullengandra Recreational Reserve and opened by David Fairbairn MHR, August. Jacob's Foodliner, first self-serve grocery store pens Dean Street October 21.
- 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 switch flicked at 5.18 o'clock by Chairman Cr CW F Alexander on May 7. Work begins at Hume Dam to lift 29 gigantic metal gates into position each worth £5,000, July. 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 closed 1980. 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. North Albury Girl Guides inaugural meeting October 27. Murray Valley Girls' Home Wagga Road opened and closed in 1983. Albury automatic telephone exchange, building excavations in Kiewa Street, builder AB & MA Chick July.

- 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. Flood levee built along Murray River from Doctors Point to the railway embankment near Macauley Street, December. 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). Albury Council's, Roy Collings, Town Clerk for 45 years retired July. 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. Centennial Celebrations of Albury being proclaimed a municipality September 27-October 2. Hume Weir Motor Race Circuit first meeting held November 2 (last meeting March 27, 1977). Tourist Bureau established next to the Town Hall, with one female staff member Dean Street. Boomerang Hotel-Motel and café Lavington 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. Australasian Training Aids Pty Ltd founded by Mr K Gillan and Mr L Knight, September 2. 2,000 people attend 'Music for the People' concert, October. A Friendship Club formed for people of all nations. Lavington Library opens in Urana Road. Rectory for St Mark's Church of England, Gulpha Street dedicated March 21. Murray Valley Coaches become delisted and cease January 21; Murray Valley Coaches (SA) Pty Ltd name continued advertising till March 1969 branch office 470 Kiewa St. Ampol Petroleum Ltd; new decentralised administration headquarters Albury branch, 32 staff, November.
- 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 Dam 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 (was West End Smollett Street) opened by Rev Theo Harms builder R A Mahon in February 14. 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. St David's Presbyterian Hall, facing Wilson Street, first sod turned by Alderman C Bunton, June 5. German Austrian club commenced July 16. First Woolworths Supermarket opened, vicinity 525 Dean Street, Redvers Mould builder. Flooding in July and September. Wodonga Albury District Express newspaper established 1960 (ceased August 1984)-

Available from the Wodonga Historical Society. 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. Bob Jane Corporation purchased 'Courbyra.' Viscount Holdings Ltd becomes public company on the Sydney and Melbourne stock exchanges.

- 1961 Census population 15,514. 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 12 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). 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 trialled 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). West Albury Golf course, Bulldozers have moved in, to be a par three coarse owner Mr L Taggart March. Italian prisoner of war buried at Albury Pioneer Cemetery were exhumed and move to Ossario at Murchison Cemetery, February. New Tourist Bureau next to the Town Hall opened by Mr C A Kelly tourism minister December. Albury Council commenced earth works for Glen Park Glenroy, May. Coronet Playhouse founded by Barry & Wendy Donnelly; remained for about seven years.
- 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. South Albury Signal Box opens in time for standard gauge line. Lavington Infants' department opened April 6. Lavington and much of Thurgoona absorbed into Albury City, January 1. Rostrum Public Speaking Club formed, club 29. 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, May 3-5 at Farmers & Graziers wool-store. Bunton Park, NW corner Logan Road and Alamein Avenue opened as North Albury Football Club grounds. New clubrooms opened at Bunton Park. 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. Astor Hotel opened. Albury Racecourse station closes June. Albury Symphony Orchestra formed, November. Hume Highway diverted to Hume Street to bypass Dean Street. Hume Dam wall road re-opened after 6 years, March. Henty Machinery Field days commenced. Albury Council membership was changed to 12 Aldermen by Government Gazette February 23. Signal Box located at southern end of railway yards erected.

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. East West Airlines also flies to Albury; service ceased in 1993. Albury North Rotary chartered, May 1, charter dinner on June 15. 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, chairman J D Phillips July. 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. Albury Meals-on-Wheels commences, July 31. Lavington and North Albury Post published 1963-1964. Fallon Street and North Street level crossing has flashing lights installed, replacing gatekeeper, August. Trade Fair & Motor Show, May 13-16. D J Delarue bought out by Viscount Holdings Ltd, October 19. Pleasure boat 'Donald Duck' introduced at Noreuil Park. Payne Bon Marche collapse and syndicate of Albury people take over and call company Dean's, August. Building approval: AMV4 (Albury Murray Valley) building, G J Coles, Dean Street, Albury Bowling centre & Army ammunition stores Wirlinga. Bethanga Bridge raised 30cm using hydraulic jacks, to accommodate the new Hume Dam waterline, July. West Albury connected to Albury sewerage. Jack Nichlaus played with Billy Dunk at Albury Golf Club and set a new course record 68.

1964 Albury Airport officially opened by Hon D Fairbairn, Minister for National Development, September 13.- Air pageant, 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. ABC Radio 2CO and Television establishes at 477 Townsend Street. 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 closed then auctioned November 21, 1985. Last C 38 stream train leaves Albury June 22. One hour parking limits introduced to Dean Street November 2. New Dog Pound opened May 10. First meeting to form the Lavington Sports Club. Stradford Motors, corner Olive & Swift Streets, opens in August. One-hour parking introduced to Dean Street. *Border Morning Mail* purchases Murray Valley Coaches Building corner Kiewa & Swift Streets. Commemorative flight celebrating 50 years of airmail on trip from Melbourne to Sydney arrived in Albury, July 16 at 2pm – original flight was by Bleriot monoplane piloted by Maurice Guillaux, July 16, 1914. Seventh Albury Scouts formed at the Baptist Church.

- 1965 Albury-Wodonga Complex Committee formed to promote cross-border growth. Girl Guides permanent quarters built behind 533 Kiewa Street July 4. 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 commence renovations to the Turks Head Hotel, Wodonga Place, for a 'Folk Museum.' First Albury scouts group celebrate 50 years and celebrate with the Gang Show's first performance September 25. 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. Albury Indoor Netball Association formed as the Married Women's Basketball Association. TAB opens in Globe Hotel arcade, December 8. Old Age & Invalid Pensioners Association formed December 14. *Border Morning Mail* purchase *Wodonga Sentinel* Stanley Street Wodonga. Albury Wodonga Field Naturalist Club Inc established.
- 1966 Census population 23,379. 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. Foundation stone from the Mechanics' Institute building re-sited after it was demolished, superseded by new theatre and library in Civic Square. Apex Club's Women's Rest Centre in State Government building opened by Premier also on November 25 (building won the Blackett award from the Australian Institute of Architects). Federal Theatre, NW corner Kiewa & Stanley Streets demolished December. 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 (Courabyra, Punt Hotel, Brewershouse, Brasseurville), beside Union Bridge, subsequently sold to Bob Jane Corporation (now derelict). 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. Albury's first tree, located in Olive

Street, killed by a gas leak, is memorialised with a plaque January 30. Earthquake felt, epicentre Mt Hotham (magnitude 5.7) May 3. Men amateur basketball stadium at the showgrounds opened by Mayor Alderman Bunton, February 20. Coles New World Supermarket 471 Olive Street opened. Albury Trade Fair, opens May 24. NSW Volunteer Fire Brigade State event held at Albury Sportsground. Albury Poultry Club established. Albury Council Town Planning interim development plan for new area of Lavington Gazetted, June 10. Aquatic festival at Lake Hume, January 29, 30.

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 on 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. 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. Sydney Technological Museum re-establishes and opened at Turks Head, called 'Folk Museum,' Wodonga Place, incorporating the Albury & District Historical Society, December 1. Referendum to include Indigenous people in the census successful in May 27. 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 Trade Fair, May 24-27. 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 in July. North Albury Girl Guides' hut opened, Swan Street. The first display home opened at Indiana Park Estate, April 15. Albury Music Theatre Inc formed by Neil Case and Ted Lewis April 2 – first production was 'The King and I.' – (now Albury Wodonga Theatre Company). Comfort station including toilets, infant and feeding room opened in NSW State building with aid of Rotary Club, January.

1968 Royal Palais Kiewa Street (Westend Plaza 2020) to be demolished in March. Kalia 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. Wodonga & Towong Sentinel newspaper commenced September 5, 1885, ceased 1968. Air Centre Albury (Air Charter) commences. Albury Murray Credit Union commenced financial services. Visit by Governor-General Sir Roden Cutler. Waterskiing spectacular at Lake Hume, January 28. Lavington Telephone Exchange built by AB & MA Chick, completed March. Albury advisory group on development regarding decentralisation forms, May 10. Smartair, founded by the Mol family, commenced business. Plaque unveiled May 7 to commemorate the planting of the first street tree in Albury, 618 Olive Street fronting house of Samuel Mudge; former town clerk planted an English Elm 18 August 1875. Japanese Agents' educational tour arranged by Albury Tourist Bureau July 4,5.

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 E Fairbairn and G C Mackie MLA. 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 development. 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 'Blackett 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. First stages of Hume Park Sanctuary, 25 acres, February; later becomes Ettamogah Wildlife Sanctuary. Snowy Mountain Authority Murray 2 project opened by Hon David Fairbairn, October 11. Albury & Wodonga Table Tennis clubs combined to form Albury Border Table Tennis. Lavington Agricultural Bureau ceases. Hume Society name became Hume Permanent Building Society. Gough Whitlam publicly identifies Albury-Wodonga as a suitable site for decentralisation involving Federal Labor and two state governments August 19.

1970 Internal route (Parkinson Street) chosen for Hume Freeway. Borg-Warner (Aust) Pty Ltd, gearbox factory, Kaitlers Road Lavington, A single line of production commenced January 4, 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, 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 Industrial Ltd plant, opened August 3. Albury girl, Margaret Court, takes the Grand Slam of tennis, September 12. Albury West Rotary Charter presentation dinner November 27. Battenfield Ltd, (plastic injection-moulding) factory building completed March 1969 and production and opening day March 21 -Closed 1989. 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 Sar Gem distributing fashion jewellery Affinity). Lavington Lions Club chartered. Alessi Motor starts, May 4. Hume Dam 23 gates of 29 opened, August 28. Albury Wodonga Handweavers & Spinners guild formed August 13-20 women and one man attended. Official opening of the Government Tourist Information centre 4 Wodonga Place formally opened by Minister or tourism Mr E A Willis & Mayor Bunton October. 'Mad Hatter Regatta' a race from Mungabareena to Noreuil Park (Rafts and home-made floating platoons) January. Captain Cook Bi-Centenary celebration in conjunction with the Floral Festival, March 9.

