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Image: Trowbridge Butchers' cutting carts c1913

About the Town of Victoria Park

The Town of Victoria Park is a local government area situated immediately to the south east of the Perth CBD. It is an inner-city residential area, known for its dynamic and vibrant community, and thriving café and retail strip down Albany Highway.

The Victoria Park local government area was established in 1894, but in 1917 was absorbed into the Perth City Council. However, in 1994 that authority was restructured into four autonomous councils and Victoria Park again became an independent municipality and has closely resumed its original boundaries.

The Town is made up of the suburbs of Victoria Park, East Victoria Park, Lathlain, Carlisle and Burswood as well as sections of suburbs from: Kensington, Welshpool, Bentley and St. James.

As at January 2016, the Town is governed by Mayor Trevor Vaughan, and Councillors: Claire Anderson, Keith Hayes, Julian Jacobs, Mark Windram (Banksia Ward), Jennifer Ammons-Noble, Vince Maxwell, Brian Oliver (Deputy Mayor) and Vicki Potter (Jarrah Ward).

It may be noticed that there are some references to nearby places beyond the geographic boundary of the Town of Victoria Park. These, particularly those relating to schools and churches, are included because they have been significant to a substantial number of the area's residents.

| Year | Date | Item & Reference |
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| 35,000BC | | Evidence of Aboriginal presence on the Perth Coastal Plain. Victoria Park in Beeloo Munday's territory. The fording site near the present day Causeway was known as Matta Gerup (knee deep). [MG2 – p.1, TG1 – p.49] |
| 1697 | Jan 3 | Gerrit Colaert, leading a land party from Willem de Vlamingh's expedition, camped near Claise Brook and explored the nearby mud flats of the Causeway area. [TP2 – p.33] |
| 1697 | Jan 11 | Vlamingh explored the Swan River and crossed the Causeway mud flats. [TP2 – p.38] |
| 1801 | Jun | The French explorer Commodore Baudin investigated the Swan River and named the Causeway mud flats and islets after Francois-Antoine Boniface Heirisson, one of the expedition leaders. [DT2 – p.1, TB1 – p.52, TP1 – p.3] |
| 1827 | Mar | Stirling explored the Swan River to the junction with Ellen Brook passing through the Heirisson Islets and mud flats. [TC3 – p.18] |
| 1829 | Sep | 1000 acres of land (Swan Loc. 35) opposite Claisebrook granted to Henry Camfield. He named it Burrswood [sic] after his family's home in Kent. [TC2 – p.206, NP – Dec 1967 p.2, NV – Apr 1997 p.3] |
| 1830 | Jul | 5320 acres of land in the vicinity of East Victoria Park, Welshpool and Queens Park (Canning Loc.2) granted to James McDermott. [MG – 1p.4, MG2 – p.1] |
| 1831 | | 972 acres of land in the vicinity of Victoria Park (Swan Loc. 36) granted to John Butler. [MG1 – p.25, MG2 – p.1] |
| 1831 | Mar 24 | John Crane & Co. won tender for construction of the Burswood Canal to facilitate transport on the Swan River. Total cost £1500. [DH2, TT1 – p.18] |
| 1831 | Aug 5 | Burswood Canal, measuring 4,255 yards, completed. [TT1 – p.19] |
| 1834 | Dec 19 | A skirmish between Aborigines from the Perth area and those from the Hills occurred on the Causeway mud flats and western slope of Victoria Park. No serious injuries were reported. [NG – 20 Dec 1834 p.410] |
| 1840s | | The second 'r' in Burrswood dropped in this period. [NV Apr 1997, p.3] |
| 1840 | Nov 2 | First piles driven for the Perth Bridge and Causeway. [DT2, p.3] |

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| 1843 | May | Completion of the first Causeway as a toll way. John Crane was the first toll keeper. [NB 5 Dec 1930-S, MM2, p.3] |
| 1850 | Dec 10 | Swan Loc.36 No. 586, transferred to Anne Butler, widow of the original owner and the first woman landowner in the area. [Land title] |
| 1862 | Jun | Original Causeway destroyed by a series of big floods, Lieutenant Oliver and his horse drowned while attempting to ford the nearby mud flats. [NB 10 Jan 1930, p.2] |
| 1864 | | Start of staged reconstruction of the Causeway using convict labour. [MM2, p.3] |
| 1867 | Nov 12 | Second Causeway, involving three bridges, opened by Governor Hampton. John Stephen Maley rode his horse over the Causeway ahead of the official party. [NE 20 Jan 1966, p.2, DT2, p.6, TT1, p.22] |
| 1870 | | Completion of convict-constructed jarrah log approach roads to the Causeway. [NV Jul 1997, p.8] |
| 1887 | | Naming of the Victoria Park area. Probably associated with Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. [NE 25 Jan 1962, p.1] |
| 1891 | Jun 13 | Advertisement for Victoria Park Estate. ¼ acre blocks to be sold by auction. [NW 13 Jun 1891, p.4] |
| 1892 | Sep 25 | Railway laid in the vicinity of Victoria Park station. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1893 | May 2 | Perth to Pinjarra railway opened for traffic. Kelmscott was the first station between East Perth and Armadale. [NE 22 Feb 1962, p.4] |
| 1894 | May 17 | Gazetted designation and definition of the Victoria Park district by the Department of Lands and Surveys. [GG 1894, p.476] |
| 1894 | May 30 | Mr H.F. Johnston appointed 'to do the acts and things required to be done in and about the settling of Electoral Lists for the Victoria Park Roads Board District.' [GG 1894, p.514] |
| 1894 | Jul 1 | Opening of the Victoria Park (Cargill Street) State School. Miss E. Julius was the first teacher. [ND 1 Sep 1949, p.2, NE 25 Sep 1969, p.1] |
| 1894 | Jul 9 | Election of members for the inaugural Victoria Park Roads Board at the Mission Room, South Perth. H.F. Johnston Returning Officer. [GG 1894, p.539] |
| 1895 | | Western Australia's first golf course established on Burswood Island. [MG1, p.6] |

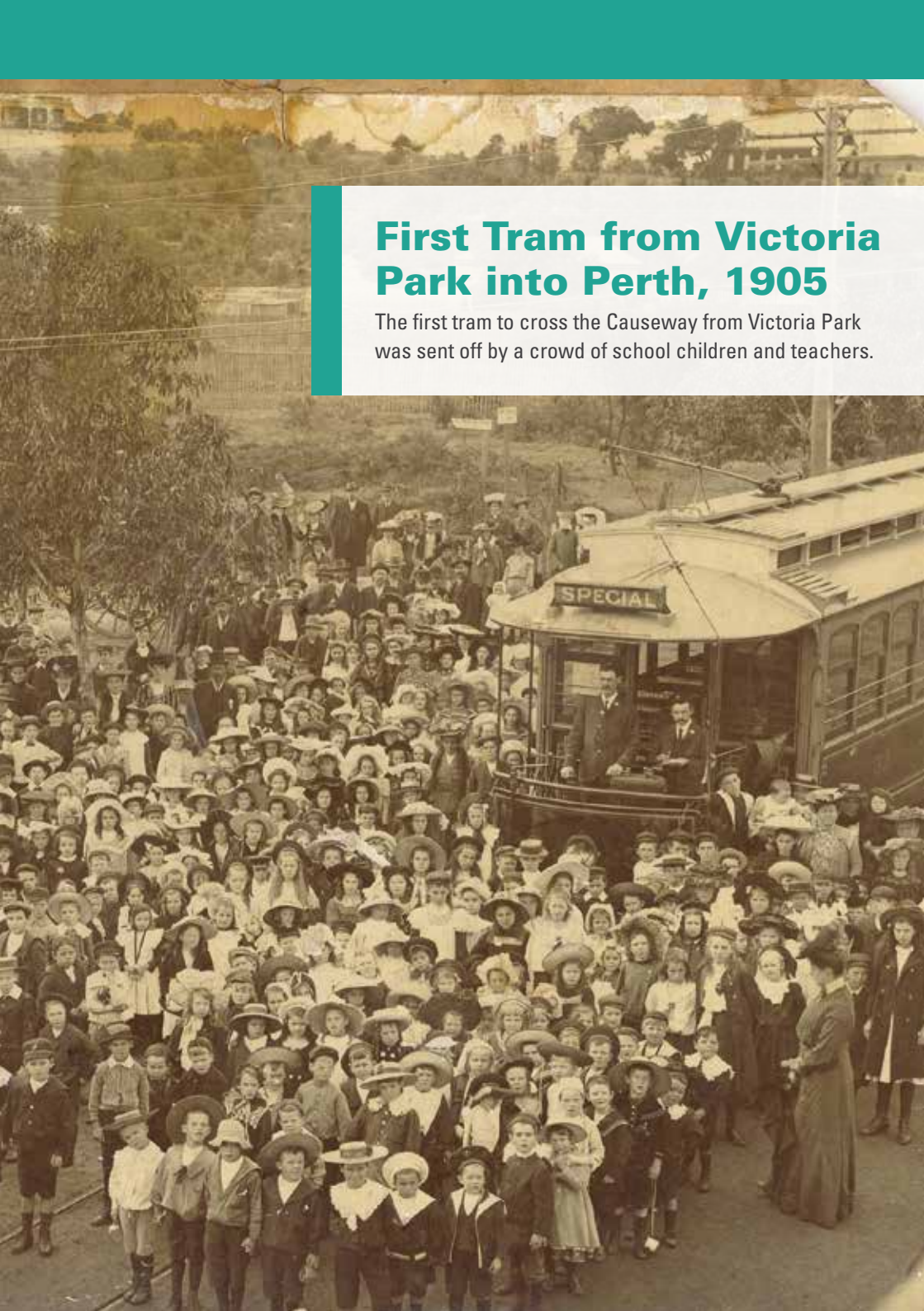
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| 1895 | Feb 1 | Department of Public Works allocation of road funds including a £150 ordinary grant and £250 for specific grants to Victoria Park to be spent before 30 Jun 1895. [GG 1895, p.204-205] |
| 1895 | Oct 4 | Department of Public Works allocation of road funds, including a £150 ordinary grant and £400 for specific grants to Victoria Park, to be spent before 30 Jun 1896. [GG 1895, p.1567] |
| 1895 | Oct 11 | Notification of the incorporation of the Victoria Park Omnibus Company Limited. [GG 1895, p.1725] |
| 1895 | Dec | Additional classroom at a cost of £230 added to the Cargill Street State School. [NE 25 Sep 1969, p.1] |
| 1895 | Dec 19 | Foundation stone of the Victoria Park Anglican Church of the Transfiguration in Surbiton (Harvey) Street laid by Bishop Riley. [DT3, p.1] |
| 1896 | May 7 | Publican's general licence granted to J.J. Byrnes for Victoria Park Hotel at corner of Albany Road and State Street. [TT1, p.48] |
| 1896 | Jul 15 | Victoria Park brought under the provisions of the 1895 Public Health Act - Amendment Act. Appointment of Revd D.J. Garland, E.H. Myerson, A.F. Smith, E.H. Houghton, J.H. Harvey and C. McDonald to Victoria Park Local Board of Health. [MJ1, p.4, GG 1896, p.1152] |
| 1896 | Jul 17 | Victoria Park Omnibus Company Limited will be wound up. [GG 1896, p.1302] |
| 1896 | Aug 9 | Consecration of the Victoria Park Anglican Church of the Transfiguration. [NC 8 Mar 1935, p.1, NE 25 Jan 1962, p.1] |
| 1896 | Nov 27 | Notification of changes to the defined area of the Victoria Park district in lieu of that notified in May 1894. [GG 1896, p.2199] |
| 1897 | | Opening of the Bickford Estate (Carlisle). [MG1, p.10] |
| 1897 | Mar 12 | Dr Cuthbert (health officer) and Mr Henderson (secretary and inspector) were appointed to the Victoria Park Local Board of Health. [GG 1897, p.477] |
| 1897 | Apr 16 | Publication of Victoria Park Roads Board balance sheets. For year ending 31 Dec 1895 turnover £1147.14.3, including £131.7.4 rates outstanding. For year ending 31 Dec 1896 turnover £1676.5.4, including £149.14.3 rates outstanding. [GG 1897, p.722] |

