

## Kerang Timeline 1836 - 1982

DATE	INFORMATION
1836	Major MITCHELL camped and named Mount Kerang (?Aboriginal word "Kewang" meaning moon - other Kerang towns in Asia). Area known as District of Swan Hill in the Port Phillip Settlement of NSW.
1843	First Northern Station established at Duck Swamp (later Durham Ox) by Edward ARGYLE
1845	Reedy Lake Station established by Robert Tertius CAMPBELL & George Campbell CURLEWIS
1846	BEVERIDGE BROS passed through area to settle at Tyntynder (north of Swan Hill)
1846	Tragowel Station established (south of current Kerang) by Edward BRADSHAW
1848	Loddon Inn' licensed at Upper Kerang by ex-sailor Richard BEYES. (Natural crossing of Loddon River)
1849	'Bridge Store' opened by Edmund HILL at Upper Kerang (Old Kerang)
1851	Gold discovered at Bendigo
1853-4	Thomas FARMER bought both store and hotel at Upper Kerang
1854	Fortnightly delivery of mail between Serpentine and Swan Hill by William DEAKIN & Arthur BILL
	Saddlery opened at Upper Kerang by A D FRASER
1856	First Church (Wesleyan) built at Upper Kerang by George ADAMS Senr for Mrs LITTLETON and Mr A D FRASER (saddler)
1857	Woodford John Williams PATCHELL arrives in the district. Takes over 'Bridge Store', eventually shifting down river 2½ miles because of a land dispute with Thomas FARMER
1859	W J W PATCHELL builds first store in New Kerang (now Nolan Street)
1859	COBB & Co takes over transportation & communication of the district - a twice weekly service between Sandhurst & Swan Hill (Sandhurst known as Bendigo before 1855 and after 1891)
1860	Reedy Lake Station split into seven separate stations - Bael Bael, Lake Boga, Lake Meran, Long Lake, Pental Island, Quambatook and Reedy Lake whilst owned by C E EBDEN & S KEEN.
1860	BURKE & WILLS and party camp at Tragowel station, whilst owned by John HOLLOWAY
1861	Kerang proclaimed a Township. First form of local Government was under the name of The Swan Hill District Roads Board, although based at Kerang. First members were Peter BEVERIDGE (Chairman), Henry RAINS & Robert TAYLOR, all of Swan Hill
1862	Kerang Cemetery established at the north end of Westblade Avenue. Earliest grave 11 Jan 1863. Lawn cemetery established by Cemetery Trust 1976.
1862	Kerang Post Office established temporarily in several locations
1863	Rate-book for Swan Hill Roads Board begins
1863	First bridge built over the Loddon River at present site by W J W PATCHELL. Replaced 1885
1864-5	Kerang Hotel opened by W J W PATCHELL on cnr of Nolan & Wellington Sts. Still licensed 2013. Burnt down Sept 2013
1865	W J W PATCHELL became the first irrigator in the area. Experimented and succeeded with crops of barley, millet, oats, maize, cotton, beet, tobacco & sugar cane
1866	John SCANTLETON obtains license for Kangaroo Inn at Lake Charm (14 miles north of Kerang) which becomes a COBB & Co stop. (Delicensed 1921)
1870	THE GREAT FLOOD, an inland sea from Sandhurst to Swan Hill, caused by 27½ inches of rain
1871	District gazetted a shire - known as Shire of Swan Hill, though still based at Kerang
1871	Constable Patrick O'DONNELL - first Police Officer appointed to district
1871	Mr John MCGILLIVRAY begins a school in a bark hut in Nolan street
1872-3	Shire of Swan Hill divided into three Ridings - East Loddon, West Loddon & Lower Murray
1873	George ADAMS & SONS commence business in Scoresby Street as builders and eventually as Undertakers. Built Commercial Hotel for Henry TAVERNER. (still licensed 2014)
1874	First Shire hall built cnr Nolan & Wyndham Sts by George ADAMS Senr

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- 1874 Land & Survey Office opened cnr Wellington & Fitzroy Sts. Shire Hall Hotel opened in Nolan street. (Delicensed 1922)
- 1874 First part of State School No 1410 built by George ADAMS in Victoria St. Brick building built 1881
  
- 1874 PAY'S Store opens in Victoria St
- 1875 First Shire Council elected by rate-payers. President Henry TAVERNER, Secretary Charles E ALBRECHT
  
- 1875 Farmers' Arms (later Gilbert Club Hotel) opened southern side Wellington St. Still licensed 2007. Burnt down 14 March 2009.
- 1875 Bank of Victoria established cnr Wyndham & Fitzroy Sts
- 1875 Kerang Turf Club formed
- 1875 Police Station built cnr Burgoyne & Shadforth Sts. Shifted to Albert Street 1968
- 1875 The Wesleyan Church shifted from Upper Kerang to cnr Vaughan & Fitzroy Sts
- 1876 Buildings moved from Upper Kerang to New Kerang
- 1877 First brick kiln built by J W J PATCHELL near cemetery
- 1877 First newspaper started by Wm John DVAEY. Named 'The Kerang Times & Swan Hill Gazette'. Later 'The Kerang Times' (see 1901)
- 1877 Stock sales operational in Kerang. Yards built cnr Nolan & Scoresby Sts
- 1877 National Bank established cnr Scoresby & Victoria Sts
- 1878 David HAWTHORNE opens his first store cnr Victoria & Wellington Sts. Second store, brick & two storied built in 1885 and burnt 1947. Third store burnt down July 1969. Became a Target store 2002.
  