- 1971 Census population 27,403. 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 by 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 March 2021). New eight storey Travelodge Hotel, 648 Dean Street, opened October 15 by Prime Minister Gough Whitlam (previous site of Albury Club Hotel and Carlton Hotel, 648 Dean Street). North Albury Red Cross elevated to a branch July. Wodonga Library relocates to Hovell Street. East West Airlines commence flights, Albury-Melbourne and return daily, July 6. AMV4 Albury & RVN2 Wagga merge, April.
- 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 to create new mainstream communities for disadvantaged & displaced Aboriginal people. 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. Trade Fair and exhibitions July 18-22. Drage's Aircraft Museum opened November on land now occupied by Victory Lutheran College, moved to Wangaratta January 1984, closed 2002. 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. Hume Badminton Association was formed at a meeting July 15. MAMA Art Foundation (formerly Albury Regional Art Foundation) a not-for-profit organisation established. Albury Street Rodders formed September 13. Archery Club formed to later become Twin City Bowmen's Club April. Albury 'Sharks' water polo club formed. Greenwell's Fly-fishing Club Inc first meeting. The National Urban and Regional Development Authority (NURDA) set up by Federal Government. Australian Department of Urban and Regional Development created with Tom Uren Minister. Last consecutive 'Floral Festival' and Floral Queen crowned 12-17 March (See 1978-79). Hume Permanent branch established in Mate Street and Wodonga. Nunyara committee formed for working women under 40 years to raise money for the Base Hospital (Continued past 1978). Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Albury & Lavington, led by Pastor Cecil Grant

- 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. First meeting of the Ministerial Council meets in Albury (points of agreement were reached), March 7. Wodonga proclaimed Rural City March 30, by Governor of Victoria Sir Rohan Delacombe. Ministerial Council meets in Canberra when nine Points of Agreement were reached May 23. Planning Co-ordination Committee for Albury – Wodonga set up. Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation (AWDC) formalized October 23. Mr Gordon Craig appointed Chairman, December 18. Albury-Wodonga Growth Centre Landholders' Association formed. H.D Lee & Co began making jeans in Albury location Quest apartment building site, Kiewa Street, before relocating to Wodonga factory Romet Rd & McKoy St 1975. 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 Retravisson, announced closure May 2008). Original Racecourse grandstand 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. Lake Dartmouth official opening ceremony, February 15 work commenced. Lavington Sports Club opened. Lavington Sports Club second stage commenced. The first Lavington Running & Cycling Carnival held at Lavington Sportsground prize money \$5,300.00. First pre-season game of night football at Lavington Oval, Rutherglen v Yarrawonga March 1. 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. Murray Grey Society moves its headquarters from Melbourne to 460 Swift Street September, (society formed in 1962). Flooding August-September. Woomargama Station near Holbrook host future USA President Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy. New Soccer association meeting held to form Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association July 1. J Gadsden's Pty Ltd began operations, Melrose Drive, February. Albury Smallbore Rifle Club, North Street formed. Viscount Holdings Ltd

purchase Alfarm. In place of the Floral Festival 'The Autumn Jubilee Albury-Wodonga' was introduced, more a sporting event in line with the Albury and Wodonga, March. Major Milk wars between Victoria & NSW commenced May.

- 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. A Consultative Council established to advise on matters of local interest and concerns April 23. NSW finally back the Development Corporation, May 2. Sanyo Aust moves to colour televisions and Sanyo Guthrie build a factory in Wodonga, April, officially opened by Premier Hamer, October 25; factory closes 1987. Five eucalypt trees planted adjoining the Hovell tree; Albury & District Historical Society placed a plaque, also planting of another gum tree by Ross Hovell great grandson of the explorer November 17, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Hume & Hovell's crossing. Sesqui Centenary Celebrations at Albury Civic Theatre November 20. Flash flooding January 10, across city and severe in South Albury, October 18 – Murray River flood level reaches 5.59 metres [Source GHD 2012]. 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 artwork 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. Gas & Fuel Corporation of Victoria bought out Albury Gas Company. Work begins on Albury's multi-story 'cluster housing', McDonald Road Lavington, March 10. Arrival of indigenous families through the Family Resettlement Scheme. Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme completed. The Albury-Wodonga Champion Newsletter released June 13 (ceased March 20, 1975). Federal Government take control of the Sydney to Melbourne Highway to make it a dual carriageway (completed in 2016). Causeway duplication begins with four new bridges, January, completion February 1975, cost \$1.5m. Nail Can Hill gazetted as flora and fauna reserve. Garrison Bottle shop opens at the Five-Ways. Border Music Camp began. Newcomers Club of Albury Wodonga sponsored by Albury West Rotary Club, September 30. Astronomical Society of Albury Wodonga inaugural meeting at Scots School, February 19, Mr R Alchin in the chair.
- 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. large floods in Albury, 5.66 m, in November [Source GHD 2012]. Albury Brickworks Union Road owner (Pearsall) moved to Jindera Brickworks commenced (later taken over by Boral Ltd July 1979 and rebranded PGH Bricks 2015 closes 2025). 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. 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 Wodonga April (jeans manufacturer,

1991 taken over by Yakka and closed 2006). Clever Bunton AO OBE became an independent Senator and maiden speech to the Senate April 22. First NAIDOC Week July. Mates Ltd is sold to Sydney based firm, August 3, before being purchased by Walton's group in 1977. *Border Sports Weekly* newspaper commenced July 30. Further upgrade of Albury sewerage works. Radio Ettamogah committee commenced. Albury Rehabilitation & Day-care Centre formed, Mrs E Batrouney president, December. Joss Group commenced operations. Springdale Heights Estate initial plans. First Border Music Camp 11-16 May with final week concert at Scots School. Albury Wodonga Orienteering Club commenced.

1976 Census population 32,944. AWDC housing program of 6000 sites began in Springdale Heights North of Albury and Willow Park, West Wodonga. AWDC reduce the population target to 150,000 November. Lincoln Causeway became four-lane divided road with 4 new bridges opened June 30. New Council Chambers, 533 Kiewa Street Albury, opened August 13, by Premier Neville Wran. Additions to the SS&A Club 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. First classes begin at Murray High School, December 3, (corner of Kaitlers Road and Kemp Street) officially opened 1977. 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. New river pump station built. Albury-Wodonga Volunteer Resources Bureau formed at a meeting May a volunteer organisation till 1982 and Incorporated September 17, 1985. Military Historical Society of Australia opens the Albury-Wodonga branch. Army Museum Bandiana opened as the Ordinance Corps Museum. Albury-Wodonga Women's Refuge founded early 1976, first house opened April though no funding till 1977. Border Music Camp begins. Mate's closed when Burns Philip sold to Waltons which became in 1987 Venture Stores. Australian Frontier formed, an independent non-profit organisation that specialised in community self-reliance. Albury Family Planning Clinic established. Community liaison officer appointed, a channel of communication between the AW Development Corporation and the community. National Trust (NSW) released a study of central Albury and in 1977 the heritage Act was passed, under the NSW Planning & Environment Commission.

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, 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. 1 Canera Place Springdale Heights the AWDC house becomes the Neighbourhood house, shortly afterward Cooinda Support Group Inc (Playgroup handicapped children) uses the facility. Salvation Army Citadel and Community Centre, SE corner Corella Street and Union Road, North Albury, opened June 25. Albury

Council's 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 (to be completed by December). First Nail Can Hill run. North Albury Rotary Club and Volunteers start work on the manual activities' centre for retired people at Jelbart Park, December- (Taken over by AlburyCity 2002). 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. Start of \$35 million sewerage treatment works begins, August. World Series Cricket played at Albury Sportsground, December 12, 13. Commonwealth Bank completed, 482 Dean Street. Coles shopping complex Lavington completed opened November 28. AWDC planted their millionth tree (Camar Nursery) by Mrs Alma Krause nee Boyes. An office of the sub-collector of Customs was opened in Albury. The growth centre became "an inland port" providing importing and exporting with a range of services, June. Albury Golf Club holds a \$15,000 Professional Golf Championships incorporating the Victorian PGA, featured Greg Norman, October 22-23. Lou Reed American musician performed at the Regent Theatre, walked out off show creating some annoyance. Lavington athletics and cycle carnival televised on ABC television February. Albury Wodonga Snippet newsletter spreading local news and events commences November. Darjong Neighbourhood House (Community Group) began 560 Wyse Street with grant from Dept. of Youth & Community Services. Parenting Australia first meeting held 467 McKenzie Street April 17 – forms Murray Group Parents Australia (mutual support, encouragement & information to parents). St Vincent's de Paul open a shelter for men in former Seventh Day Adventist Church Parkinson Street August. Cooper's winery established at Ettamogah.

- 1978 AWDC housing estate developed at St John's Hill, Thurgoona mid-year, two families move in December, also Corry's Wood Estate would have smaller 'environmental' streets, November 30. The consultative committee overseeing the AWDC was dropped. 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 closed 2009. St John's Mercy Family Care Centre moves to 453 Dale Crescent October. 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 570 Abercorn Street later became the Italo Austrian Club. 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.

Broughton House established for youth homelessness, the start of Yes Unlimited. Lavington Lions took over construction and maintenance of Foresters' Grove Park Wagga Road. Wodonga Arts Council and Hume Arts Council amalgamate to form Albury-Wodonga Arts Council. The NSW Health Commission purchase 'Adamshurst.' Albury Men's Shed commenced. A Border Anomalies Committee appointed and ceased in 1982. Twin Cities Social Club, Townsend Street raided by police, July. Albury Floral Festival returns held March 12-19. Allaroo Youth service forms and works out of St Patrick's Hall first floor, May 19. 'Carnival 78' a multiple activities & events, September 16-24. Announced that two local Arts Councils officially become Albury/Wodonga Arts Council, September.

- 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, commissioned in August. Murray River Performing Group and Flying Fruit Fly Circus began this year, due to government funding (February), first performance in a circus tent at Hovell Tree Park, May 15-19. Robert Brown Memorial Rotunda at Botanic Gardens, restored and dedicated February 19. 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. St John's Green estate commences March. 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 purchased, 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. Last passenger train on the Wodonga to Cudgewa line May 26. Upper Murray Family Care commenced February 26 and opened an office 83A High Street by David Green, Department of Regional Services. Hotels allowed to open for drinks on a Sunday, December. Upper Murray Regional Library bookmobile commenced, February 19. Lavington Library moved to Coles' complex, Urana Road. Border Anomalies Committee formed, September. Moore Paragon opens new \$4m plant Melrose Estate, April. Dallinger Industrial Park commenced. New water reservoir at Thurgoona holding 4m gallons, December. Thurgoona Football Ground first match. Riverina College of Advanced Education takes over the old technical college, Dean & Olive Streets. Hume Permanent branch established at Border Shopping Town, Lavington. Sarah Coventry purchased by Australian businessmen and name changed to Sar Gem. Albury Rehabilitation & Day Care Centre, 'Adamshurst' handed over August 6. The Albury West Rotary Club purchases a DC2 aeroplane, driven down Dean Street August 31. 'The Observatory' building Kiewa Street demolition commenced August 7, built 1875. Springdale Heights Scouts registered. Final Albury Floral Festival, March 5-11. Darjong House moves to Farmers & Graziers Building beside Court House shared with Tourist Bureau (site part of MAMA 2026), February. Riding for the Disabled Association Albury Wodonga branch commenced; Mrs Ruth Briggs driving force contacted Wewak St & Murray Valley Centre by August 20 children were riding. Toy Library opened April. Children's after school workshops commenced in old

Town Hall Dean St (Tue-Thu), April. A public meeting to establish a "Community Action" board of directors upon the winding up of the Regional Council for Social Development, June 19 at the Court House. Springdale Heights Neighbourhood House 1 Canara Place 40 Cardo Drive) become a registered Charity. First 'Flying High' air carnival put on as Albury West Rotary Club fund raiser for Leukaemia Auxiliary Royal Children's Hospital and Uiver purchase; multiple aircraft, multiple events, Big M Girls; estimated 30,000 people attend and raised \$36,000, March 10, 11.

