

WESTON CREEK DIARY OF EVENTS

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Weston Creek is named after George Edward Weston a former officer in the East India Company who arrived in Australia in 1825 and was granted land here in 1841. Ultimately Weston Creek will be home for 34000 people.

Distance from Civic Centre to Information Centre – 10 miles.

Height of nearby hills – Oakey – 2250 feet above sea level – Taylor – 2807 feet above sea level.

Development

1968 July Landservicing began in Waramanga (named after an Aboriginal Tribe in Central Australia)

August Landservicing began in Fisher (named after Andrew Fisher Prime Minister 1908-15)

1969 February Contracts let for first Government houses

March First Group Auctions

May Primary School buildings began in Waramanga

June First Government house handed over to the Department of the Interior

September Hindmarsh Drive extension open
First Government house occupied
Bus service began 'Weston Creek Services' issued
Road link between Hindmarsh Drive and Cotter Road began.

October First Restricted and Unrestricted auctions in Waramanga
Population estimate 150

November Tenders called for second Primary School – Weston Creek 1

December Waramanga Shop sites auctioned
First Group Auctions in 1
First Restricted Auctions in Fisher
First Unrestricted Auctions in Fisher
Roads – Caswell Drive open (Link between Belconnen and Woden – Weston Creek.)
NCDC Information Centre open. Telephone connected
Population estimate – 500 Waramanga – 370
Fisher - 130

1970 January Transfer of Repatriation Officers
Population estimate – 750 Waramanga – 550
Fisher - 200
Contract let for Primary School in Weston Creek 1

February Committee formed for Pre-School
Pre-School in Nemrang Cres opened Teacher – Miss Judith Murphy
NCDC Information Office open on Sunday afternoon.

March 61st Auction
First auction Restricted and Unrestricted land in 1
First auction of Group blocks in Weston Creek 5
Church sites handed back in Waramanga Fisher and 1
Site requested in Group Centre; revised map of
Provisional Distribution of Church sites issued.

April Population estimates – 1000 Waramanga – 750
Fisher - 350
Bishop Warren conducted first service in a home 25

- May First private house occupied in Weston Creek q
62nd Land Auction
Interest rate raised on Housing loan
Housing Tour for ACOSS conference
- June Sacred Heart Primary School open in Pearce
- July 63rd Land Auction
Fisher Shops and Service Station auctioned
First private blocks in Rivett (5)
Bus time table and route revised to serve Weston
613 occupied homes
Population estimate – 2200
- August Waramanga Primary School occupied
Baby Health Centre open – every Tuesday Sister Lang
Social worker (Welfare Interior) uses NCDC Information
Centre on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.
Community Meeting to assess community needs,
Black ban on Juiland House, Phillip,
Waramanga Shop open – Mini Market and Chemist,
Notices up re ‘Group Housing’ and ‘Institutions’.
- September 64th Land Auction
Shop and dwelling auctioned in Weston.
Contract let for Weston Creek High School,
First Private house occupied in Rivett,
First clergyman takes up residence, 2 Weipa Place, Fisher,
Phone 881415
Induction at school, 27 September 1970/
NCDC Annual Report released.
- October Church Services begin in School, 8.00 am Mass
9.30 am Joint Church.