

HAWKESBURY MAPS

HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE - LOCAL STUDIES FACT SHEET

Hawkesbury History

This area was originally inhabited by the Darug and Darkinjung Aboriginal tribes. They called the river Deerubbin and it was a vital source of food and transport. Governor Phillip explored the local area in search of suitable agricultural land in 1789 and he discovered and named the Hawkesbury River after Baron Hawkesbury. Although it was Phillip's plan to eventually locate a new settlement on the Hawkesbury, it was Lt.-Gov. Major Francis Grose who established on the banks of the Hawkesbury twenty two settlers (emancipated convicts) on 30 acre farms. The fertile plains quickly produced crops which the colony was in great need of. This region played a significant role in the early development of the colony of NSW. Governor Macquarie toured the district in 1810 and named the Five Towns: Richmond, Wilberforce, Pitt Town, Castlereagh and Windsor (previously known as Green Hills). Macquarie also introduced town planning to the area and surveyed and established streets, schools, cemeteries and places to worship. The area features sections of world heritage, the Hawkesbury, Colo, Grose and Macdonald Rivers and a number of exceptional natural features.

About the Local Studies Collection

The Local Studies Collection at Hawkesbury Library contains a variety of materials, historical and current, available for research. Items in the Local Studies Collection are not for loan.

Maps

Maps are an interesting source of information for researchers and students. Studying maps can be very helpful, looking at the landscape and land settlement, can be productive. The map collection is housed in the Map Cabinet and is divided into six subjects areas, then in numerical order. A listing of the holdings of historical and parish maps is held in the map cabinet. Check the online catalogue <http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/catalogue> for more details The subject headings and call numbers are as follows:-

- RLM C Council planning maps
- RLM E Environment & geographical maps
- RLM H Historical maps
- RLM M Miscellaneous - Outside the district
- RLM P Parish maps
- RLM T Topographical & contour maps


Historical maps

A selection of historical maps are kept. These include copies of maps from State Records, State Library of NSW and other sources. Many of these are in the map cabinet in black folders in numerical order. Use the catalogue to search for localities or specific maps <http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/catalogue> Also view **Macquarie's towns** compiled by Ian Jack RL994.42 JAC which shows some of the early maps.



Parish maps

Parish maps form part of the early land recording system in NSW and provide the key to early ownership. The name listed on the map is the person who was first granted or acquired, the property. Local parish and town maps for the Hawkesbury and surrounding LGAs are held in the map cabinet in the drawers marked Parish maps. Use the catalogue to search for specific maps <http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/catalogue>



Parish maps for NSW can be viewed free online in the Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV). The Historical Land Records Viewer is part of the Spatial Information eXchange (SIX) at <http://images.maps.nsw.gov.au/> Check the Land and Property Information (LPI) Historical Parish Maps fact sheet for more information <http://images.maps.nsw.gov.au/pixel.htm>

Counties

There are three counties in the Hawkesbury Local Government area (LGA) and within each of these are Parishes. The counties are Cumberland (named by Governor Arthur Phillip after the Duke of Cumberland, later King of Hanover) Northumberland (named after Northumberland in England) and Cook (named after James Cook, the explorer).

Cumberland Parishes

Cumberland County takes in a large area of the metropolitan area. The parishes located in the Hawkesbury LGA are:

- Ham Common
- St. Matthew
- Pitt Town

Areas close by but in adjoining LGA's include:

- Castlereagh Penrith
- Claremont Penrith
- Londonderry Penrith
- Cornelia Hills
- Maroota Hills
- Nelson Hills
- Gidley Blacktown
- Frederick Hornsby
- Marramarra Hornsby


Cook Parishes

- Bilpin
- Burralow
- Colo
- Currency
- Irvine
- Kurrajong
- Meehan
- Merroo
- Nepean
- Wheeny
- Wilberforce
- Wollemi

Northumberland Parishes

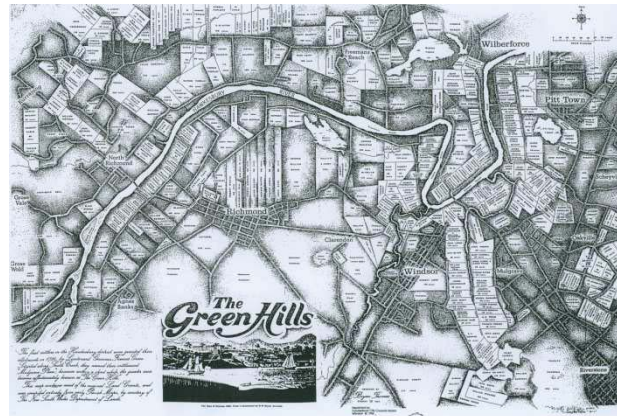
- Auburn
- Lockyer
- St Albans
- Wallambine

To locate past and subsequent owners of a piece of land, further information must be obtained from the Land Titles Office.



Researching a property

To research the history of a piece of land, check the Fact Sheet titled **Land: researching land titles**. More Land and Property Information (LPI) records are now available electronically with many more becoming available. The State Library of NSW and State Records have special kiosks where certain records can be consulted. Some records may still have to be consulted at their office in Queens Square, Sydney.



Green Hills drawn from original sources showing some of the original land grants in the area. Copies are available for sale at Hawkesbury Library Service and Hawkesbury regional Museum.

Other maps

A range of other maps are kept including Council planning maps, environment and geographical maps.

Topographical and contour maps.

Topographical maps show the topography which looks at the shape and contours of the landscape and features such as rivers, creeks, hills etc.

Place names - Hawkesbury district

Did you know that Glossodia was once called Currency Creek, North Richmond was previously Enfield? Unfortunately, the meanings of place names have not always been recorded in the past. Property names or local names have been used on official documents and maps but the mean and exact location is difficult to confirm. Newspapers, maps and electoral rolls can be inspected, also reading through some of the books published on the local area. Useful resources include:

Hawkesbury People & Places website <http://www.hawkesbury.org/>

Placenames of the greater Hawkesbury Region / POWELL RL919.442 POW

Municipality of Windsor - origins of names, parks and features / BOWD RL919.441 BOW

Early days of Windsor / STEELE RL994.4102 STE

Other collections

State Library of NSW www.sl.nsw.gov.au

National Library of Australia www.nla.gov.au

State Records of NSW www.records.nsw.gov.au

National Archives of Australia www.naa.gov.au

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