- 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, 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. New Marianella Nursing Home added to Mercy Hospital on site of 'Berrelli,' December 14. Albury College of TAFE moves out of historic Dean St Telegraph Office, July 10. 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. W J Steer trails, Nail Can Hill, opened November 30 – named after Bill Steer employee of AWDC. Albury-Wodonga Women's Collective formed, later becoming Women's Centre for Health & Wellbeing Albury-Wodonga. Eight square kilometres of land centred around Thurgoona and Ettamogah handed over to Albury City Council. First public meeting to form a Conservatorium of Music chaired by Mayor Alderman John Roach May 26. Plaque unveiled at 33 Kosciusko Road St John's Hill Neighbourhood Centre, Thurgoona by Governor General Sir Zelman Cowan, March 2. Thurgoona Neighbourhood Centre first informal gathering June 7, 1979, prior to this a Neighbourhood house was used 33 Kosciusko Road and the Thurgoona School of Arts Hall. Tennis Courts St John's Hill and a new corner shop run by Mr & Mrs Browne opened. Child Services Group inaugural meeting June 11. Albury City Council officially commission new water filtration plant, August 22, opened by Hon L J Ferguson MP, Minister for Public Works. Foundation stone laid for Myer Albury by Hon W C Fife, September 8. Burvale Motel Young Street opened. Darjon house moves to 507 Swift Street, August. Thurgoona Bush Fire Brigade takes possession of a second fire unit, August. Uiver memorial DC2 aircraft placed on supports at Albury airport; 'Uiver weekend' February 29-March 2; events include Wodonga Show, Service displays at Lavington Club, Circus de Monte Carlo, Dutch/Australian re-union, Vintage Car Rally, Grand Ball & Grand Disco; unveiling of Uiver

memorial ceremony at Albury Airport, with Governor-General of Australia Sir Zelman Cowan, March 2.

- 1981 Census population 36,684. Australian Newsprint Mills (Fletcher Challenge 1997, Norske Skog from April 2000) opened its production plant, July 1, official opening by Premier Neville Wran August 28. Albury Regional Art Gallery re-located to former Town Hall, April, after a period in the Library in Civic Square (Audrey Banfield had been appointed head, August 4, 1980) and first exhibition April 6 – Stage 1 of Gallery official opening by Premier Mr Neville Wran June 20; Stage 2 of the Art complex completed November. Riverina Music Centre, opened in the Old Telegraph Office. Murray Conservatorium of Music set up in the Old Hostel corner Guinea & Olive Streets. Telegraph office corner Dean & Olive Street 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 Albury Rehabilitation & Day Care Centre in David Street is opened, February 10 by Hon. Kevin Stewart MP continued operations till 2004. 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, Principal P M Haskew 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 Albury-Wodonga Twin City Festival, co-ordinated by Sherryl Smith and Peter Day. Festival to celebrate 100 years of rail in Albury-Wodonga March 6-14. 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. Lake Hume Aquatic Club officially opened by Hon. Kevin J Stewart MP December 10. Opening of Historical room at the Albury City Library (QE2) and presentation of the A&DHS collection by Keith Swan, September 24. SS&A Club grant women full membership, July 1. Corry's Wood Estate, Thurgoona. Hume Permanent branch at Myer City Centre. Wilson Transformers Company opened in Maloney Drive. Allawah motel 423 Olive Street completed. Albury Railway station clocks installed with assistance of Rotary. Albury West Rotary air carnival 'Flying High' March 7, 8, fundraiser \$22,000. T H Brown & Son furniture company set up in Melrose Estate Wodonga, April.
- 1982 XPT trains start between Albury and Sydney, August 2; the Riverina XPT ran till 1994 then were re-deployed to run Sydney-Melbourne 7 days per week. 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; joint venture of Shell Aust. & Courtaulds Films & Packaging since 2009 owned by Taghleef Industries Group. 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 Centrepont arcade, March 2. Albury's tourism puppet 'Murray Cod' you will be hooked 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. Hospitality Inn,

later Greentree, 579 on Olive, then Mercure Hotel opens August 25. Wagner's store museum Jindera awarded 'Heritage Week' Museum of the Year. First floor of the Mercy Hospital is converted to a Geriatric Assessment Unit. Wilson Electric Transformer Pty Ltd commenced. Albury-Wodonga Industrial Sheltered Workshop (Aware) started operations Maloney Drive April 22. Aware Industries officially opened by Hon. Fred Chaney October 12. Bishop's walk Corry's Wood estate opened in memory of Sargeant Charles George Bishop DCM MM and Bar, Service in the Great War. Albury-Wodonga Group Apprentices Ltd commenced February 3. Albury Hash House harriers commenced May. Lake Hume Coast Guard, no.11 granted charter July 12. Albury-Wodonga Ethnic Council formed March. Border trouble, Daylight saving Victoria changes time March 7 and NSW extends to April 4. Albury Wodonga Environment Centre commenced December. Mate Street Book store found booby trapped, July 29, blown up July 31, Albury Fire Brigade recognised by Commissioners of NSW with a plaque for devotion to duty at Mate Street Station. Wodonga Library extended. Riverina College of Advanced Education commenced, taking over houses and buildings in Olive and Guinea Street, these include Avoncourt, Mudge etc. Earthquake registered magnitude 4.8, 120km south of Albury. Inaugural meeting of an Artist Guild (or Artist Society)

- 1983 New airport terminal and tower build AB & MA Chick commenced March 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 forth coming and the Regional Museum— 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 called 'Nurioopta' 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. The UPA work on aged care hostel, completed May 6, officially opened June 4. Latchford Barracks opened, January, for the 38th Class of Army Apprentices, a \$40 million expansion completed. The official opening by Major-General Kevin Latchford (Son of Lt-Col Latchford) September 25. 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. Development advisory committee established May 10, to advise the Ministerial Council, and the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation; 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. Mercy Palliative Care unit established. Prince and Princess of Wales along with baby William stayed at Woomargama Station March/April. Mate Street Bookshop is booby trapped 3 firemen injured July 30. The National Photography Prize commenced as a biennial event. Murray Vale 40-unit hostel opened May 6, officially opening & dedication June 4. Riverina Sports Car Club Inc. commenced. Seventh Day Adventist School moves to Thurgoona Road, principal Flynn. Belvoir School operated from the Murray Valley Centre Pearce Street then moved to Bowman Court November. Albury & District Land Council formed in the 1970s and formally constituted as a statutory corporation under the NSW

Land Rights Act. Noreuil Caravan Park lease expires October 1. Corry's Wood Neighbourhood House opened October 14. ABC-FM now ABC Classic FM begins. Lavington Bowling Club formed June 30 to play in the Lavington Sports Club precinct. Claas (Aust) split from Alfarm and later form a head office in North Street. Yes registered – Albury-Wodonga Youth emergency Services was registered. Margaret Smith Tennis Pavillion opened April 3. Murray Conservatorium of Music move to the old Telegraph Office with the Riverina Music Centre. German Austrian Australian Club completes new premises in Wodonga and becomes licenced. The Albury Wodonga Crafts Council Group commenced. Albury West Rotary 'Flying High' Carnival, Roulettes, RAAF Band, historic planes, Big M Girls, multiple events, raised \$11,000 March 12, 13.

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, 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) 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. Albury Council assume complete responsibility for the museum under the local Government Act September. First female cricket player Heather King plays for North Albury thirds January 7. Re-enactment Uiver air flight landed at Albury February 1. Peard's Nursery Borella Road opens April. Albury-Wodonga Dutch Community Social Club formed November. Albury railway was re-signalled as part of Centralised Traffic Control which effectively closed the signal boxes between Junee and Albury, March. Kendell Airlines celebrated its first flight between Melbourne and Albury by naming the plane 'Spirit of Albury-Wodonga,' February 3.- now in competition with East West Airlines. Viscount Holdings sell off Alfarm; Alfarm opt out of retail and concentrate on manufacturing. A visiting Dutch replica of the Uiver was displayed at an Albury horse race meeting. Border Shopping town sold for \$.3 m Grollo & Associates of Melbourne purchased from RDC Properties Ltd and T&G Mutual Life Society, announced May 24. Mixt Package a youth group 19–21-year-olds produced magazines and programmes on 2 REM radio. Albury Wodonga & District Orchid Club Inc established. Wright Heaton Supermarkets taken over by Campbells Cash & Carry. Self Service Wholesales (SSW) operated by Bob Bailey take over the Mann's Foodmaster Supermarket, October 10. Albury Airport licenced October.

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 (First sod turned 7 February builder AB & MA Chick). 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 30 Cardo Drive

(Children long day care) October. 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. Rotary Club of Lavington established. Radio 2REM FM commenced in new studios moving from Ettamogah to 243 Borella Road, January. 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. Adolescent Family Counselling Services commenced. Telephone exchange ceased. The Hume Badminton Association formed the Albury-Wodonga Badminton Association July 2. *Albury-Wodonga Trading Post* newspaper edition one February 28. Albury City Council accepts responsibility of the Albury Regional Museum in the Turks Head building; March 4, a managerial committee formed. Albury-Wodonga Cancer Council formed July. Bonegilla Migrant Museum receives a government grant. The scheme is planned to coincide with the National Bicentennial project 1988. Lavington Bowls Club opens bowling greens, April 6. The Women's Bowling Club was formed, August 1. Albury Car Club leave the 'Courabyra.' St Hilaire Estate Thurgoona commenced. Haberfield's milk establish links with a Swizz consortium. Hume Golf Club opened a driving range opposite the club house in Logan Road. Albury Wodonga Pipes & Drums first performance at the International Fair down Dean Street. Official unveiling of 'Historic Albury' and launch of walking brochure, May 3. Upper Murray Steamship Company commence building the new Cumberoona at Oddies Creek.