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| 1897 | Apr 30 | Proclamation, dated 28 Apr 1897, that the Victoria Park district qualified as a municipality. Area 4,198 acres, 350 dwellings, population 1,197. [GG 1897, p.787-88, TT1, p.28] |
| 1897 | May 14 | E. Houghton appointed to prepare the electoral lists and W.J. Kuhn to be the returning officer for an election on 19 Jun 1897 for a chairman, six councillors and two auditors for the Victoria Park Municipality. [GG 1897, p.894] |
| 1897 | Jul 1 | First timetable mention of Welshpool railway station. [DW2] |
| 1897 | Sep 3 | F. Bell and J.P. Dagnell were elected as valuers for the municipality. [GG 1897, p.1805] |
| 1897 | Nov 1 | Police presence established in rented accommodation. [MC1, p.10] |
| 1897 | Nov 19 | Publication of balance sheet for the year ending 31 Oct 1897, turnover of £772.9.6. [GG 1897, p.2539] |
| 1898 | | Estimated Victoria Park population: 660 males and 615 females, 350 dwellings. [MJ1, p.4] |
| 1898 | | Construction commenced on the Victoria Park Town Hall. [NE 1 Sep 1955, p.3] |
| 1898 | Jan 28 | Victoria Park, having a population over 1000 and under 5000, is entitled to the title of municipality and 'style of Mayor and nine Councillors'. [GG 1898, p.175] |
| 1898 | Apr 11 | First timetable mention of Victoria Park railway station. [DW2] |
| 1898 | Apr 15 | W. Carse (J.U. Walton resigned), was elected as auditor to the Victoria Park Municipality. [GG 1898, p.916] |
| 1898 | May 27 | Appointment of C.W. Kent (town clerk) as secretary and inspector for the Victoria Park District Local Board of Health. [GG 1898, p.1461] |
| 1898 | Aug 12 | Definition and description of the Victoria Park Municipality boundaries, cancelling those previously described. [GG 1898, p.2326] |
| 1898 | Nov 18 | Presentation of municipal balance sheet for the year ending 31 Oct 1898, turnover of £2756.15.8. [GG 1898, p.3384] |
| 1898 | Dec 11 | Paddle steamer Duchess commenced a regular ferry service between Perth and South Perth. [NA 21 Jan 1927, p.4] |

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| 1899 | | Establishment of Victoria Park Catholic parish. [NE 15 Nov 1936, p.3] |
| 1899 | | Construction of Broken Hill Hotel. [MG1, p.25] |
| 1899 | | Establishment of Burswood Racecourse. [MG1, p.6] |
| 1899 | | Causeway widened and a footpath installed. [DT2, p.6] |
| 1899 | Jan 30 | Sisters of Mercy opened St Joachim's School with 35 pupils. By 8 February there were 60 pupils. [TT1, p.55] |
| 1899 | Jun 3 | Foundation stone for the original Victoria Park Town Hall laid by the mayoress Mrs A.C. Russell. It is now located in the lobby of the Town's administration building. [NB 5 Dec 1930-S, NE 8 Feb 1962, p.3, NV May 1999, p.4, NWM 9 Jun 1899, pp.35-37] |
| 1899 | Jun 23 | Proposed that the Victoria Park Municipality raise a loan of £3,500, payable on 1 Sep 1914 at an interest rate of £6.0.0 per centum per annum. All money for road works. [GG 1899, p.1844] |
| 1899 | Sep 23 | Report of opening of the Victoria Park Town Hall and planting of a commemorative tree by the mayoress. [NWM 23 Sep 1899, p.37] |
| 1899 | Oct 13 | B.F. Cragen and F.H. Robertson appointed as valuers to the Victoria Park Municipality for the ensuing year. [GG 1899, p.3349] |
| 1899 | Dec 1 | Municipal balance sheet for the year ending 31 Oct 1899. Receipts £3,152.17.3. [GG 1899, p.3821] |
| 1899 | Dec 3 | St Joachim's church and convent opened. [TT1, p.54] |
| 1900 | Feb 22 | Census of Victoria Park. Population 1275 (660 male, 615 female). Annual value of property £21,627 5.0. [NI 25 Jan 1901, p.15] |
| 1900 | Apr 27 | Notification of extension of municipal boundaries. [GG 1900, p.1385] |
| 1900 | Oct 19 | R.G. Jennings and F.J. Mackay were appointed as valuers for the municipality for the ensuing year. [GG 1900, p.3851] |
| 1900 | Nov 11 | Municipal balance sheet for the year ending 31 Oct 1900, turnover £3,179.9.10. [GG 1900, p.4189] |
| 1901 | Mar 31 | Census. Victoria Park: 1267 persons, 285 occupied dwellings. [GF, p.95] |

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| 1901 | May | Establishment of the Victoria Park Library (Inc.). W.B. Gordon MLA, president, Mr Lennox Storey, secretary. [NC 29 Nov 1935, p.1, 3 Dec 1953, p.4] |
| 1901 | Oct 4 | Proposal dated 4 Oct 1901 for council to raise a loan of £12,000 by debentures, for the construction of a tramway. [GG 1901, p.4057] |
| 1901 | Nov 8 | Municipal balance sheet for the year ending 31 Oct 1901. Receipts £2,632.2.1. [GG 1901, p.4472] |
| 1902 | | Post office in a building leased from Mr George Fairbrother. [MC1, p.27] |
| 1902 | | The name of the Burswood race course changed to Belmont Park. [MG1, p.6] |
| 1902 | May 16 | Appointment of Dr R.P. Brown (Dr A.E. Randell resigned), as health officer to the Local Board of Health. [GG 1902, p.2184] |
| 1902 | May 23 | Appointment of H. Rowley as analyst to the Local Board of Health. [GG 1902, p.2296] |
| 1902 | Dec 19 | Compliance of Victoria Park municipal building by-laws in accordance with Municipal Institutions Act 1900. [GG 1902, pp.4590-96] |
| 1902 | Dec 26 | Compliance of Victoria Park Local Board of Health by-laws in accordance with state model. [GG 1902, pp.4638-40] |
| 1903 | | Estimated Victoria Park population 1,400, of which 723 were males. [MJ1 Sep 1994, p.4] |
| 1903 | Jan 2 | E.F. Waterhouse elected as auditor. [GG 1903, p.2] |
| 1903 | Feb | Racecourse Platform railway station renamed Belmont Park Racecourse. [DW2] |
| 1903 | Feb.27 | Lot. 189 Colombo Street to be a public pound. G.E. Johnston Jnr appointed pound keeper. [GG 1902, p.522] |
| 1903 | May 29 | R.H. Duence (C.W. Kent resigned) appointed secretary/inspector of Local Board of Health. [GG 1903, p.1383] |
| 1903 | Jun 12 | Notification by auditors of wrongful use of rate receipts and 44 missing receipt book counterfoils. [GG 1903, p.1552] |
| 1904 | | Victoria Park Fire Brigade established prior to 1904. [DF1] |



First Tram from Victoria Park into Perth, 1905

The first tram to cross the Causeway from Victoria Park was sent off by a crowd of school children and teachers.

