

Deakin



ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LATE 1920s. CREDIT: NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA: A3560, 4796



HRH PRINCESS MARINA, PRIME MINISTER SIR ROBERT AND DAME PATTIE MENZIES AND COMMONWEALTH HIGH COMMISSIONERS AT WESTMINSTER HOUSE, 1964. CREDIT: PRIVATE COLLECTION



OLYMPIANS JOHN KONRADS AND TERRY GATHERCOLE WITH SWIMMER SUE RYAN, 1967. CREDIT: THE CANBERRA TIMES

65,000 years First Nations present

19th century – early settlers

Henry Donnison received the first land grant in 1828.

1918+ – clay from Deakin Anticline used for brick making

From the 1940s, public servant numbers grew, women socialised more, and children were at school and exploring the bushland.

1927 – Prime Minister's Lodge

1927 – Canberra Girls Grammar School

The construction of the UK High Commissioner's Residence, Westminster House, was followed by many other diplomatic missions including the Italian Embassy, contributing to a vibrant multicultural community

1947 – expansion of residential Deakin

1952 – UK High Commissioner's residence built

Little Bill Andrews was heartbroken when the pond he paddled his corrugated iron canoe in was drained to build the Deakin shops. The adults, however, were pleased to have a supermarket. The door of the caged delicatessen section had to be opened and then quickly closed to keep out the flies.

1960s – Deakin shops, Embassy Motel, Scout Hall, Canberra Croatia Club and Prosser Pool

From the 1960s, swimmers were coached by Latvian-born Olympic gold medallist John Konrads in the indoor heated Prosser Pool. Later Deakin enjoyed an outdoor public Olympic-sized pool. The Canberra Croatia Football Club fostered the cultural traditions of the Croatian community.

1965 – Royal Australian Mint

1966 – The Alfred Deakin High School

Deakin's first school was Canberra Girls Grammar School. Later, The Woden School normalised teaching of students with special needs.

1967 – Italian Embassy

In 1983 fire destroyed Chris Panagakis's supermarket. He was consoled next morning by the Greek ambassador.

1974 – The Woden School

Deakin hosts heritage sites including the modernist icon, Benjamin House (known as the Round House), the Royal Australian Mint and the Deakin Anticline geological feature. Changing demographics have seen the addition of retirement villages, healthcare and medical facilities.



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