- 1986 Census population 38,704. 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). 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. Thurgoona Stargazer Drive-in is re-opened September 23. Trees removed from Wodonga Place to make a four-lane roadway. The first of the modern cycling races Wagga to Albury with 96 competitors June 4. Noted rider John Woodman was killed riding near Table Top, October 3, former Sun Tour winner and is remembered with the memorial Wagga to Albury Cycle Classic named after him. -

continued till 2023 and new format in 2025. 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 September 30. Automatic sprinklers introduced to Botanic Gardens September, Gardens are floodlit and further lighting added September. Thurgoona & District Lions Club chartered September 6 (folded June 21, 2005, see re-chartered 2010). Thurgoona Neighbourhood Watch begins July. Stage one of upgrade of Kremur Street sewerage plant. Aboriginal Land Council new offices opened by Mr Harold Mair, Chenery Street May 14. Radio National AM 990 commences. Woodland's Childcare Centre established, Alexandra Street. Seventh-Day Adventist School moves to Thurgoona and in 1992 re-named Border Christian College. Alfarm placed in receivership and put up for sale. Uncle Ben's announce a \$70m plant expansion. Albury-Wodonga Poverty Action Group formed. Uncle Bens company announces a \$70m expansion of plant & equipment. Lavington Border Shopping Town became Lavington Square with an expansion from 20,000 to 25,000 sq metres. Women's Centre (Albury-Wodonga) Inc. select a co-ordinator and a house, 645 Olive Street September 24 – doors open to the public November 10. Lao Buddhist Temple, 605 Abercorn Street opened.

- 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 28 (Bicentennial project worth \$850,000). 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 licensee Lindsay Cooper opened March 18. Umpires' Rooms completed at Noreuil Park, June 10. Tax office moved into 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. The new \$6.5 million headquarters for Murray River Electricity is opened, 429 Swift Street, worth \$6.5 million, March 16. 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 & Netball 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. 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. Lincoln Causeway Trail established. Bended Elbow Hotel Dean Street opened. Low vision clinic established in Albury. Eagle Boys' Pizza founded in Albury by Tom Potter (acquired by Pizza Hut November 2016 and officially closed May 1, 2017). Geo Plan Resources & Town Planning Albury City Councils Bike Plan, November. Wodonga Family History Society Inc established. East-West Airlines introduce a new jet F-27 christened 'City of Albury.' Albury-Wodonga Artists' Society (AWAS) began. Daylight saving end date different in the two states, March. Season makers Lavington opens. Four lanes between Albury and Wodonga Hume Highway completed December.

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 at Wodonga Racecourse January 1. NSW Premier Greiner opens the Hume & Hovell walking trail, November 14. A special Bicentenary Walk over the Hume & Hovell Track was conducted to Woomargama. 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* August 1. Plaque on the Smollett Street bridge unveiled December. Lavington occasional childcare centre opened December 17. 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. Dean Street bridge reinforced. 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-(Piggery closed 1985). New tourist attraction 'Frog Hollow' opens its maze, Olive Street, Brown's Lagoon, April 2. Lara Lakes Estate commenced. Chamber of Commerce and Industry recommenced, 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. Conservation management plan for the Botanic Gardens. In 1988 the River Murray Waters Agreement was replaced by the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement and the River Murray Commission was replaced by the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and its role was expanded September. St Patrick's Tennis Club removes to new courts Andrews Street opened by Margaret Court, March 13. Kinross Woolshed transported to Thurgoona and rebuilt trading as Kinross Woolshed Restaurant opens as a pub September 30. 2 REM (FM) remove to 319 Wagga Road. Commercial Club Waratah Room and club extensions opened by President R S Morley, March 24. Last "Sensational Spangles" performance December 31. The Flying Scotsman steam train out of Britain stops at Albury. The old Mate's building Dean Street comprising three levels, was refurbished at

a cost of \$3.5 m. NSW Department of Decentralisation & Development abolished in March. Tourist information centre at the Gateway centre in some of the old NEDCO dairy buildings. Torville & Dean with the Russian Allstars performed at Noreuil Park under a circus style tent and ice rink for several shows commencing November 23. Official launch of Mobilenet cellular mobile telephone network for Albury Wodonga, December 9. Haberfield's Dairy venture with European Company creating Swissfield Cheeses. Lavington Sports Club build a 250-metre Velodrome; first race 1989.

- 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 (Albury Wodonga Regional Planning Committee established. Ron Dennis becomes new chief executive of AWDC, December 4. The population target revised to 105,000 people by the turn of the century. 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. 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 to be a Hospice for terminally ill, to be known as St Joseph's April 24. Launch of Albury-Wodonga Art Foundation by Hon E G Whitlam March 17. Council decides to leave vacant blocks around Monument Hill, September 13. Waterview and water testing centre opened. Albury Wodonga Tourism win NSW Tourism Award. Claas (Aust) announce Massey Ferguson Australia as their distributor, October. Gatekeepers house, Wilson St (Heritage Council listed) destroyed by State Rail Authority March 10. Murray Regional Development Board replaces the Murray Industry Development Board – (Later was replaced by the current Regional Development Australia Murray RDA Murray). Travelodge sold to local syndicate with a name change to Carlton Albury Hotel, general manager Dennis Killmartin. Albury Wodonga Morris Minor Club established.
- 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 Oddie's 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. 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. Woomera Aboriginal Corporation founded. Daylight saving times causes border trouble NSW March 4 and Victoria March 18. Wesley Church Olive Street, last thanksgiving service November 25. Thurgoona Plaza

\$1.3m opened November 13. Maudie's Wine Bar closes, April. Gateway Centre Albury Wodonga, Causeway; proposal submitted to Develop Victoria Council April. Ritz Tavern and Renoirs' nightclub commenced, March.

- 1991 Census population 40,154. 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, Stain glass windows by John Milosta, 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 legislation allows Victoria to have the machines and changes the operations of the local large clubs in Albury -Spelt the end of the Poker Machine bus tours out of Victoria. 'Winan-Gidjal' (learning), the Aboriginal education centre opened at Charles Sturt University Murray July. Demolition of the old Borella Road timber bridge, January 4; replacement overpass cost \$4.5m contractor AB & MA Chick 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. The Albury Squadron was redesignated Victoria Mounted Rifles Squadron, 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse and continued to train at Victoria Street. Albury Southern Rams and Lavington Panthers joined group 9 after Group 13 failed and became the Lavington Panthers RLFC. Albury Central Heritage Study-Heritage Register, Albury City Council and Heritage NSW lead by Peter O'Dwyer. Thurgoona Murray Grey Veteran's golf group formed. Graham Middleton first man to swim the length of the Murray River 2366km, left November 30 and completed feat April 15, 1992. Concrete Waterproofing Manufacturing Pty. Ltd trading as Xypex Australia was incorporated. Jacob Toyota opens in Wagga Road. Hampton Heights East Albury auction June 22. Twin Cities Rock'n' Roll Club Inc since 1991. Haberfield's milk purchases total ownership of Swissfield Cheese. Stoddards Holdings Pty Ltd (Sydney) & Gow Bros Ltd purchase Lavington square for \$9.25m. Albury Travel Bureau new offices in Burrow's House, March.
- 1992 Overall Forge opened at Ettamogah December. 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 cost \$1.6m closed April opened December. 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. Prime television changes from channel 4 to channel 11, May 6. Article on aggregation (TV and Radio) in BM December 5, 1991 pp27-30. 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 Th Derksen, Consul-General of the Netherlands. UPA administration office and opportunity shop opened May 2 by Ian Glachan MP. MV Discovery tourist boat owned by Russell and Sheryl Thompson, officially launched Noreuil Park, May 2. 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. Flooding river height 5.4m – [source GHD 2012]. The Murray Valley Development League becomes Murray Darling Association Inc. adopted August 28. Lavington / Springdale Heights Community Centre built at 40 Cardo Drive, now Orana Community Centre (Late 2019). Mabo decision made, June 3. Seventh Day Adventist School locate to Ava Avenue and with name change becomes the Border Christian College. 2 REM (FM) remove to Garland Avenue, December. Albury-Wodonga Border Craft Group joined the Embroiders Guild Victoria November. Chryslers on the Murray commenced. Murray Bushrangers club unveiled November 24. Enterprise Albury-Wodonga (Marketing group of local business) formed April 28 – this group replaced with Development Albury-Wodonga 2000. Albury Wodonga Indian Australian Association commenced with Dr A Mamootil. Albury Wodonga Home & Leisure show, 16,000 in attendance, July 18. Radio 2AY granted a FM licence for 5 years to target under 35s and 2AY over 35s.

- 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 building 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 train trip now 10 hours. Phos-Watch campaign began November 1, aimed to reduce phosphates in wastewater. Reconstruction of Albury Swim Centre opened March 7 by Ian Glachan MP and Mayor A J McLeish. 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 Uniting Church dedication of new buildings, including the Wesley Centre, cost \$1.m 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 badly damaged by fire, 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. Kalianna Laundry began operations. Lex and Rory film world premiere at Albury Cinema Centre July 17 released globally May 27, 1994, directed by Scott Andrews and Dean Murphy, set in Albury. Lavington Post Office shift to Lavington Square from the Five Ways July. Ovens & Murray League Netball competition commences. 'The Discovery' a flat bottom vessel provides tourist trips from Noreuil Park. Albury locomotive depot closed. Radio 2AY becomes FM May. Automated weather station equipment installed by Bureau of Meteorology at Albury's Airport. ANM first new paper recycling plant Ettamogah rolled off the production line December 13, the \$65m plant opened by NSW Premier Mr John Fahey, March 17 1994. National Water Research Centre launched at Peter Till, Thurgoona called Cooperative Centre for Freshwater Ecology, officially opened November.

- 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. State Emergency Services, Albury Hume, headquarters officially opened by Hon G B West, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, on October 6. 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. Railway Station renovations recognised in building awards, opening of Countrylink waiting rooms, March 14 by Hon Bruce Baird MP. 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). 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. South Albury Tennis Club, Hovell Street merged with the SS&A Tennis Club. Bogong Moth 'Ngan Girra' Festival, Mungabareena & Wandoo Aboriginal Corporations, August. Mungabareena Corporation established. Official opening ceremony of Mungabareena performed by Mayor Jim Paterson and Pastor Cec Grant November 19. Albury Convention Centre refurbished costing \$2.25m. Albury Bowling Club Macauley Street Greens and Clubrooms sold; an extraordinary General Meeting, February 28, has the Albury Bowls Club & North Albury Sports Club amalgamated. Hazelton Airlines provides air services to Sydney, West Sale & Traralgon-Morwell July. Birralea tavern opened, owners Tom & Claire Doolan & Wayne Reid. The Ritz & Tramp Jeanery fire, August. Lavington Square P/L (60% Argo Investments, 40% Gowing Bros) sold to Centro Properties Ltd for \$17m, (it was then known as Centro Lavington until 2013). Cromarty Air Pty Ltd air charters commenced March. Albury Wodonga Festival of Sport, 180 events registered including NSW Rugby League Toohey's Cup Challenge, Athletics & Woodchop carnival; opened at Albury Sports Ground, February 21. Women in Business discussion group forum, November. Air Facilities, Albury's own expanded services to Canberra, February. Lutheran Nursing Homes open 50 bed accommodation, cost \$3.5m, March.
- 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. The Corporation would give over its core economic development activities July 1. 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, with 2,000 people attend QEII square, and formed Save our City December 16. Murray Darling Basin Commission approved a grant to commence remedial work on Hume Dam wall March. Albury West Probus Club commences May 1. Waterview wastewater treatment facility expansion and design commenced. Uniting Church Retirement Village, St David's Close, Wilson Street, opened March 26. The last railway trans-shipment of materials took place. Triple J Radio, Albury Wodonga commences. North Albury Sports Club has new renovations, March, officially opened by Tim Fischer MP, May 15. Ann Hogan playground opened in Sanson Street Norris Park December. National Museum of Australian Pottery, South Street Wodonga, opened January 26 and relocate to Holbrook in 2006. Diwali Festival began at The Thurgoona Golf Club. Harvey's Fish farm located where the old Aussie Land Adventure Park (Gateway Island) and established Australia's first indoor native fish farm proposed opening 1996.