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| 1904 | Jan 1 | Municipal balance sheet for the year ending 31 Oct 1903. Turnover £2.778.12.11. [GG 1904, pp.38-39] |
| 1904 | Jan 1 | Auditor's report on alleged unaccounted receipt of £61.3.10 by the late shire clerk during 1902. [GG 1904, p.39] |
| 1904 | Feb 12 | Dr A.E Randell (Dr R.P. Brown resigned) was appointed health officer to Local Board of Health. [GG 1904, p.514] |
| 1904 | 23 Jul | Tenders of Tighe & O'Shea for strengthening the Causeway for a public tramway had been accepted by Public Works Department. [NW 23 Jul 1904, p.6] |
| 1904 | Sep 2 | Application by council for a provisional order to construct an electric tramway across the Causeway and along Albany Road to Mint Street. [GG 1904, p.2396] |
| 1904 | Sep 30 | Ratepayers' petition to divide the municipality into three wards. [GG 1904, p.2550] |
| 1904 | Oct 10 | Council proposal to raise £5,300 by sale of debentures at 5%, for construction of a tramway across the Causeway and into Victoria Park to Mint Street. [GG 1904, p.2662] |
| 1904 | Dec 2 | Municipal balance sheet for the year ending 31 Oct 1904. Receipts £3,451.2.0. [GG 1904, pp.3050-51] |
| 1904 | Dec 6 | Empowerment of the Victoria Park Municipal Council to proceed with construction of the proposed tramway. [GG 1904, pp.3110-11] |
| 1904 | Dec 22 | Proclamation that, in response to the petition, the Municipality of Victoria Park be divided into East, Central and West Wards, each with three councillors. [GG 1905, p.186] |
| 1905 | Feb 3 | D. Bird is appointed ranger for the municipality. [GG 1905, p.294] |
| 1905 | May 4 | Acceptance of a tender for £167 by J.G. Braunsdorf for additions to the Victoria Park School. [GG 1905, p.1176] |
| 1905 | Jul 5 | The first section of the tramway over the Causeway to the terminus at Albany Road and Rushton Street was opened. [NE 8 Feb 1962, p.3, MG1, p.13, MJ1 Sep 1994, p.4] |
| 1905 | Sep 28 | Tram line completed to Mint Street. [ND 4 Oct 1905, p.38] |

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| 1905 | Oct 4 | The first tramcar left Barrack Street at 12 noon for the full journey. [ND 4 Oct 1905, p.38] |
| 1905 | Nov 13 | Last official day of mayor and six councillors in old form of council. [GG 1905, p.3260] |
| 1905 | Dec 29 | Appointment of Dr H. Teague (Dr A.E. Randell resigned) as officer of health to the Local Board of Health. [GG 1905, p.3786] |
| 1906 | | Population of Victoria Park 1500. [NE 8 Feb 1962, p.3] |
| 1906 | Jan 19 | Notification of council's intention to lease the tramway of the Perth Electric Tramway Company Limited from the west end of the Causeway and through Victoria Park to Mint Street for seven years at an annual rent of £261.12.0. [GG 1906, p.113] |
| 1906 | Jul 13 | Notice of council's proposal to raise £4,000 by sale of debentures, at 5% per annum, for roadworks, sewerage, drainage and lamp posts. A further £1,300 to be raised for lighting. [GG 1906, p.2163] |
| 1906 | Dec 18 | Appointment of health inspector R.L. Millen and secretary F.J. Huelin to the Local Board of Health. [GG 1906, p.3680] |
| 1907 | | Electric lighting installed in Victoria Park Library (Inc.). [NC 29 Nov 1935, p.1] |
| 1908 | Mar 16 | Relocation of municipal pound from Colombo Street to Kingston Road. D. Bird to be pound keeper. [GG 1908, p.778] |
| 1908 | May 8 | Appointment of W.H. Crooks as Local Board of Health inspector. [GG 1908, p.1250] |
| 1908 | Jul 31 | Appointment of W. Wheeler as municipal ranger. [GG 1908, p.1987] |
| 1908 | | The golf club at Burswood shifted to South Perth. [MC1, p.28] |
| 1908 | | Unsuccessful petition to change the name of the Welshpool railway station to Canterbury. [MG1, p.29] |
| 1908 | Sep 29 | Opening of police station and quarters in Albany Road. Constable Lewis was the first occupant. [MC1, p.10] |
| 1909 | | Population of Victoria Park 1800. [NE 8 Feb 1962, p.3] |

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| 1909 | May 3 | Points installed in the South West Railway for a spur into James Hayden's machinery works. [DW2] |
| 1910 | | Victoria Park Fire Brigade taken over by West Australia Fire Brigades Board. [DF1] |
| 1910 | | Ray Read opened his chemist shop at 249 Albany Road. [MC1, p.20] |
| 1910 | | Construction of the Burswood sewage filter beds. [NA 10 Feb 1928, p.6] |
| 1911 | | Opening of Nurse Edith Cowling's maternity hospital at 2 Wakefield Street Carlisle (closed in 1939). [MG1, p.10] |
| 1911 | Jan 1 | Implementation of newly defined area of responsibility for the Victoria Park Fire Brigade. [GG 1991, p.1976] |
| 1911 | Mar 22 | Referendum question: 'are you in favour of the Victoria Park Municipality joining the Greater Perth scheme as propounded by the recent conference?' [GG 1911, p.1069] |
| 1911 | Apr 2 | Census. Victoria Park: 2267 persons, 546 occupied dwellings. [GK, p.437] |
| 1911 | Jun 30 | Notice of council's proposal to raise £5,000 for road works, sewerage, drainage and construction of an electric lighting plant. [GG 1911, p.2470] |
| 1911 | Jul 1 | Notice that under the provisions of the Public Works Act 1902, exclusive control and management of the entire Causeway be placed with the Victoria Park Municipality. Costs of maintenance and repairs to be borne equally by the Municipalities of Perth and Victoria Park. [GG 1911, p.2484] |
| 1911 | Jul 24 | Council passed by-law No. 51 pertaining to special rolls for persons entitled to vote on matters relating to raising loans for the municipality. [GG 1911, p.28] |
| 1911 | Sep 19 | Council passed regulations relating to flywire screens for the control of infectious diseases. [GG 1911, p.3990] |
| 1912 | | Mrs Elizabeth Baillie established the Rotunda Maternity Hospital on a site bordered by Hillview Terrace, Albany Highway and Baillie Street. She had previously operated the hospital in Albany Road between Oswald and Colombo Streets. [MG1, p.13, MV4] |

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| 1912 | | Formation of the Welshpool Mechanics Institute. [MG1, p.29] |
| 1912 | | Opening of the Victoria Park post office, on the corner of Cavendish (Duncan) Street and Albany Road. The building still stands. [MG1, p.25] |
| 1912 | | Goodwood racecourse established between the Belmont Park course and the old canal. [MG1, p.6] |
| 1912 | | Mrs Elizabeth Etheridge opened the first grocery shop in Victoria Park, at the corner of Colombo Street and Albany Road. [MC1, p.6] |
| 1912 | | Harry and Ernest Hearn establish a furniture manufacturing business in Victoria Park. [MC1, p.19] |
| 1912 | | Dulhi Gunyah orphanage opened. Owned and managed by Australian Aborigines Mission (Western Australian Branch). [TT1, p.106] |
| 1912 | Apr | Opening of Sidney Elliott's Red Castle Brewery. [MC1, p.13] |
| 1912 | May 21 | Council approval of regulations relating to advertising hoardings. [GG 1912, p.3822] |
| 1912 | Jul | Mint Street railway station opened. In October renamed East Victoria Park. In 1919 changed to Carlisle. [MG1, p.10, DW2] |
| 1913 | | Construction of the West Australia Fire Brigade Board station at the corner of Albany Road and Leonard Street. [DF1] |
| 1913 | | Opening of the Victoria Park Bowling Club. [MG1, p.25] |
| 1913 | Feb 21 | Council decision to sell the municipality's tramway system for £5,232. The funds, less £161.12.0 floatation expenses, to be used for roads, lighting, plant and appliances for the removal and treatment of night soil. [GG 1913, p.1348] |
| 1913 | Mar 19 | Petition received by Under Secretary for Public Works from East Ward ratepayers requesting a portion of that ward be severed from the municipality and annexed to the Belmont Park Road District. [GG 1913, p.1304] |
| 1913 | May 10 | Transfer of Victoria Park Library (Inc.) to new purpose-built premises in Albany Road (opposite Harper Street). [NC 29 Nov 1935, p.1, NE 3 Dec 1953, p.4] |

Church of the Transfiguration

The Victoria Park Anglican Church of the Transfiguration was built in Harvey Street c1896. In 1922 it was moved to Leonard Street, and remained in service until St Peter's was built on the site in 1935. The old church was demolished after the church memorial hall was built. Photo c1914.