- 1878 First Baptist Church built cnr Fitzroy & Scoresby Sts
- 1879 First Church of England Church built in Burgoyne Street. Moved to cnr Victoria & Wyndham Sts 1900
  
- 1880 Mechanics' Institute built in Fitzroy St. Became the Regent Picture Theatre 1937-1966
- 1880 E S & A Bank built cnr Wellington & Fitzroy Sts
- 1883 First brick water tower built cnr Wellington & Shadforth Sts by Mr EDWARDS
- 1884 Kerang Railway station opened 24th October by several politicians, the Shire President Cr J CULLEN Jnr and Shire Secretary Mr T WESCOTT. To Swan Hill by 1890.
- 1884 Royal Hotel built for Mr Patrick O'DONNELL, cnr Victoria & Scoresby Sts. Still licensed 2014
- 1884 Exchange Hotel built Wellington St for TAVERNER. Still licensed 2014
- 1884 Kerang Fire Brigade formed
- 1884 Kerang Masonic Lodge No 2122 constituted 11th September. Later No 100
- 1885 'Kerang Observer' founded by W J DAVEY. Last issue 1928
- 1885 First Roman Catholic Church built cnr Nolan & Wattle Sts. (Parish of Pyramid)
- 1885 Kerang Agricultural Society formed
- 1885 Shire of Gordon formed from southern part of Shire of Swan Hill
- 1885 Kerang Football Club formed
- 1886 Commercial Hotel (No 2) built for CADUSCH cnr Victoria & Wellington Sts.
- 1886 Kerang Post Office built Victoria St. Brick building still used as Post office 2014
- 1889 Tramways Trust opens Kerang to Koondrook tramline on 19th July. Last goods tram 1967.
- 1889 Glenarm Private Hospital built cnr Shadforth & Wattle Sts. Later Kerang Bush Hospital 1937-1954. Became Northaven Baptist Home for the Aged 1960. New building 1983.
- 1890 Mildura Shire proclaimed, severing Nth-west portion of Lower Murray Riding, of the Shire of Swan Hill
  
- 1892 St Andrews Presbyterian Church built in Victoria St
- 1893 Swan Hill area seceded from the Shire of Swan Hill to become the Shire of Castle Donnington, based at Swan Hill

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- 1894 Swan Hill Shire (Kerang) re-subdivided into 4 Ridings - North-east, South-east, North-west, South-west
- 1898 Shire of Swan Hill changes its name to the more logical one of The Shire of Kerang.
- 1901 George ADAMS acquires 'The Kerang Times'. He amalgamates with 'The Kerang Observer' and calls the paper 'The Kerang New Times'. This name remained until 1971 when the local paper became 'The Northern Times'. Remains in 2014
- 1902 Alexandra Park established. Named after Queen Alexandra of Britain
- 1904 Opening of Koondrook/Barham bridge over the Murray River on 8th October
- 1905 Electric Light to Kerang by a private company of Bendigo. Street lighting from sundown to 1am with 200 installations. Power House built Fitzroy Street 1912
- 1905 Kerang Co-operative Butter Factory commences business. Closed c1950
- 1906 Water Commission of Victoria took over all Water Trusts in Kerang area
- 1908 Telephone service began in Kerang
- 1909 Laanecoorie Weir breaks and floods Kerang township
- 1912 St Joseph's Roman Catholic School opened in Nolan street
- 1912 New Court House built in Victoria Street. (Old Court house 1877)
- 1914 984 World War 1 enlistments from Shire of Kerang
- 1917 Local Authority took over electricity supplies with new Power House built cnr Shadforth St & Murray Valley Highway. DC to AC 1936. State Electricity Commission covers Kerang 1961. (1958 Quambatook area, 1965 Lake Charm area).
- 1919 Kerang High School proclaimed in Murray Street
- 1926 Kerang Memorial Chambers built Victoria Street. Opened by Lord SOMERS
- 1927 Miss Karlie McDONALD drowned in Loddon River swimming pool, whilst saving a Kerang High School pupil. Town clock built 1933 as a memorial for her.
- 1927 Third bridge built over the Loddon River at Kerang by Country Roads Board of Victoria.
- 1932 Kerang Sewerage Authority constituted and finally implemented 1938
- 1935 Kerang gained 11 miles of concrete footpaths
- 1940 Municipal Sale Yards opened south-east of Wellington St railway crossing at cost of £11,000. Opened by Hon Norman MARTIN M.L.A.
- 1946 Duke and Duchess of Gloucester visit Kerang 15th November
- 1948 Memorial Community Centre built in Nolan Street (Kerang Town Hall) in memory of 1,151 enlistments for World War 2 from the Shire of Kerang.
- 1948 John Grey GORTON, Councillor for North-west Riding of Shire of Kerang. Became a member of the Federal Senate 1949 and Prime Minister of Australia Dec 1968 to 1971. died Sydney 19 May 2002.
- 1953 Township of Kerang becomes the 5th Riding of The Shire of Kerang
- 1954 New Kerang & District Hospital built in Burgoyne Street  
Television signal available in Kerang
- 1966 Kerang Borough formed from 5th Riding. Ended 1995 when Shire of Gannawarra formed
- 1967 Kerang South Primary School commenced to cover the southern part of the town
- 1969 Kerang Historical Society formed in old home of SHELDON family in Riverwood Drive
- 1979 Glenarm Nursing Home built north of Kerang Hospital in Burgoyne Street
- 1982 Kerang & District Family History Group formed. First President Margaret MURPHY, Secretary Pat GILLINGHAM, Treasurer Audrey WOOD.