- 1996 Census population 42,322. Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett unsuccessfully promoted Albury-Wodonga merger. Lake Hume wall moved 5 cm August 23, Work to strengthen the Hume Dam wall announced October 7, the work costing \$80m was completed March 2004. 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- River height 5.31m [Source GHD 2012]. Albury Cinema Centre expanded to six screens with \$6m investment Zauner Builder. 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 in QE2 location, close to NW corner of Court House. McKincad established (Albury's first sexual health service). Reconstruction of levee bank system between Lincoln Causeway and Doctor's Point. Radio 2CO removes from north-west corner Olive and Wilson Streets to High Street Wodonga. Springdale Heights Pre School building Canara Place opened. Plaque unveiled and dedicated at Bishops walk in memory of Sgt Charles George Bishop March 12. Belvoir Special Development School became a dual school to cater for students with mild, moderate and profound intellectual disabilities. Save Our City (pro-external bypass) campaign begins. Albury City Council will not accept the merger of Albury-Wodonga Industries & Tourism panel May. A move by the Victorian Government to merge the two councils, Albury and Wodonga, to make one city – Albury City was not in agreeance and the status remained. Party Unlimited Motorcycle club's ANZAC Day poker

run began. Substation valued at \$4.5m commenced corner North Street & Jelbart Road March. Kain Tissue Mill 83 Fallon Street \$4.m paper mill commenced operation December. With the AWDC gone there was six organisations with a role in regional development of Albury Wodonga, a meeting November 30, began an agreement for a single board to be called Albury Wodonga Economic Development Board by July 1, 1997. Kim Meridith death, evening rally to make Albury safe, QE11 April 2.

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, Swift Street end, 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, Memorial Bowl and Monument Hill Parkland classified by National Trust, November 3. Albury War Memorial has a light installed, turned on December 27. Murray River Performing Group shifts from Olive Street to the Gateway Island and creates the Butter Factory Theatre as their headquarters; first show September. Albury Wodonga Regional Tourism Forum Inc. established. Albury Council determined that size of Council be reduced from 12 to nine councillors in 1999. Army Museum Bandiana re-opened with full-time staff. Albury David Street skate park opened by Mayor Cr. P Gould December 7. Internal Hume Highway/Freeway approved November 11. Friends of the Albury Botanic Gardens commenced in January. Parklands Albury Wodonga incorporated in both States. Bonegilla 50th anniversary reunion, September 26-October 10. Then a 'Back to Bonegilla' Celebration weekend December 5-6. Albury Wodonga Community Chest Inc established January 1. Comets and Bears Softball Clubs commences. Commercial Club opens to under 21-year-olds. Local telephone numbers change from (060) to (02 60) August 18. Caramar Nursery closes.

1998 Albury Gold Cup half-holiday became permanent feature March. Hume Golf Club, Logan Road closed June 1. Murray Gardens Retirement Village, 36 Mountford Crescent, opened by Hon Tim Fisher MP, March 27. Obstetric Services at Mercy Hospital ceased and moved to Wodonga Hospital June 30. Hume Veterans' Information Centre Wodonga opened October. Lavington & District Family History Society formed. Albury City Council prints the first edition of the Sporting News July. Albury Sports Council becomes Albury Sport & Recreational Advisory Forum, May. Lambert Park, Waites Park and Sarvaas Parks undergo re-surfacing and flood mitigation. Palatinat Brewery opened on the Lincoln Causeway May 7. Cessation of discharge of effluent into the Murray River. Country Comfort Hotel. 648 Dean Street is burnt and bill to total \$1m. New garbage and re-cycling scheme includes Albury, Wodonga and Indigo Shires, Towong and Corowa, commences July 1. Bus shelter added to QEII square Dean Street and two in David Street, August. North-east Basketball Association commenced. FM 105.7 The River commences. The Wiradjuri Dreaming Room opened at the Albury Regional Museum by Pastor Cec Grant, August. Seed Savers Albury-

Wodonga commenced as Bushcare and seedbank Albury. Probus Club of Albury Murray Inc. commenced. NSW & Commonwealth Governments agree to build an internal relief route (Hume Highway) through Albury. Earthquakes: July 17 magnitude 4.1, 73km East of Albury September 25 magnitude 4.7, 165km South of Albury. Albury-Wodonga Incubator-Enterprise house Stanley St Wodonga commenced under guidance of Tony Pardey, November. Hume Weir Trout farm has auction April 25 but falls through and closes early 2000s. Drought conditions continue through to April.

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 30, Premier Jeff Kennett opens, 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 wastewater 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 30. 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. The John & Margaret Baker Memorial Fellowship for the National Photography Prize established. Alexandra Park numbers 1, 2 & 3 re levelled. Parklands Albury Wodonga complete the final section of Hume & Hovell Track to Albury. Launch of Albury Wodonga Regional web site www.alburycity.com.au June. Bingham Bird Aviary opened at Ettamogah Sanctuary, January 12. Albury City Council outdoor staff have uniforms, June. Opening of new animal management facility in Mudge Street, May. Albury-Wodonga Communities Heritage working group formed. Harmony Day commenced. Albury Wodonga Regional Parkland Inc complete the final section of Hume & Hovell Track from Albury to Woomargama Tunnel Road. Eight-Mile Creek national heritage trust project at Thurgoona commenced. The Border Bugle local newspaper (straight talking, humour & satire), published & editor Rick Collins, till early 2000s.

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. Albury and District Transport merge with Kalianna Transport. TAFE NSW National Environmental Centre, Ettamogah Road Thurgoona (180 hectare organically certified working farm). Vision Australia Radio Albury 101.7 FM began. Wonga Wetlands development commenced. Albury City

Environmental Action Plan adopted. The UNSW Rural Clinical School commences in Albury. Mungabareena Ngan Girra Festival held Saturday December 2.

- 2001 Census population 42,312. 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. 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. Village Life Severin Court Thurgoona opens for inspection July 30. Thurgoona Toy Library commenced August. Joint partnership formed by Mungabareena established. Ansett Airlines ceased operations September 13. Fire at Fallon's Cellars 550 Kiewa Street May. Third bin option (green waste) becomes available, January. Commercial Club multi-level carpark opened by Mayor Patricia Gould, November 14. Albury Wodonga to become 'one city' was announced by two state governments (Bracks in Vic & Carr NSW) without warning March 27. Albury Wodonga One Vision One Future commenced April and June 1, Rt Hon Ian Sinclair coordinates extensive community consultation process with results due October 1. The University of NSW skill labour group school of rural health building near Base Hospital, opened by Tim Fischer MP, September 3.
- 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. Lavington Rural Fire Brigade Station extended, Krautz Street, dedication July 22, by Mayor P Gould. Former Albury Base Hospital, Wodonga Place, demolished July. 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. Memorial Uiver removed for refurbishment, August 20. Hockey fields construct portable clubroom facility. Commercial Club takes over the Albury Golf Club. Yes Youth & Family Services name is introduced. Australasian Training Aids become Australian Target Systems. New Wodonga Police Station opened August 8. Amalgamation of Liverpool Catholic Club and Thurgoona Golf Club, February 25. Skate Park stage one Ernest Grant Park. Thurgoona Angling Club formed. Albury Air show March 9. First meeting to improve safety in Dean Street and later forms Liquor Accord, February. Air show March 10. Albury Cultural Precinct mapped out by Albury City, July. The Susan Moorehead Memorial Award was established by Charles Sturt University Visual Arts Faculty inaugural winner Leon O'Regan. Community Garden West Albury established by the Westside Community Centre, September 13. Albury Food Bank opened October 18, an initiative of Albury Wodonga Community Centre. Australianwide Airlines Pty Ltd purchase Hazelton Airlines and the business of Kendell Airlines, July, then starts trading as Regional Express (Rex), August. Visy cardboard box factory begins construction in Wodonga, February. Albury Wodonga Border Relay for Life charity for Cancer Council began. Liquid night club opened, 491 Dean Street, May 24 (later became Roi Bar). SS&A club & Windsor Park bowling club sign a merger July 2. Dalgety wool store begin demolition for Bunnings. Thurgoona Golf Country Club sold to Liverpool Catholic Club. Milspec manufacturing opens, closes at the end of August 2025.

- 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 roofing & toilet amenities at Noreuil Park opened December 5 opened by Mayor Patricia Gould. Trinity College, Thurgoona, commenced January 28. 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 (Later transferred to Creek & Dean St Corner). Aboriginal Health Service Incorporated, September. Twin City Classic Vehicle Club formed. Albury Station box was booked out of use August 1. West Albury skate park opened, January. New AlburyCity logo launched, designed by Infographic Design, June. Burrows House 556 Dean Street to be the home of Albury's first youth café, announced June. Brindabella Airlines commence flights between Albury and Canberra, June, ceased May 2012. Country Hope fund raiser, support relief for regional children diagnosed with cancer and life-threatening illnesses. Border Mail International Film Festival commenced. Barry Young, River of Stories award ceremony (short stories for young Border writers) commenced. "Hand of Hume" group not wanting Hume Shire to merge with Albury. Folk Museum collection assembled by the A&DHS was formally given to the City of Albury. Parkland Albury Wodonga new office 'The Shed' Gateway Island January.
- 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. Adamshurst Day Therapy Centre transferred to Mercy Hospital, July then purchased by Gary Morgon. Commercial Club takes over the running of Albury Golf Club and motel to establish the Commercial Club Resort. Albury Cinema Centre add three more cinema screens including Gold Class the first in country Australia. Strange Bedfellows film released April 22, set in the district. Thurgoona Country Club resort new club house and motel celebrated October 18. Murray Valley Sanctuary Refuge Group formed November. Official opening and consecration of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish church, community centre and presbytery Thurgoona, September 7. Albury Air show March 7. Youth Café opened 556 Dean Street July 29. Parklands Albury Wodonga becomes a company. Bended Elbow Hotel established. Mercy Million building appeal launched September 24. Jazz Albury-Wodonga, Jazz Basement commenced at Irean House, behind Wodonga Hotel Smyth Street, Wodonga, moved to Gateway Island 2002. Cinema Centre opens a Gold Class cinema along with \$4.6m additions. Albury & Wodonga Tourism change names to Destination Albury-Wodonga located at Visitor's Information Centre, Gateway Island, March. Albury Wodonga Adult riding club formed.
- 2005 Council purchased greyhound racing track, Newmarket, and sold to Harvey Norman for shopping complex. Centrepont 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. Riding for the Disabled Albury Wodonga branch covered riding area opened October 15. Palliative Care Centre on Level 4 of the Mercy Hospital

completed April. Another level the following year. Termo Hotel destroyed by fire January 12. 150th Anniversary of the first paddle steamer arriving in Albury, A&DHS picnic celebration October 2. Community foundation for Albury Wodonga region trading as Border Trust Ltd begins. Aboriginal Health Service becomes fully operational, June 27. 'Cinema Under the Stars' first commences at various parks around Albury Wodonga. Albury Water & North-east Water in a new era of co-operation, sign a memorandum of understanding in March. Youth Café and Centrelink join forces July. Noreuil Park play-space masterplan proposed December. Aspect Riverina School, 437 Olive Street commences. "Kool Skools" recorded a collaborative album of local musicians. One Nightclub opened May 24, closed 2018.