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| 1914 | Apr 21 | Official opening of the East Victoria Park School as an infants' school, by the director of education Mr Cecil Andrews. Head teacher Mrs Margaret Ross. [TB2, p.10] |
| 1914 | Feb 20 | Notification of council's intention to borrow £7,500 to liquidate loan No.1, due 1 Sep 1914 and an electric light plant for the municipality. [GG 1914, p.434] |
| 1914 | May 5 | Appointment of Dr M. Cave as medical officer to the District Board of Health while Dr Teague absent on leave. [GG 1914, p.2091] |
| 1914 | Sep | Schooling started in the Welshpool Mechanics Institute Hall. [MG1, p.29] |
| 1915 | Apr 12 | Appointment of C. Vickery as municipal ranger. [GG 1915, p.1424] |
| 1915 | May 28 | Appointment of Dr Louis Gelle as medical officer to the District Board of Health in place of Dr Teague, who had enlisted in the armed forces. [GG 1915, p.1829, NW 20 May 1915, p.4] |
| 1915 | Jun 18 | Notification of council's intention to borrow £3,750 for road works, sewers and drainage. [GG 1915, p.1908] |
| 1915 | Aug 18 | Municipal public pound moved from Kingston Road to Short Street. W. Hodgkinson appointed pound keeper. [GG 1915, p.3009] |
| 1916 | | Dulhi Gonyah orphanage closed. [TT1, p.106] |
| 1916 | May 3 | Council adopts new model health laws. [GG 1916, p.1085] |
| 1916 | Jul 11 | Council proposal to borrow £1,000 for lamp posts. [GG 1916, p.1267, p.1645] |
| 1916 | Sep 19 | Council adoption of uniform by-laws relating to motor vehicle lighting. [GG 1917, p.344] |
| 1916 | Nov 22 | Victoria Park ratepayers agreed by referendum to amalgamate with Perth City Council to form Ward No. 8. [NE 8 Feb 1962, p.3] |
| 1917 | | Population of Victoria Park 5000. [NE 8 Feb 1962, p.3] |
| 1917 | 14 Feb | Dr Harold Teague, former medical officer, killed in action in France. [NW28 Feb 1917, p.6] |
| 1917 | May 5 | Appointment of Dr B. Yuille as medical officer (Dr Louis Gelle resigned), to the Local Board of Health. [GG 1917, p.790] |

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| 1917 | Aug 4 | Unveiling of Soldiers' Memorial on corner of Albany Highway & Harvey Street by Governor William Ellison-Macartney. [TT1, p.65, NS 24 Mar 2015, p.1] |
| 1917 | Aug 10 | Death of John Rushton, chairman of the Victoria Park Memorial committee. [Plaque, Memorial Park] |
| 1917 | Nov 18 | Victoria Park officially joined the Perth City Council. Mr Charles Harper the last mayor of the municipality. [NE 20 May 1954, p.1, MT2, p.12] |
| 1917 | Nov 19 | All by-laws and regulations of the Victoria Park Municipal Council repealed and replaced by those of the City of Perth. [GG 1918, p.14] |
| 1917 | Nov 28 | Perth City Council annual elections for mayor, one councillor for each existing ward (Central No.1, North No.2, South No.3, East No.4, West No.5, North Perth No.6, Leederville No.7) and three councillors for Victoria Park (Ward No.8) plus one auditor. [GG 1917, p.1659] |
| 1918 | | Many Victoria Park street names changed to avoid duplication within the Perth City Council. These often commemorated aspects of World War I (eg Gallipoli Street) and early councillors (eg Harper Street). [MC1, p.4] |
| 1918 | Jan 9 | Detailed description and definition of the new expanded Perth City Council. [GG 1918, pp.73-74] |
| 1919 | | Swan Portland cement works established at Burswood. [NP Vol.12 No.67, p.2] |
| 1919 | | Opening of the Carlisle Primary School. [MG1, p.10] |
| 1919 | | State government took over Rotunda Hospital for influenza patients. [MV4] |
| 1919 | May 11 | The name Carlisle adopted by a meeting of East Victoria Park ratepayers. Many preferred the name Bickford. [NE 22 Feb 1962, p.4] |
| 1919 | May 23 | Government railways announced that the East Victoria Park station was to be renamed Carlisle. [MG1, p.10] |
| 1920 | May 6 | Commonwealth government acquired the Rotunda Hospital as a repatriation annex and renamed it Edward Millen Home. It was used for treating ex-servicemen with tuberculosis. [DL2, p.1, MV4] |

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| 1920 | Jun 5 | Opening of the Bickford Soldiers' Memorial Hall by Governor Sir Francis Newdegate KCMG. [MS2] |
| 1920 | Oct | Peet and Co. open the Victoria Park Station Estate, selling ¼ acre of land for £30; £2 down and £1 per month. [NA 8 Jul 1927, p.8, MG1, p.20] |
| 1921 | | The Burswood area renamed Rivervale because of the odium attached to the nearby sewage ponds. [MG1, p.7] |
| 1921 | Jun | Belmont Park Racecourse station renamed Goodwood. [DW2] |
| 1922 | | The Association for the Blind purchased land between Sunbury Road and Kitchener Avenue. [MC1, p.22] |
| 1922 | | Anglican Church of the Transfiguration building moved from Harvey Street to Leonard Street. [DT1, p.3] |
| 1922 | | Establishment of Walkemeyer's Terminus Bakery. [NE 25 Mar 1954, p.2] |
| 1922 | | Opening of the Amusu Theatre and Gardens. [DW1, p.11] |
| 1922 | Sep 1 | Station masters appointed to Victoria Park, Carlisle and Welshpool. Mr F. Flood to Victoria Park. [DW2, Plaque in situ] |
| 1923 | | Fred White's Carlisle bus service established. [TT1, p.130] |
| 1923 | | National Bank commenced business in Victoria Park. [NB 22 Feb 1929, p.7] |
| 1923 | May 30 | Burswood railway station renamed Rivervale (see 1994). [DW2] |
| 1925 | Sep 24 | St Joachim's convent building dedicated by His Grace Dr Clune, archbishop of Perth. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1925 | | Mofflyn House, Methodist children's home, opened. [TT1, p.106] |
| 1926 | | Main Roads made responsible for Causeway maintenance. [MM2, p.3] |
| 1926 | | Funeral directors Mead and Son open their premises in Victoria Park. [MC1, p.7] |

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| 1926 | Dec | Victoria Park soccer team win the 1926 charity cup. [NA 21 Jan 1927, p.1] |
| 1927 | | Dr Thomas Meagher established a medical practice in Victoria Park. [TR1, pp.342-343] |
| 1927 | | Construction of the present-day Victoria Park Hotel. [MC1, p.11] |
| 1927 | | Establishment of the Carlisle Methodist Church. [NE 14 Jun 1956, p.1] |
| 1927 | | Opening of the Savoy Theatre. [DX1, p.20] |
| 1927 | | Non-official East Victoria Park post office established in Mr C. Edwards's shop at 849 Albany Road. [NE 30 Jul 1953, p.1] |
| 1927 | Feb 19 | Opening of the first baby clinic in Victoria Park. [NA 25 Feb 1927, p.1] |
| 1927 | Apr 9 | Opening of the Broadway Theatre. [NA 15 Apr 1927, p.1] |
| 1927 | Jul | East Victoria Park School enlarged to a full primary school with the infants in a separate building. [TB2, p.13] |
| 1928 | | Formation of the Women's Auxiliary of the Victoria Park RSL Sub Branch. [ND 8 Sep 1949, p.2] |
| 1928 | | Oliver Strang's motor vehicle business opened in Mackie Street. [MC1, p.16] |
| 1928 | | National Bank moved to new premises in Albany Road. [NB 22 Feb 1929, p.7] |
| 1928 | | Formation of the 3rd Victoria Park Girl Guides Company. [NE 6 Nov 1969, p.2] |
| 1928 | Jan | Borings completed to test the riverbed for the foundations of a proposed new Causeway. [NA 20 Jan 1928, p.6] |
| 1929 | | Forwood Down engineering company began operations in John Street Welshpool. [MG1, p.29] |
| 1929 | | Demolition of the first WA Fire Brigades Board fire station at the corner of Albany Road and Leonard Street and replacement with a new brick and tile structure. [DF1] |

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| 1929 | Jan | Formation of the Victoria Park Horticultural Society. Patron Mr A. Clydesdale, president Mr R.S. Sampson. [NB 25 Jan 1929, p.2] |
| 1929 | Feb | Release of land in St James Park residential estate. [NB 15 Feb 1929, p.3] |
| 1929 | Mar 4 | J.W. Bateman's drapery and clothing store commenced business at 410 Albany Road. [NB 1 Mar 1929, p.8] |
| 1929 | Mar 23 | Final performances by Miss Irene Stancliffe at the Savoy and Broadway theatres prior leaving for Welsh Eisteddfod. [NB 15 Mar 1929, p.7] |
| 1929 | Apr 19 | Opening of extensions to Hearn Bros and Stead furniture premises in Albany Road. [NB 19 Apr 1929, p.1] |
| 1929 | Apr 23 | Inaugural meeting of the Victoria Park Ratepayers' Association. Mr J.H. Harvey the prime mover. [NB 26 Apr 1929, p.1, MC1, p.19] |
| 1929 | May | Inaugural meeting of the East Victoria Park School Parents' and Citizens' Association. [NB 3 May 1929, p.7] |
| 1929 | Aug | Management of Broadway and Savoy theatres hold a plebiscite to ascertain public demand for talkie movies. [NB 2 Aug 1929, p.2] |
| 1929 | Aug | Advertised opening of Mr B. Harris's saddlery business at 240 Albany Road. [NB 23 Aug 1929, p.6] |
| 1929 | Aug 30 | Dedication of Presbyterian church/hall in Mint Street by the moderator, Right Reverend Arthur Torrens. [NB 6 Sep 1929, p.6] |
| 1929 | Sep | Advertised opening of St Andrew's garden suburb by Lands and Homes W.A. Ltd. £1 per month for 5 years. [NB 27 Sep 1929, p.8] |
| 1929 | Sep | Opening of a kindergarten at 34 Sussex Street under the supervision of Mrs Jessie Bridge. [NB 13 Sep 1929, p.5] |
| 1929 | Sep 20 | Advertised opening of W. Pope's butcher shop at 400 Albany Road. [NB 13 Sep 1929, p.1] |
| 1929 | Nov | Advertised opening of tearooms by Mrs W.M. Smith at the corner of Albany Road and Rushton Street. [NB 22 Nov 1929, p.8] |
| 1929 | Dec | Advertised opening of Mitchell's fruit and vegetable store at 417 Albany Road. [NB 20 Dec 1929, p.2] |

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| 1930 | | Inception of the Victoria Park Citizens' Band. [NE 3 Dec 1953, p.1] |
| 1930 | Jan | N.G. Bickford commenced a dental practice in Mint Street. [NB 17 Jan 1930, p.3] |
| 1930 | Jan | Victoria Park fire station took delivery of a new Dennis fire engine. [NB 24 Jan 1930, p.8] |
| 1930 | Jan 27 | First Victoria Park Gala Day, organized by local businesses to coincide with Foundation Day. [NB 23 May 1930, p.4] |
| 1930 | May | Authorities petitioned for permission to establish a hotel at the corner of Westminster Street and Albany Road. [NB 23 May 1930, p.4] |
| 1930 | Aug | Advertised opening of Saloon De Lux at 774 Albany Road for the Western Australian Wine Growers' Association. [NB 5 Dec 1930-S] |
| 1930 | Aug 14 | Collision between a train and a bus on the Rivervale level crossing. No one killed. Call for a subway. [NB 15 Aug 1930, p.1] |
| 1930 | Oct | Broadway and Savoy theatres convert to sound movies. [NB 3 Oct 1931, p.2] |
| 1930 | Dec 6 – 13 | Inaugural Victoria Park Christmas shopping week in an endeavour to stimulate business. [NB 5 Dec 1930-S] |
| 1932 | Dec 20 | Collision between a steam rail car and a truck on the Rivervale level crossing. [NC 23 Dec 1932, p.4] |
| 1932 | Jan | New Bunbury railway bridge completed and a proposal to use the old structure as a road bridge to take pressure off the Causeway. [NC 22 Jan 1932, p.2] |
| 1933 | | Formation of the 1st Victoria Park Boy Scout troop. [NE 25 Nov 1954, p.3] |
| 1933 | May | Widening of the Causeway bridges by 10 feet to a total of 37 feet (11.25metres) completed. Cost £23,000. [NC 13 Apr 1933, p.2, MM2, p.3] |
| 1933 | Jul | Commencement of Causeway dredging programme to form a central island and in the process reduce the mud flats and mosquito problem. [NC 28 Jul 1933, p.2] |
| 1933 | Nov | Authorization by Minister for Railways J.C. Wilcock to extend the tram system from Mint Street to Patricia Street. [NC 10 Nov 1933, p.1] |



Edward Millen Home c1919

The Edward Millen Home situated in Albany Highway began life as 'The Rotunda' maternity hospital built by Matron Elizabeth Baillie in 1912.

The building was used as an infectious diseases hospital, a sanatorium for WW1 soldiers and a convalescing hospital for injured soldiers during WWII. In 1924, the name was changed to Edward Millen Home after the first Defence Minister of Repatriation. In 1982 the West Australian Health Department took it over for the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry division. The building was handed to the Town of Victoria Park in 2006.

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| 1934 | Jan | Retirement of Victoria Park postmaster Mr H.G. Creagh. [NC 19 Jan 1934, p.1] |
| 1934 | Jan | Completion of the tramway extension from Mint Street to Patricia Street. [NW 3 Jan 1934, p.7, MG2, p.1, MJ1, p.4] |
| 1934 | | Closure of the Burswood sewage filtration ponds. [MC1, p.29] |
| 1934 | Sep 23 | St Joachim's Primary School opened by His Grace Archbishop Prendiville. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1935 | | Oliver Strang moved his business to 161 Albany Highway. [MC1, p.16] |
| 1935 | | Opening of the Holy Name Catholic parish and school in Carlisle. [MG1, p.10] |
| 1935 | Jan | Opening of a medical and surgical hospital in Gresham Street by Sisters Armstrong and Thornton. [NC 18 Jan 1935, p.4] |
| 1935 | Jan | Perth City Council raised a loan of £35,000 for the bitumen surfacing of many Victoria Park roads and footpaths. [NC 25 Jan 1935, p.1] |
| 1935 | Mar 3 | Acting Lord Mayor, Councillor P. Menzies, unveiled the foundation stone for the new St Peter's Anglican Church in Leonard Street. [NC 8 Mar 1935, p.1] |
| 1935 | Mar 24 | Foundation stone for the RSL's Victoria Park branch Memorial Hall in Salford Street unveiled by Mr Yeates, the state president. [NC 22 Mar 1935, p.1] |
| 1935 | May | Section of existing Victoria Park Library (Inc.) converted to an exclusive children's library, the first in Western Australia. [NC 17 May 1935, p.1] |
| 1935 | May | Recommencement of the Victoria Park Business Men's Association after being in recess during the Depression. [NC 24 May 1935, p.1] |
| 1935 | May 25 | Official opening of the Victoria Park RSL Memorial Hall. [NC 22 May 1936, p.4] |
| 1935 | Jun 23 | Consecration of St Peter's Anglican Church in Leonard Street by Dr Le Fanu, archbishop of Perth. Rev. K.D. Andrews Baxter the rector. Cost of construction £4,500. [NC 28 Jun 1935, p.2] |
| 1935 | Aug | Completion of the first stage of major extensions to the Victoria Park telephone exchange. Cost £3,000. [NC 16 Aug 1935, p.1] |

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| 1935 | Sep | Work commenced on duplicating the capacity of the Swan Portland cement works and shell dredging facilities at Rivervale. Estimated cost £90,000. [NC 31 May 1935, p.4, 20 Sep 1935, p.2] |
| 1936 | | Tom Nilan and John Crystal opened the Terminus Butchers. [MC1, p.9] |
| 1936 | Feb | Proposed closure of Welshpool railway crossing. Protests. [NC 14 Feb 1936, p.1] |
| 1936 | Feb 1 | Extensions to Victoria Park Library (Inc.) building, including a new reading room and a shop, officially opened by the Hon. H. Millington MLA. Cost £654 [NC 8 Nov 1935, p.1, 29 Nov 1935, p.1, 7 Feb 1936, p.1]. |
| 1936 | May | Completion of automatic exchange and trunk facilities at the Victoria Park telephone exchange. Cost £7,000. [NC 16 Aug 1935, p.1] |
| 1936 | Sep 7 | Millen Primary School commenced classes with 58 children. [DM1] |
| 1936 | Dec 4 | Official opening of Millen School by Mr James Klein, Director of Education. [DM1] |
| 1937 | Jan | Compulsory purchase of land for the extension of Berwick Street from Edward Millen Home to Boundary Road. [NC 22 Jan 1937, p.1] |
| 1938 | | Ken George Motor Cycles commenced business. [MC1, p.23] |
| 1938 | Feb | Opening of school attached to parish of Holy Name of Jesus by sisters from Victoria Park Convent. [TT1, p.104] |
| 1939 | | Dr Thomas Meagher appointed lord mayor of Perth City Council. Retired from office in 1945 and knighted in 1947. [TR1, pp.342-343] |
| 1940 | | Albany Road became Albany Highway. [TT1, p.141] |
| 1940 | | The Nomenclature Advisory Committee chose the name Bentley for the south east section of Victoria Park. [MG1, p.5] |
| 1940 | | First Clarke's Store opened by Syd Clarke. [TT1, p.136] |
| 1940 | Feb | First intake of 354 pupils into Kent Street High School. Mr James Wood headmaster. [TP3, p.5] |

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| 1940 | Sep | Lady Gowrie Child Centre opened by Lady Gowrie, wife of the governor-general. [NE 18 Oct 1956, p.1, TT1, p.117] |
| 1942 | Jul 22 | Private Arthur Stanley Gurney of Victoria Park posthumously awarded Victoria Cross for heroism in the Western Desert. [MC1, p.16] |
| 1942 | Sep 21 | Extension of tram service from Patricia Street to the Welshpool railway crossing for convenience of workers in the nearby munitions factory. [MG2, p.1] |
| 1943 | | Belmont Park and Goodwood racecourses bought by the WA Turf Club. Goodwood closed shortly after. [MG1, p.6] |
| 1944 | | State Housing Commission embarked on an extensive building programme in St James. [MG1, p.22] |
| 1947 | | Work commenced on new Causeway bridges. [MM2, p.2] |
| 1948 | Sep 3 | Formation of the Victoria Park Rotary Club. [MC1, p.22] |
| 1949 | | First batch of eleven tractors produced by the Chamberlain agricultural factory at Welshpool. [MG1, p.30] |
| 1949 | | Mr F.C. Blakeley appointed Victoria Park station master. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1949 | Sep 5 | Public meeting held in RSL hall to discuss repairs to the war memorial. [ND 1 Sep 1949, p.1] |
| 1949 | Dec | Perth City Council agrees to refurbish the interior of the Victoria Park Town Hall at a cost of £600. [ND 9 Dec 1949, p.1] |
| 1950 | | Mr S.L. Chopping appointed Victoria Park station master. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1950 | | Trams to Victoria Park replaced by a government bus service [MG1, p.13] |
| 1952 | | Opening of Bentley Primary School. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1952 | | Red Castle Brewery sold to the Swan Brewery and renamed the Stirling Brewery. [MC1, p.13] |
| 1952 | | First intake of fourth year (year 11) students into Kent Street High School. Mr Eric McGrath headmaster. [TP3, p.33] |