- 2006 Census population 46,282. 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. Overhead bridge Dean Street closed March 27. North Street overpass bridge opened May by Peter Costello MP. 'Write Around the Murray' event commences. Woolshed Thurgoona Landcare Group merged with Thurgoona Urban Landcare forming the Woolshed/ Thurgoona Landcare Group. 'Retrolive' showcasing the Borders music talent began. John Fairfax Group take over the Border Mail. The Art Craft & Activities Group at Mirambeena Centre commenced. Turk's head Museum (Albury Regional Museum) closes November 12, pre move to new LibraryMuseum. Last trip at Albury for the paddle steamer Cumberoona. Lavington Square has a \$33.m upgrade, builders Zauner Construction. Albury Business Connect commences. Livid Productions begins, co-founders David Todd & Liz Kolisnyk.
- 2007 Hume Freeway 17.4 km Internal Bypass opened by Prime Minister John Howard, March 4. (For traffic March 6) The bridge over the Murray River christened the Spirit of Progress bridge, construction by Fitzgerald Aust. Albury LibraryMuseum opened July 27, SE corner Kiewa & Swift Streets, by Mayor Amanda Duncan-Strelec; two Possum skin cloaks donated with the opening of the LibraryMuseum; official opening of the Mott Family *Border Mail* 'Info-zone' at the LibraryMuseum by Mayor Cr Stuart Baker, November 24. Harvey Norman Centre at Newmarket opened. Visitors Information Centre 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 Diggerville Tennis Club courts. Fallon's wine cellar demolished for Quest Apartments, 550 Kiewa Street. Albury Bowling Club had previously shifted to Bunton Park and changed its name to North Albury Bowling Club. Murray Magpies Football Team join the Hume League. Intereach Services establish a Regional Office in Albury. Margaret Court Tennis Academy formed. Table Top fire station extensions and new tanker opened July 1. RSL Link Day Club commenced in Albury 2006. Stage 4 water restriction imposed from July 1. Gindaymanha engaging communities through touch football commenced. Three-Legged Dog pub closed. UNSW Rural Clinical School opens new building at Albury Base Hospital cost \$3.5m by Tony Abbott MP.

- 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. 'Midweek Xpress' first published April 16 (ceased December 12, 2012, available to be seen at the LibraryMuseum on microfilm). 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). 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. Last train leaves the old Wodonga Railway Station. Wood fire oven Hovell Tree Park Sculpture / public art unveiled by artist James Cattel. Virgin Blue Airlines begins February. The airport also installs walk through metal detectors and random explosive trace detection devices and carry-on luggage will be x-rayed, February. AlburyCity launch a new one-stop web-site August. New bridge at Horseshoe Lagoon to extend the trail by 1.2km, opened October 19 with a Fish-a-thon. July acquisition for demolition of the St Matthew's Parish Centre allowing QEII Square to expand 2000 sq m of space by the end of next year. Internodal Hub to be called Nexus, work at Ettamogah begins April. Murray Railway Modellers Inc commenced, May. 2ay, Ace Radio went to air from Hume Street, Saturday 6.20am March 29. 22 members of the Bhutanese community shift to Albury Wodonga. Harvey's Fish Farm closed on the Gateway Island, re-opened December 2012 for a short period.
- 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. Hume Retirement Resort, Logan Rd commenced. Allied Mills closes (previously J Burrows Hume Flour Mills, Bunge Flour Mill). Bowna Wymah fire brigade officially open a new station Wymah Road, November 15. 72 Bhutanese refugees have found sanctuary in Albury Wodonga over the last six months April. New revamped \$4.9m airport upgrade officially opened October 23 coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the Uiver landing. Last Bandiana Link train, August. Women in Chamber commenced, later became Business Women Albury Wodonga.
- 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, South Albury opened by Hon Simon Crean MP, November 4. Thurgoona Plaza opened in March. Lavington lighting upgrade \$500k. 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, a charity group that provides food, dental care and housing assistance, founder Doctor Brabant. Hume Building Society lease second electric car from Baker Motors (Albury Council electrical department used one in the 1950s). New Wodonga Railway Station handed over August. Oddies Park adventure playground completed; project cost \$730,000. Thurgoona & District Lions Club was chartered June. Women's Centre for Health & Wellbeing (Albury-Wodonga) Inc. changed names at AGM June 15. Albury 'Sorry Day' event, May 26. Albury council ceases Hard Waste collection. Albury LibraryMuseum provide 13 retirement villages and hostels with small stocks of library books, April. Entertainment Centre Swift Street foyer and exterior has an upgrade, April. New Visitors Information Centre opened at the former railway Station Master's residence July 1. Airport carpark upgrade completed costing \$4.6m, October. Sports stadium adds a new website, November. Armada Hospitality Group buys out Roi Bar and re-names it Groove Saint, closes June 2015 (a tapas bar later opens called Soho). Indi School Albury commenced, for years 9-10. Tourist Information centre re-located to the former Albury Station Masters residence till 2023.

- 2011 Census population 47,810. 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. Albury Basketball Stadium unveiled as Lauren Jackson Sports Centre, October 22. Gateway Life Church Albury commenced October 28. Television services in the region change from analogue to digital signals, May 5. Murray Valley Bushwalkers Club formed 2011. Albury-Wodonga Regional Foodshare (AWRFS) established as a not-for-profit company, November 2011, originally emerged from a Wodonga Food Security Network. Albury Twilight Market begins. Mate Street streetscape and beautification begins. Thurgoona and Wirlinga strategy plan begins May. Albury waste management centre begins internal roads and transfer station. Oddie's Creek adventure and play-space opened, August. Albury's new industrial hub 'Nexus', previously 'Internodal Hub' Ettamogah, opened to the market, November 17. Volt Lane carpark with 597 carparks opened, December. Albury Thunder Rugby League Club formed. Border Ovarian Cancer Awareness Group founded, ceased 2021 and funds directed to Kelsey Watts Memorial Trust Fund for ovarian cancer. First Border camping & caravan expo
- 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. Aspire Support Services established with the merger of Woodstock Support Inc. Kalparrin Inc. and Cooinda Family Support Services. Brokerage Services also merged July 2013. Thurgoona Men's shed commenced. National Broadband Network roll out starts December. Splitters Creek Community Centre, Altmeier Lane, officially opened 2012. A cloned Hovell tree was planted at Lake Hume Bay and Ebdon by

the Woolshed-Thurgoona Landcare Group November 22. Bike lane added in Smollett Street and upgrade of Volt and AMP Lanes. Central Albury historical walking sites tour adding audio guide and app introduced, November. The Friends of the Gardens and Albury City open a children's play space designed by Mary Jeavons, for children to enjoy the dinosaur entry, Troll Cave and sculptures, December. A cloned Hovell Tree was planted at Lake Hume Bay by the Woolshed-Thurgoona Landcare Group, November 12. Cube Wodonga opened August 24. Indi School Albury included years 11 & 12 students. Granya House, a former hotel, drug & alcohol centre for men 18-35 closes. Joss Albury Wodonga Gift commenced; till 2015

- 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 accommodation centre, part of Albury Wodonga Cancer Centre, completed January officially opened March. Winter Solstice commenced for survivors of suicide and friends, last gathering June 21, 2025. Rotary market moves temporarily to Wilson Street carpark from Townsend Street. Albury airport upgrades status with \$2.3m to provide a dedicated air ambulance apron. Food and green waste bins introduced mid-year. Noreuil Park boat ramp closed March 4. 'Adamshurst' again becomes a private residence. Hume Dam upgrade, the southern training wall has mass concrete buttress work totalling \$30m. Contractor McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd completed November. Macquarie Textile moves to a warehouse December.
- 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 Inc. (AWECC) established December. Waterwheel removed from Wodonga Place due to safety concerns. Hume Building Society gains approval to be a bank April 4 and 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. Cumberoona paddle steamer sold to Yarrawonga company November and leaves Albury for Yarrawonga March 3, 2015. Yes Unlimited integrates the services of Betty's Place Women's Refuge (commenced in the 1976's by Bob and Betty Maclean), Albury Supported Accommodation Services and the Place Youth Centre (later named the Hive Youth Resource Centre). Albury-Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council Inc established, though the ethnic community council project dates back to 2011. Belvoir Special School moved from Bowman Street to a purpose-built facility Gayview Drive. City2City Albury Wodonga health run walk, committee formed founders Michelle Hudson & Jen Haynes ran for 10 years (See 2026). Albury Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council (AWECC) was established and incorporated; though they date back to 2011. Albury Ten Pin Bowling, Olive Street closed, opened 1963. Albury Wodonga Parkruns commenced. Atura Hotel Dean Street opened, December. The Abbot Government legislated to wind-up the Development Corporation almost 10 years after the Howard Government had directed it to exit land development activities and concentrate on selling the remaining land in an orderly way; under Chairman Bill Hanrahan (1996-2013) and chief executive officer Peter Veneris (2006-2014), the organisation sold or transferred most of all its land bank; the corporation ceased on December 31. Murray United Football Club formed and play in the

National Premier League, first game 2015. 'Dancing with the Stars' a fundraiser for Cancer Council commences. Border & Regional Film Festival (BARFF) formed January 31 and first show March 6. Joss Group takes over the Woollen Mills site, Schubach Street. Albury Wodonga 'Big Splash' fundraiser for mental health commenced and ran for 7 years. Restart Albury Wodonga a community-based volunteer run organisation supporting homelessness and people in crisis. Uiver committee gathers to provide a more professional Board and Committee to move forward the restoration of the memorial Uiver.