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| 1952 | Sep 19 | Official opening of the third Causeway by the Premier D.R. McLarty. Cost £1,752,000 (\$3,504,000). [MG1, p.14, DT2, p.8, MM2, p.2] |
| 1953 | | Installation of flashing lights on the Oats Street railway crossing. [NE 21 May 1953, p.2] |
| 1953 | Jul | Official opening of the East Victoria Park post office by Senator Shane Paltridge. [NE 30 Jul 1953, p.1] |
| 1953 | Jul | Perth City Council raises a £150,000 loan for major road works throughout the suburbs. £48,380 for Victoria Park. [NE 16 Jul 1953, p.1] |
| 1953 | Aug 9 | Start of Carlisle Youth Centre at the Carlisle Primary School. After hours classes, dancing and refreshments. [NE 12 Nov 1953, p.4, 19 Nov 1953, p.1] |
| 1953 | Sep. | Citizens' Progress Association formed in Victoria Park. Patron Harry Hearn, MLC, president Mr F.M. Turton. [NE 10 Sep 1953, p.1] |
| 1953 | Oct 5 | Meeting to discuss refurbishment of the Victoria Park War Memorial. Debate over responsibility. Perth City Council willing to help on £ for £ basis. [NE 24 Sep 1953, p.1] |
| 1953 | Sep | Preparation of plans for new St Joachim's Catholic church. [NE 24 Sep 1953, p.4] |
| 1953 | Oct 10 | Foundation plaque laid for the Baptist church hall at the corner of Bedford Street and Chapman Road Bentley. [NE 1 Oct 1953, p.1] |
| 1953 | Oct 18 | Foundation stone laid for the new Church of Christ meeting rooms in Shepperton Road by the conference president Mr J.K. Robinson. Amalgamation of Carlisle and Victoria Park churches. Estimated cost £6950. [NE 29 Oct 1953, p.1] |
| 1953 | Nov | Proposal for the Perth Football Club to shift to vacant land in Lathlain. Perth City Council support for the scheme. [NE 5 Nov 1953, p.1, 12 Nov 1953, p.1] |
| 1954 | | Proposal to transfer some classes from East Victoria Park School to Victoria Park School due to overcrowding. Idea abandoned after strong parent protest. [NE 8 Apr 1954, p.1] |
| 1954 | | Opening of Santa Clara School in Bentley. [MG1, p.4] |

Soldiers' Memorial,
Victoria Park, W.A.



Soldiers Memorial c1920

One of the first WWI Memorials built, the statue of a 'Digger' built by Pietro Porcelli was unveiled in 1917 in Memorial Gardens, Albany Road. The statue was removed in 1957 due to deterioration and vandalism and replaced with a simple cross in 1965.



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| 1954 | | Opening of Christian Brothers' St Francis Xavier Boys School, Balmoral Street, East Victoria Park. [MG1, p.3] |
| 1954 | Feb | Minbalup, an occupational centre for older children, run by the Slow Learning Children's Group, opened in Harper Street Victoria Park. [NE 27 Oct 1955, p.3, W3] |
| 1954 | Feb 25 | Opening of Phil Wolonski's Victoria Park Super Market in Albany Highway opposite Hearn Bros and Stead. [NE 25 Feb 1954, p.3] |
| 1954 | Oct 10 | Establishment of a YMCA branch in Victoria Park. [NE 20 Oct 1955, p.1] |
| 1954 | Nov 28 | Opening of Oats Street railway station. [DW2] |
| 1955 | | Erection of the new St Joachim's Catholic church. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1955 | | Mr D.E. Pike appointed station master at Victoria Park. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1955 | | Argentine ant eradication programme throughout the area. [NE 26 Jan 1956, p.4] |
| 1955 | Mar | Renewed calls for repairs to the war memorial. [NE 17 Mar 1955, p.1] |
| 1955 | May 21 | Opening of new Baptist hall in Bentley by Rev. Freeman. [NE 17 Mar 1955, p.4] |
| 1955 | May 26 | Approval for a police traffic office to be established in Lichfield Street behind the existing police station. [NE 26 May 1955, p.1] |
| 1955 | Jun 13 | Public meeting called to discuss repairs to the war memorial. Estimated cost £1000-1200. [NE 2 Jun 1955, p.1] |
| 1955 | Aug | Erection of Carlisle Scout Hall at rear of business premises at corner of Rutland Avenue and Venus Street. [NE 25 Aug 1955, p.4] |
| 1955 | Sep | Severe winter flooding in low lying areas of Carlisle. [NE 15 Sep 1955, p.1] |
| 1955 | Dec | Victoria Park Citizens' and the Rate Payers' Progress Association form the Victoria Park Community Centre Committee. Chairman Mr J.W. Cornwall. [NE 8 Dec 1955, p.1] |
| 1956 | | Employment office opened at 163-5 Albany Highway. [NE 26 Jul 1956, p.1] |
| 1956 | | Preparation of land zoning scheme for whole of the Perth City Council. [NE 2 Feb 1956, p.1] |

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| 1956 | | Opening of the Lathlain Primary School. [MG1, p.18] |
| 1956 | Apr | Contract let for new police traffic branch building in Litchfield Street. [NE 5 Apr 1956, p.1] |
| 1956 | May | Opening of the Louis Braille wing at the Victoria Park Home for the Aged Blind to cater for special needs of women. Cost £13,800. [NE 3 May 1956, p.1] |
| 1956 | Jun | Perth City Council agrees to replace the Victoria Park soldiers' war memorial with a 10ft cross and bronze tablet. [NE 7 Jun 1956, p.1] |
| 1956 | Jun | A lot in Norman Street Welshpool purchased for an ambulance sub station. [NE 14 Jun 1956, p.1] |
| 1956 | Sep | New Commonwealth Bank premises opened in Albany Highway next to old premises. [NE 27 Sep 1956, p.1] |
| 1956 | Nov18 | Opening ceremony of the new St Joachim's Catholic church. The existing church converted to a parish hall. [NE 15 Nov 1956, p.3] |
| 1956 | Dec | Purchase by the Perth City Council of a ten room residence opposite the Red Castle Brewery site for £9000. House to be demolished for Rivervale railway overpass project. [NE 20 Dec 1956, p.1] |
| 1957 | | The northern section of Bentley officially designated as belonging to the postal district of St James. [MG1, p.22] |
| 1957 | Apr | Official opening of new police traffic office in Lichfield Street and refurbished police station in Albany Highway. [NE 11 Apr 1957, p.1] |
| 1957 | Apr 13 | Hearn Bros and Stead Pty Ltd factory and showrooms destroyed by fire. [MC1, p.19] |
| 1957 | Sep 18 | Work started on removal of Albany Highway tram rails. [NE 19 Sep 1957, p.1] |
| 1958 | | Carlisle Bus Service, operated by Fred White, taken over by the Metropolitan Transport Trust. [NS Dec 1999] |
| 1958 | | Senior Citizens' Welfare Association founded. First of its kind in Western Australia. [TT1, p.163] |
| 1958 | | Opening of the new Millen Primary School. [MG1, p.13] |

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| 1958 | May 2 | Opening of Lathlain railway station. [DW2] |
| 1958 | Jun | Arrangements finalized for construction of a grandstand and club rooms for Perth Football Club at Lathlain Park. [NE 19 Jun 1958, p.1] |
| 1959 | Mar 24 | First general meeting and election of officers for the Millen RSL sub-branch. [DM2, p.2] |
| 1959 | Jul 11 | Official opening of Lathlain Park football facilities by Lord Mayor Harry Howard. [NE 11 Jun 1959, p.1] |
| 1960 | | Opening of Bentley High School. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1960 | | Patients from Edward Millen Home transferred to Repatriation Hospital, Hollywood. The Rotunda Hospital became a 40-bed geriatric unit. [MV4] |
| 1960 | Jun | Official opening of Mackie Street Senior Citizens' Centre. [NE 9 Nov 1967, p.1] |
| 1960 | Oct 30 | Establishment of a planning group for the Swan Cottage Retirement Village at Bentley. [NE 26 May 1966, p.2] |
| 1960 | Aug 18 | Formation of Carlisle-Lathlain Ladies Bowling Club. [TT1, p.159] |
| 1961 | | Opening of Carlisle Technical School. [TT1, p.188] |
| 1961 | | Opening of Rowethorpe Retirement Village. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1961 | Jul 23 | Opening by the governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, of the first 16 units at the Swan Cottage Retirement Village, Bentley. [NE 26 May 1966, p.2] |
| 1961 | Aug 26 | Ron Davies elected member for Victoria Park in West Australian legislative assembly. [TT1, p.260] |
| 1962 | | Opening of Our Lady of Help Christians church in East Victoria Park. [MG1, p.13] |
| 1962 | Mar | Final performance of the Southern Revue Group. [NE 22 Mar 1962, p.2] |
| 1962 | Mar 10 | Official opening of Kent Street swimming pool. [NE 8 Mar 1962, p.1] |