- 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 costing \$1m opened March. AMP Lane lights completed August 26. Homemakers' Centre Wodonga sold to Gerry Harvey \$24.6m. Halve Waste program rolled out in March-June by Transpacific and AlburyCity. Green Waste and caddy's emptied weekly and yellow lid recycling bins and red lid bins emptied fortnightly. Yindyamarra sculpture walk opens. 'Fairy Wren' sculpture by John Wood unveiled at Brown's Lagoon. 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. Bandiana Saleyards closed. Last 'Hockey Carnival' after running for over 60 years. Bethanga Bridge receives the 'Award of Engineering Heritage' national marker, October 10. Border Mail first digital published newspaper, July 26. Tots 2 Teen Albury Wodonga (Volunteer group for children) commences. Albury Wodonga Motorcycle Enthusiast Club formed March, founded 1986. Twin City Croquet Club 365 Townsend St commenced. AFL North East Border Female football league founded, Lavington Panthers 2015 and Thurgoona Bulldogs 2017. Work begins on second Gold Class cinema, July. Norska Skog Ettamogah, after 30 years, produces it's seven millionth tonne of paper, June 12. Joss Construction awarded commercial builder of the year for Albury TAFE new library, June. Quest Apartment, Townsend Street opened, May. Kimberly Clark Aust, Albury mill closed, May 19. Alma's Garden, Mercy Hospital in recognition of Alma Hartley opened October 26. Albury-Wodonga Back to Reality Foundation ceased in August, had commenced in the 1980s. The Multicultural Community Farm (formerly the Bhutanese Community Farm) established on the banks of the Murray River Gateway Lakes.
- 2016 Census population 51,076. The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre opened its doors September 5 and officially 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 timber used in 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 at rear of LibraryMuseum. 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. Flooding at Albury, river level 5,39m October – [source GHD 2012]. Sienna Daisy boat mooring at Albury. Nine WIN and Southern Cross Austereo swap feeders for television channels, July 1. National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) established. Albury's first National Broadband Network node opened February 26. Albury and Wodonga Historical Societies' 'Then & Now' articles in the Border Mail commenced. Inaugural Albury Chamber Music Festival first held, November 11-13. Rebranded Yes Youth and Family Services rebranded to Yes Unlimited. Retro Lane café opened November 25 by Mayor Cr K Mack

2017 Lavington 'The Hive,' Youth Resource Centre for youth 12 to 17 year-olds operated by Yes Unlimited opens in the former Lavington Library, Griffith Road, April 7. 'News Weekly' publication final edition March 29, after 8 years publication, commenced approximately November 2009. 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. Two Cities One Community, Albury and Wodonga Councils work together to share facilities, venues, infrastructure and services, Regional Deal announced October 13. Albury racecourse has a \$1.5m track upgrade. Plummer Street Park Community Garden commenced March. Thurgoona men's shed share facilities with women's shed group. Rural Housing Network formed in 1998 to provide housing support, changes names to Beyond-Housing. 'Boys to the Bush' founded, May. Albury racecourse grandstand plaque recognising David Alston Wallace OAM, unveiled March 24. Podcast 'The Journey' commenced on 1494 2AY Radio. Albury Wodonga 'Munyaas' Aboriginal sporting club established. Giilangyaldhaanygalang launched mid-year under co-founders Ruth Davys & Pettina Love – a Wiradjuri language & cultural company online bilingual Wiradjuri & English story telling project Who? What? Where? Public House opens, 491 Dean Street, May 26. Thurgoona Country Club Resort holds its first NSW Seniors open championships November 1-4. Mountain H2O bottling spring water takes over part of Woollen Mills, Schubach Street, later taken over by Ashai. Inland Rail between Brisbane and Melbourne via Albury funded May.

2018 Bunnings' 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 to entrance and customer experience, 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. Kirinari merged with Kalianna Enterprises Inc. The BBQ film released February 22, set around Albury. Opening of High-Country Rail Trail, a sign was placed at Ebdon with cloned Hovell Tree by Albury Wodonga Parklands. Murray Regional Strategy Group formed. The 'Albury Project' partnership between YES, Headspace, CAMHS and all public schools in Albury – the project aims to have early intervention strategies for students at risk of homelessness and leaving school early. Norris Park Community Gardens at Ann Hogan Playground, Sarson Road, established. Mantra accommodation opened May 1, 524 Smollett Street.

2019 Jones Street, walk bridge opened March. Oddies Creek playground has 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 adopts 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 died (politician and past deputy Prime Minister), 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 Berejiklian, 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. 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 Dam 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 streetlights to LED fixtures, July. Wagirra trail extension stage 2 a 12 km section commenced. Fires in the Upper Murray commenced December 30. New hierarchical structure for AlburyCity Council, change finalised July 19. Sporting Shooters Association of Australia formed in Albury in the late 70's & the process to form the Albury (N54) started April 16, located in Winchester Lane Ettamogah. Australian Community Media take over the *Border Mail*. Sunshine Walk's fund raiser for cancer centre commenced, November 24. Orana Community centre replaces Lavington Springdale Heights 40 Cardo Drive, August.

- 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. War Memorial landscaping, improvements, and up-grades, has flag raising ceremony, May 15. War Memorial Western Hill upgrades, new plaques and security cameras, unveiled November 13. 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. 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. Local Government in NSW postponed for 12 months due to pandemic. Local Strategies Planning Statement released by Council September 14. Southern Community Aid Relief market (SCAR) 1052 Mate Street, January. Sunshine Ride to raise funds for Albury-Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre commenced, March. Albury Wodonga Health open 'Brain & Mind centre' at the Mercy, July 1.
- 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. Local government elections moved to December from September for pandemic. Islamic Society of Albury-Wodonga opens a new building April 8. Parking sensors in Dean, Olive & Kiewa Streets and parking limits change in other streets, June 17. New Globe placed on top of the Globe Hotel (returned after 60 years), June 21. Border

Trust starts a new fundraiser 'Give 500' July. Nine WIN and Southern Cross swap feeders for television channels, July 1. Hovell Tree embankment to river cleared and revamped, July. Wodonga open new Library-gallery 'Hyphen,' trading commenced August 2, official opening August 13. Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Community Tidy Towns awards Albury (energy award) – the resources recovery award recognized Albury's leadership in recycling and smart education centre. Lateisha Patterson wins a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics in the s59, 400m freestyle event. Remembrance Close named at the War Memorial, September. Earthquake felt in Albury magnitude (5.8) epicentre near Mansfield, September 22 at approximately 9.15am. Albury regional skate park re-development \$3.6m, opened November 16, formal opening December 11. Murray Valley Centre Wodonga providing for disabilities to be taken over by Kirinari, announced November. 'Members Walk' opened SE of Harold Mair Bridge East Albury, November 4. Davey Road ramp to Hume Highway opened November 5. VLocity train arrives in Albury for testing December 20; services begin December 30. Albury Wodonga sub-branch of National Servicemen's Association of Australia becomes Murray Border Nashos Inc, February. First Summer place Project in QEII Square, supported by AlburyCity, wins award for construction. Yes Unlimited and partners build a brand-new Core and Cluster Women's Refuge for Albury. Country Hope's 'On Key for Kids' commenced. Rocla has a name change to Civilmart, July.

- 2022 Albury waste management centre accepts first load of food waste to feed Black Soldier Fly Larvae; the waste consumed and turned into fertilizer & protein, January 18. Official opening of \$45m Circular Plastics facility at the Nexus industrial precinct, a PET plastic recycling plant, March 11. A 46-camera CCTV network installed in Lavington around 'Five-ways,' turned on March 22. WAW Credit Union becomes Bank WAW, March 23. Wodonga Historical Society opens new premises at Bonegilla in the caretaker's residence former Block 19 migrant camp, March 20. Parklet trial (near Dean & David Streets corner) unveiled July 9. Albury Hospital emergency department turns the sod on a \$36m expansion. Documentary film 'Solstice' by Helen Newman premier June 5. Two Cities one community agreement signed in 2017 is revised and agreement has five objectives compared to ten in the original document August 23. Inaugural 'Waluwin Festival' at the Albury-Wodonga Aboriginal Health Services held October 15,16. Albury's first blue plaque to honour Betto Abicare (Abikhair) attached to the Australian Building, SE Corner Dean & David Streets. Koori County Court commenced in Wodonga in April and a smoking and welcoming ceremony held Friday November 5. Qantas Airline fly Albury to Adelaide, July 8 till September 25. Eden Academy (Early Childcare), Diamond Drive, opened November. Murray Park Estate Thurgoona completed December. NSW and Victoria governments now recognise tradesmen qualifications and registration of workers (plumbers, driving instructors, gas fitters, architects, surveyors to bus drivers). Albury and Wodonga Councils share a combined Wi-Fi network; a six-month trial of integrated public Wi-Fi to council facilities. Albury's wettest Spring on record with 543mm rain; flooding commenced at Noreuil Park August 20 with a river high November 13 of 5.429 metres; water recedes December 9. AlburyCity Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Strategy 2022-2027, December. Revamp and new Ernest Grant Park – all-inclusive playground, skate bowl, shelters, seating linked pathways and 82 carparks. Sod turned for new Mercy Connect Basil House, February 7. \$45 million plastics recycling plant opened at Ettamogah, March 11. MAMA has NSW Local Government approval to be managed and operated by a public company, November. Albury Liquor Accord 'Barred from one, barred from all' initiative.

Thirsty Devil Brewery opened October. Westpac Lavington branch closes August 19, NAB Lavington branch closes October 27. AlburyCity officially launched their innovate Reconciliation Action Plan November 10. First AlburyCity 'Riverside Vibe' at Yindyamarra Sculpture walk February 27. First Aurora light show at Albury Botanical Gardens, July. Regional Express (Rex) ceased flights to Melbourne, May. The third re-signing of two cities one community March 3. Start of March Inland Rail extend the height of stanchions on the railway bridge and lower the rail under the Billy Hughes Bridge. Inland Rail – Federal government announces that the line will only go from Melbourne to Parks NSW May 5.