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| 1962 | Jun | Mr C.C. Adams, manager of Chamberlain Industries, announced proposed huge expansion plan. [NE 28 Jun 1962, p.2] |
| 1963 | | Renewed efforts by the Victoria Park Ratepayers Association (president Mr Todhunter) for Victoria Park to secede from the Perth City Council. Defeated in a public vote. [MC1, p.17] |
| 1963 | Feb | Arrangements announced for the mass X-ray of all Victoria Park residents over the age of 21 for tuberculosis. [NE 25 Apr 1963, p.3] |
| 1963 | Apr | Plans announced for rebuilding the Aged Blind Centre on the existing Kitchener Avenue site. [NE 25 Apr 1963, p.3] |
| 1963 | Apr 20 | Opening of new Norman Street St John Ambulance Centre by Hon. Alan McDonald, in lieu of Sir Charles Gairdner. [NE 11 Apr 1963, p.1, 25 Apr 1963, p.1] |
| 1963 | | Carlisle became the ninth ward of the City of Perth, instead of part of the eighth ward of Victoria Park. [TT1, p.143] |
| 1964 | | Opening of Holy Trinity Church, East Victoria Park. [MG1, p.13] |
| 1965 | Feb 26 | Official opening of Carlisle-Lathlain Ladies Bowling Club club house by Lord Mayor Veryard. [TT1, p.159] |
| 1965 | | Longmore Remand and Assessment Centre opened. [TT1, p.172] |
| 1966 | Feb 9 | Somerset swimming pool opened by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor A.C. Curlewis. Cost £120,000. [NE 3 Feb 1966, p.1] |
| 1966 | Apr | Ambulance stationed at the Norman Street St John Centre available from 8am to 6pm on week days. [NE 26 May 1966, p.3] |
| 1966 | Apr 3 | The governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the completion of the programme to build 322 units at the Swan Cottage Retirement Village, Bentley. [NE 26 May 1966, p.2] |
| 1966 | Jun 14 | Opening of the new Victoria Park-Carlisle library at 2 Mint Street by Lord Mayor Charles Veryard. [NE 9 Jun 1966, p.1] |
| 1967 | | Commencement of the Western Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT) at Bentley. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1967 | | First intake of year 11 students at Bentley and Belmont Senior High Schools. [NE 23 Jun 1966, p.4] |

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| 1967 | Apr 21 | Official opening of Bentley Hospital by the Minister for Health, Hon. G.C. MacKinnon MLA. Cost \$1,450,000. [NE 11 May 1966, p.1] |
| 1967 | Jul | Announcement of proposed paramedical centre on the site of the Edward Millen Centre. Estimated cost \$108,500. [NE 6 Jul 1967, p.2] |
| 1967 | Oct | Completion of design for Great Eastern Highway rail overpass at Rivervale. Planned completion in June 1968. [NE 26 Oct 1967, p.1] |
| 1967 | Oct 12 | Closure of the Carlisle railway goods siding. [DW2] |
| 1967 | Oct 27 | Opening of extensions to the Mackie Street Senior Citizens' Centre. [NE 9 Nov 1967, p.1] |
| 1968 | | Alec Bell, Christopher W Roost and Paul R P van Rijsewijk killed while on active duty in Vietnam War (1962–75) [DB1]. In 2015 a park was named to commemorate Alec Bell. |
| 1968 | | First intake of year 12 students at Bentley and Belmont Senior High Schools. [NE 23 Jun 1966, p.4] |
| 1968 | | The Hillview Clinic opened in the Edward Millen Home building, as a restorative centre for psychiatric patients. [MV4] |
| 1968 | Mar 31 | Opening of new Rivervale railway station platform. [DW2] |
| 1968 | Jun. | Approval granted for re-subdivision of large residential lots in the north eastern section of Carlisle. [NE 3 Aug 1967, p.1] |
| 1968 | Oct 10 | Lord Mayor T.E. Wardle opened the Harold Hawthorne Centre in Carlisle. [NE 10 Oct 1968, p.1] |
| 1969 | | Perth Girls' Treatment Centre (later Nyandi) opened. [TT1, p.172] |
| 1969 | Feb | Work commenced on a new Carlisle Hall to replace the Bickford Memorial Hall. Estimated cost \$90,000. [NE 13 Feb 1969, p.4] |
| 1969 | Mar 1 | Victoria Park became an unmanned railway station. [NE 27 Feb 1969, p.2] |
| 1969 | Jun 13 | Baptists purchased the Anglican church at 110 Star Street. [NE 27 Feb 1969, p.2] |
| 1969 | Aug 21 | Official opening of the Congregational Centre at 61 Washington Street by Lord Mayor T.E. Wardle. [NE 6 Nov 1969, p.1] |

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| 1969 | Nov | Amalgamation of Victoria Park Citizens' Band with the Southern Districts Youth Band. [NE 6 Nov 1969, p.1] |
| 1969 | Nov 1 | Rivervale became an unmanned railway station. [NE 19 Sep 1969, p.3] |
| 1970 | | Opening of Brownlie Towers, State Housing Commission's twin 10-storey apartment blocks, in Bentley. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1971 | Jun 1 | Carlisle became an unmanned railway station. [DW2] |
| 1971 | Jul 3 | Presentation of a new ambulance to the Norman Street St John Centre. [NE 1 Jul 1971, p.1] |
| 1972 | Apr 5 | Lathlain Nursing Home in Carlisle officially opened by the Minister for Health, Hon. Ron Davies, MLA. Cost \$200,000. Capacity for 50 patients. [NE 4 May 1972, p.1] |
| 1972 | May | Prime Minister William McMahon opened the Richard Cleaver Lodge at the Swan Cottage Homes, Bentley. [NE 23 May 1972, p.4] |
| 1973 | Jul | Closure of the Victoria Park Fire Station and transfer to George Street, Kensington. [MC1, p.10] |
| 1974 | | Opening of Bentley College of TAFE. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1976 | | National Archives of Australia Perth Office opened on 11,000 square metre site at 384 Berwick Street. [W11] |
| 1977 | | Closure of East Victoria Park Primary School and relocation to Beatty Avenue. The Park shopping centre constructed on the old school site. [MG1, p.13] |
| 1978 | | Sussex Street Centre operated as a social welfare service in conjunction with Western Australian Institute of Technology's social work department. [TT1, p.184] |
| 1978 | Feb 27 | Earthworks began for G.O. Edwards Park at Burswood. [NS 3 Jul 2007, p.4] |
| 1978 | Oct 1 | Welshpool became an unmanned railway station. [DW2] |
| 1979 | | Demolition of old railway station buildings at Welshpool. [DW2] |
| 1979 | Jan | Goodwood railway station renamed Belmont Park (see 1921). [DW2] |



East Victoria Park Primary School

In 1916 The East Victoria Park School was built on the land where the Park Centre now sits on Albany Highway. It was soon the biggest state school in Western Australia. Post World War Two, rapid changes saw the school occupying valuable commercial land facing a busy highway. By 1977 a new site had been located (the old State Saw Mill site) in Beatty Avenue, and a new school was constructed. Photo c1920.

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| 1981 | | Lathlain officially gazetted as a place name. The name had been in general use since the 1950s. Named after Sir William Lathlain, mayor of Perth 1918-23 and lord mayor 1930-32. [MG2, p.1, TT1, p.144] |
| 1982 | | Bentley Senior High School became Canning College. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1982 | | The land and outbuildings of the Rotunda Hospital were transferred to the Department of Health and used for clinical and support services until 1997. It was known as Hillview Terrace Clinic. [MV4] |
| 1983 | | Victoria Park Town Hall sold to Mr Oliver Strang Snr. [NV May 1999, p.4] |
| 1983 | | Victoria Park Library moved to larger premises in the new Park Recreation Centre. [NR Vol.1 No.4, p.1] |
| 1983 | Aug 13 | Opening of the Park Recreation Centre in East Victoria Park. [MC1, p.26] |
| 1984 | Jun 1 | Official opening of the Hillview Terrace Hospital (former Edward Millen Hospital) by the Hon. Barry Hodge, MLA. [DH1] |
| 1985 | | Founding of the Victoria Park Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Hans Merks the first president. [MC1, p.30] |
| 1985 | | Opening of Technology Park, Bentley. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1985 | | Sale and demolition of Victoria Park Town Hall. [NV May 1999, p.4] |
| 1985 | Dec 30 | Opening of the Burswood casino. [MC1, p.28] |
| 1986 | Feb 8 | Dr Geoff Gallop elected as member for Victoria Park in West Australian legislative assembly, replacing Ron Davies. [W4] |
| 1986 | Jul | Neighbourhood Watch scheme advertised. [TT1, p.185] |
| 1987 | | Completion of Burswood Island resort and casino. [MC1, p.28] |
| 1987 | | Western Australian Institute of Technology became Curtin University of Technology. [MG1, p.4] |
| 1988 | Oct 8 | First meeting of the re-formed Victoria Park Ratepayers' Association Inc. [MC1, p.19] |

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| 1988 | Oct 8 | Closure of Lathlain railway station. Strong protest. [DW2] |
| 1988 | Nov 7 | Reopening of Lathlain railway station. [DW2] |
| 1993 | | Geographic Names Committee approved a proposal that the area bounded by the river and Orrong Road, Great Eastern Highway, Harper Street and Shepperton Road be called Burswood. [NP Oct 1993, p.2] |
| 1993 | May 15 | Extensions to Ursula Frayne Catholic College opened by Hon. Kim Beazley, MHR. [Plaque in situ] |
| 1993 | Aug 19 | Victoria Park Centre for the Arts registered as an incorporated body. [Certificate] |
| 1993 | Dec 4 | Referendum on the proposal to establish three new towns and a separate central city council from the existing Perth City Council. 12,383 people voted: 84% said 'no', 10% said 'yes'. [NP Nov 1993, TT1, p.203] |
| 1994 | | Mr E.H. (Jim) Kelly appointed town clerk for the newly formed Town of Shepperton (later Victoria Park). [MS1, p.1] |
| 1994 | | Closure of Hillview Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital (former Edward Millen Home). [NS Jun 1994] |
| 1994 | May 1 | Rivervale railway station renamed Burswood (see 1923). [DW2] |
| 1994 | Jul 1 | Town of Shepperton (later renamed Victoria Park) proclaimed as an outcome of the 1993 Perth City Council restructuring act. The inaugural Shepperton Commission meeting held in City of Perth council chambers, chaired by Craig Lawrence. [MT2, p.12, DL1, p.1] |
| 1994 | Sep | Shepperton Advisory Committee. Chairperson Mick Lee, members: A. Murfin, J. Bissett, J. Chambers, J. Hudson, J. Macmillan, V. Nairn, R. Peek, I. Smithwick, B. Stevenson. [MJ1 Sep 1994, p.3] |
| 1994 | Oct 11 | In response to a proposal advertised on 20 Sep 1994, with a closing date for submissions of 7 Oct 1994, it was resolved that approval be sought from the governor to change the name from Shepperton to Victoria Park. [DL1, p.270] |
| 1994 | Nov 2 | New Victoria Park library opened in Sussex Street by chairman of commissioners Craig Lawrence. [Plaque in library] |