- 2023 Improved bus services for Albury, Thurgoona, Lavington and Wodonga, 300 weekly services commenced January 23. Record rainfall at Albury Airport 132 mm, nearby Hume reservoir station recorded 134.2 mm, a record from 102 years of data (in 24 hours to 9.00am, January 30). First 'Sip & Savour' festival, February 4,5. Patricia Gould passes away, Albury Mayor and Councillor, Australia's longest serving councillor, February 10. Murray Park, Meander Street new play space \$485k, unveiled February. New Thurgoona Oval sports pavilion completed, March. Greater Hume Children's Services family day care hub at 1132 Burrows Road opened. James Bell's Table Top property sold after being in the family for 170 years. Mural on north wall of Albury Swim Centre created by Jeff McCann, completed March 19. Lavington Sports Ground re-developed new grandstand named after Colin T Donnelly, unveiled June 26. Wotif accommodation company declares Albury 'Aussie Town of the year,' April. New public toilets opened at National Foresters Grove, April 11. Bonza airlines commenced their first flight between Albury and the Sunshine Coast, April 7. Albury Courthouse opened major expansion with \$6.5m extensions, February 28. Official opening of the Albury Showgrounds camping facilities and renewal project, May 19. Aware upcycle and recycle shop (Halve waste), March. Albury waste management centre's \$9m material recovery facility commenced, March. Artwork on the Mitta Mitta Canoe Club 'Snake River Lovers' by Beth Thornber Wiradjuri artist, May. AlburyCity launched its Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Plan, June 7. Mars Petcare invest \$126m in new Petcare facility to produce packet pet food works, commenced June 3. Albury's Peter Charlesworth uses a stand-up paddle board to traverse the length of the Murray River, 2685 km, April-July. Albury Railway Station new slate roof replacing, metal roof, June. Albury Riverside Precinct behind Albury Pool costing \$6.49m opened to public July 24; official opening with Hon T Moriarty MLC, Hon P Scully MP & Albury Mayor K King, October 7. Fly Pelican Air first direct flight between Albury and Canberra August 29 ceases January 1, 2024. Albury Visitors Centre opens at Albury LibraryMuseum September 4. Wagirra Trail at Wonga Wetlands soft opening September 9, \$2.4m construction of 12 km of sealed trails, seating picnic tables & interpretive & directional signs, now 20km of trails; officially opened October 7. Zed Bar in Globe Hotel close after 24 years, September 22. Scots School pipe band crowned 2023 World Pipe Band champions (Grade 4b) at Edinburgh Military Tattoo. 'Space' Nightspot and Lunar lounge opened October 29. Digital Mental health program in a joint state government & Albury Business Connect initiative; the provider Leora.ai. uses self-guided cognitive behaviour therapy techniques, October. A cultural garden for Glenroy, first sod turned over by Wiradjuri elder Uncle Tunny Murray, November 10. Opal's \$140m corrugated cardboard factory officially opened, Wodonga Logic Centre, November 15. 'Bungambrawatha' sculpture at Riverside precinct by Internationally recognised local artist Marley Dawson, unveiled November 21. Flying Fruit Fly Circus's new \$3.3m performance space called 'Borderville Theatre' launched December 19. Hive Rotary Club's gala dinner

July 15. Australian first at Commercial Club opening 16 Tesla superchargers, fourth Generation December 8. Broad Street revamped playground opened December 8. New upgraded toilet block opened at Hovell Tree Park. Beam e-scooter 12-month trial commences, December 15. Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund 'Tim Fisher Memorial Scholarship' commenced. Border Express sells for \$210m in November to Singapore Post Subsidiary Freight Management Holdings (Border Express founded by Max Luff 1981, Albury Border transport launched 1959).

- 2024 Bi-centennial celebrations of Hume & Hovell crossing place. Pemberton View Lutheran Age Care time-capsule, Rose Place West Albury, buried 1999, to be opened September 25. Hume & Hovell Bicentennial activity 'Explorers Bike Ride' launch, February. Reg Berry walk Brown's Lagoon South Albury unveiled January 4. David Street Skate Park toilet block opened January 25. Albury Materials Recovery Facility Hamilton Valley opened February 22. Nail Can Hill tracks upgrade from a grant of \$150,000, March. Mural at Kiewa Street Carpark 'Parking Paradise' by Aurora Campbell, April 7. Albury Base Hospital's \$36m redevelopment opened April 10. Scot's School opens a new \$3m senior study centre April 29. Bonza Airline in voluntary administration, April 30. Rise training overseen by Kirinari community services launched in March in Northpoint Tower. Announced that 35,000 Albury-Wodonga customers have access to full fibre connections to the National Broadband Network. Murray Valley Centre Wodonga commenced in 1974 and has their last game of bingo under that name June 15; the disability charity is to be merged into Victoria-wide body Community Accessibility. Albury pre-school Alma St renovation work costing \$2.46m begins, June. Noreuil Park rehabilitation to south bank completed, first week July. Regional Express Airline (Rex) goes into voluntary administration, July 30, regional flights continue. AlburyCity \$2m upgrade to drinking water filtration equipment, contractor L C Water. Melrose Park new sports pavilion began January 24. Frederick's Park (also known as Turtle Park) \$2.2 m upgrade completed September 28. Albury Liquor Accord rolled out of 'Pause Play' rolled out through NSW. Inland Rail work between Albury and Illabo commenced March, contractors Martinus. Globe Hotel re-opened 12-15 September. Wodonga \$65m renewable hydrogen project 10-megawatt machine, first sod turned October 11. Prime Minister Albanese announce plans for Australia's first commercially concentrated solar heat plant at Mar's Petcare. Hilltop by Birchmore residential estate 710 Riverina Hwy, 177 residential lots first sod turned October 30. New public space trial design in Griffith Road, cutting of ribbon November 2. Bean mobility e-scooters removed November 13. 200-year commemoration of Hume & Hovell expedition, Hovell Tree area refurbished with signage November 16; cairn unveiled on the plateau of Table Top Mountain known as Mulyan yar Gunyah (Eagles' nest) in Wiradjuri. Pumphouse Makers Space & Artistic Workshop completed November 20. Manufacturers BRIDGE (Border Region Industrial Development & Growth Exchange) inaugural meeting November 11. Royal Aeronautical Society Heritage Award to Sir Macpherson Robertson, to be unveiled at Albury Airport. Lauren Jackson Sports stadium \$14.5 m upgrade by Zauner Construction commences, December. Scots School turned the first sod or a \$10 m project to build a new junior school. Good 2 Go Collective in Albury Wodonga to reshape the narrative around dying, grief, death & loss formed in February. Lavington Square owners Region Group begin renovation and upgrade work. Thurgoona (AR) augmented reality nature walk trail launched by AlburyCity at Ernest Grant Park featuring native animals.
- 2025 Albury pre-school new building \$2.46m works completed, February. Kiewa Street no.441 car park closed due to concrete cracking, February 20. Special communication board

installed at Fredericks Park, February. Somerset Rise stage 3 approved, February. West Albury Hall refurbishment officially opened, February 15. Glen Park facilities upgrade at Boomers Football Club, March 31. Earthquake magnitude 3.7 at Mullengandra, April 4. Trek up Table Top Mountain to Hume & Hovell cairn postponed from November, proceeds on April 6. Inaugural Anzac Day dawn service at Thurgoona Community Centre, April 25. Commemoration of centenary of Albury War Memorial, Anzac Day. Border Trust Community Impact Fund to raise \$20m, announced, May 10. Ettamogah Pub re opens after trading as Table Top Hotel for several years, May 9. Trinity Anglican Collage \$31m development and buildings was unveiled, May 9. Sussan Ley, MP elected first female leader of the Federal Liberal Party. Giilangyaldhaaygalang Wiradjuri story tellers' cultural shop & studio, Catherine Crescent, May 14. Albury-Wodonga Malayalee Association celebrating traditions of Kerala, South India through performance, May 15. Albury-Wodonga Orchestra first concert after two decades, May 17. Flying Fruit Fly Circus expands to Collingwood Technical School commencing October. Melrose Park new change rooms and facilities and lights and upgrade \$3.5m opened, June 15. Sarvaas Park, Albury Thunder Junior Rugby League new change rooms and facilities opening celebrated, June 18. Sneaky Cat Pickle ball centre Bennu Circuit, considered Australia's biggest such facility opened, May. The Personnel Group and Aspire Support services join forces, July 1. Murray Border Nashos commenced 1995 for the group of compulsory National Service personal that served between 1951-1972 group wound up in June. New Coles supermarket Thurgoona opened, July 2. Crossing Place exhibition at Albury Library Museum closes on March 31 and re-opens as Bungambrawatha: Stories of Albury on July 25. *Border Mail* newsroom and sales team move from McKoy St Wodonga to 328 Griffith Rd Albury, August. German Austrian Australian Club closes and premises in McFarland Road and taken over by Albury Wodonga Theatre Company. Albury Pre-School Kindergarten \$2.464m extensions completed and opened September 5. Live Better & Fellow care provider Kirinari amalgamate into one organisation, September 16. Artwork GUGAA (Goanna) mixed media artist Glenny Briggs Wiradjuri language: Gawaymbanha – welcome, Albury Airport acknowledging Wiradjuri Country landed September 19, also a short film series connecting to country. Lutheran Aged Care Nicholson Place soft opening of \$29m upgrade to facilities September. Space nightspot last event October 11 and becomes Frequency October 24. Albion Hotel closes October 19. Twilight Market held at The Kinross, October 31. O'Brian Transport South Albury opens new 18000 sq m warehouse and facilities at Logic Centre September. WWII Memorial Bowl redevelopment official opening November 8. Albury Botanic gardens makeover, with replacement of 140-year-old Elm tree avenue with Ginko trees and new space, opened November 16, approx. cost \$950,000. East Albury railway footbridge demolished December 6-7. McDonald's food chain opens at Thurgoona, December 15. Investigating Dispossession Conflict and Coexistence 1938-1844 by Bruce Pennay and Yalmambirra with Paul Grover. <https://alburyhistory.org.au/investigating-dispossession> released December 2025. Xavier High school becomes Xavier Catholic School. 24 new social housing East and Alexandra Streets \$12.8m opened December.

- 2026 Summit Park Estate, Hoffman Road Thurgoona, commenced January. Lauren Jackson Sports centre officially unveiled after the completion of \$15.2m upgrade (Zauner Construction) January 15. Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer centre will transition to a publicly operated model, January 23 fully transition July 1. AlburyCity now has 87 play spaces February. Albury Airport extension of taxiway, provider Excell Gray Bruni, cost \$2.9m, March. Qantas will cease flights from Albury & Wagga to Melbourne from March 1.

Albury Airport weather station records 7 consecutive days of over 40°C, end of January. Albury Treetops Early Education, care and pre-school, Logan Road, opened February. 'Delacourt' Lutheran age care new extensions opened February 4. Parklets Dean Street dismantled moved to recycling centre Lavington February 9 for two weeks. AlburyCity has now 87 play spaces. New City2City under AWM leadership fundraiser. Hume and Geelong Banks approved for merger by APRA February 26. Sunshine Trust changes name to Albury Wodonga Cancer trust February 26. Qantas ceases flights from Albury and Riverina to Melbourne March 1. David Farley, One Nation member elected Federal member for Farrer, May 9. Sculpture at Five-ways intersection 'Bloom' depicting gum tree blossom May 22. Lavington Tennis & Pickleball Club open two new courts, Urana Road & McDonald Road, May 26. Volt Lane carpark artwork of a Goanna or 'Gugaa' by Travis Savannah commenced May. Artwork The Block (Ritz) arcade wall of CBA by Kristina Greenwood commenced May.

2046 Centenary of Albury being proclaimed a city. Time capsule buried December 18, 1996 and to be opened December 18, 2046, location QEII square near NW corner of Court House.

2088 Time capsule buried at Australia Park beside Turks Head building 317 Wodonga Place, buried as part of Bicentennial Celebrations 1988, to be exhumed 25 September 2088.

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