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| 1994 | Nov 2 | Change of name from Town of Shepperton to Town of Victoria Park. [TT1, p.204] |
| 1994 | Nov 8 | First Victoria Park Commission council meeting using the title Town of Victoria Park. [DL1, p.306] |
| 1995 | | Proposal to redevelop the Holdfast Barracks site. [MJ1 Jan 1995, p.3] |
| 1995 | Apr 21 | Closure of the East Victoria Park Australia Post facility at the corner of Canterbury Terrace and Albany Highway, reopening shortly after in the Park Centre. [MC1, p.27] |
| 1995 | May 6 | Elections held to replace the Victoria Park Commission with eight councillors and a mayor. [DL1, p.1] |
| 1995 | May 10 | Inaugural special meeting of the Town of Victoria Park council held in the Park Recreation Centre, Kent Street. [Programme] |
| 1996 | Apr 19 | Official opening of the Town of Victoria Park administration centre at 99 Shepperton Road by the Hon. P.D. Omodei, MLA, Minister for Local Government. [Invitation] |
| 1996 | Aug 6 | Census. Victoria Park: 26,405 persons, 13,029 dwellings. [GM, pp.6, 14] |
| 1997 | | Albany Highway townscape works from Harper to Harvey Streets, including underground power. [NV Apr 1997, p.3] |
| 1997 | Jan 12 | Unveiling of bronze sculpture of Willem de Vlamingh at Burswood Park Heritage Trail by HRH Prince of Orange, to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the explorer's visit. [Invitation, TT1, p.xx] |
| 1997 | Jan 26 | Mrs Helen Doney, the first recipient of the Town of Victoria Park's Citizen of the Year award. [NV Apr 1997, p.1] |
| 1997 | Apr 28 | Commemorative council meeting to mark the centenary of the original municipality's elevation from a Roads Board. [NV Apr 1997, p.3] |
| 1997 | Jul 1 | Commencement of a ten year slab footpath replacement programme. [NV Aug 2002, p.3] |
| 1997 | Dec 19 | Closing date for public comment on proposed suburb name changes within the town. Carlisle to absorb part of Welshpool, Victoria Park to extend east (Berwick Street as the southern boundary), remainder to be renamed Curtin. [NV Dec 1997, p.3] |

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| 1998 | Feb 10 | Council resolved not to proceed with proposed suburb name changes due to a lack of broad community support. [NV Feb 1998, p.3] |
| 1998 | Aug 11 | Council approved the concept plan for enhancing Archer Street between Rutland Avenue and Mars Street. [NV May 1999, p.7] |
| 1998 | Apr 14 | Draft heritage inventory considered by council. Eight week public comment period commenced on 1 May. [NV May 1998, p.2] |
| 1998 | Jul 1 | Official opening of the Hordern Street underpass beneath Canning Highway. [NV Aug 1998, p.2] |
| 1998 | Aug | Inaugural Victoria Park local history competition. [TT1, p.225] |
| 1998 | Sep 30 | First Victoria Park town planning scheme officially gazetted. [NV Oct 1998, p.1] |
| 1998 | Oct. | The town adopted the public crime and safety strategy 'Victoria Park: Keeping it Safe'. [NV Sep 1999] |
| 1998 | Oct 14 | Official opening of the Gurney VC RSL and Community Centre in Fred Bell Parade by Mayor Mick Lee and Local Government Minister Paul Omodei. [NV Dec 1998, p.3] |
| 1999 | | 70 year old dragon tree (<i>dracaena draco</i> , native to Canary Islands) transferred from Swan Portland Cement site to northern end of G.O. Edwards Park. [NV Feb 1999, p.2] |
| 1999 | | Redevelopment of former Homeswest landholdings in East Victoria Park, starting with Manners and Plummer Streets. [NV Sep 1999, p.4] |
| 1999 | | Foundation stone from the original Victoria Park Town Hall presented by Mr Oliver Strang, Jnr to Mayor Mick Lee. Now located in the lobby of the administration centre. [NV May 1999, p.4] |
| 1999 | Apr 28 | Presentation of prizes for the inaugural annual Local History Writing Competition. Winners: Barbara Doran (open section), Lara Cutting (school section). [NV May 1999, p.7] |
| 1999 | May 3 | Mayor J.A. (Mick) Lee sworn in for his second term as mayor of the Town of Victoria Park. [NV May 1999, p.1] |
| 1999 | Aug 21 | Placement of tram stop shelter at eastern end of Albany Highway. [Library photo collection] |

Heritage Circle 2005

Mayor Mick Lee opened the Heritage Circle in GO Edwards Park in 2005. The Heritage Circle was created by Smith Sculptors to celebrate the Town's unique Indigenous and Settlement history.



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| 1999 | Sep 20 | Announcement that Kewdale Senior High School will be closed and purchased by the Australian Islamic College. [TC1, p.30] |
| 1999 | Dec | Closure of Kewdale Senior High School. [TC1, p.26] |
| 2000 | | 6.5% rate rise, partly due to the casino's successful appeal against its land valuation on which its rates were based. [NV Aug 2000, p.1] |
| 2000 | Apr 24 | Graham Farmer Freeway opened for traffic. [NW 22 Apr 2000] |
| 2000 | Jul 8 | Passage of the Olympic flame through Victoria Park. [NV May 1999, p.2] |
| 2000 | Nov 27 | Inaugural Christmas street mall in Albany Highway. [DVM 28 Nov 2000] |
| 2001 | | Modifications to Causeway, including dedicated bus lanes. [MM2, p.3] |
| 2001 | Aug 7 | Census. Victoria Park: 27,160 persons, 13,676 dwellings. [GN] |
| 2001 | Oct 13 | Launch of tram sculpture in McCallum Park. [Invitation] |
| 2002 | Jun | Commencement of preliminary work for the underground power project in East Victoria Park. [NV Jun 2002] |
| 2003 | | Victoria Park police station moved to new premises in Kensington. [NS 19 Jun 2007, p.4] |
| 2003 | | Site of Rotunda Hospital transferred to Town of Victoria Park. Buildings used by Disability Services Commission. [MV4] |
| 2003 | Feb 2 | Closure and, later, demolition of Lathlain railway station. [MT1] |
| 2003 | Feb 10 | Special meeting of electors held at the Gurney Centre objecting to the state government's approval of a prison on the Nyandi/Longmore site. [MV3 Apr 2003] |
| 2003 | Jun | Construction commenced on the bridge over the railway, joining Miller Street and Roberts Road. [MT1] |
| 2003 | Sep | Final report of Town of Victoria Park residential character study presented to council. [TT1, p.223] |
| 2004 | Apr | Council approval for a 'Bow-tie' roundabout on Albany Highway at the intersection of Kent and Miller Streets. [NS 20 Apr 2004] |
| 2004 | May | Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women opened. [TT1, p.173] |

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| 2004 | Jun 26 | Official opening of Millers Crossing Bridge, Beatty Avenue, East Victoria Park. [Invitation] |
| 2005 | Apr 29 | Heritage Circle in G.O. Edwards Reserve formally launched by Mayor Mick Lee and Margaret Quirk, MLA. Created by sculptors Charles, Joan and Joanne Smith. [Invitation, NV May 2005, p.1] |
| 2005 | Jun 8 | Dedication of Burswood canal sculpture, created by Philippa O'Brien. [Invitation] |
| 2005 | Jul 3 | Formal launch of the Leisurelife Centre, formerly the Park Recreation Centre, after a \$280,000 upgrade. [NV Jul 2005, p.1] |
| 2005 | Jul 5 | Dedication of replaced historic tram pole at corner of Albany Highway and Mackie Street. [Invitation] |
| 2005 | Jul 29 | Completion of extensions to the town's administration centre in Shepperton Road. [NV Sep 2005, p.1] |
| 2006 | | Pubic art placed at Balbuk Way to commemorate Burswood Canal. [TT1, p.19] |
| 2006 | Jan 16 | Dr Geoff Gallop resigned as premier and Member for Victoria Park. [W4] |
| 2006 | Mar 11 | Ben Wyatt elected as Member for Victoria Park in West Australian legislative assembly, replacing Dr Geoff Gallop. [W14] |
| 2006 | Apr 19 | Official opening of the Aqualife Centre, formerly Somerset Pool. [Invitation] |
| 2006 | May 1 | Ownership of Edward Millen Home site transferred from the state government to the Town of Victoria Park. [Invitation, NV Jul 2006, p.3] |
| 2006 | Jun 11 | Official opening of McCallum Park Skate Bowl. [NV Sep 2006, p.3] |
| 2006 | Aug 8 | Census. Victoria Park: 27,955 people, median age 35. 14,347 private dwellings. [W2] |
| 2006 | Dec | Foreshore stabilization works planned for the Balbuk Way boat-ramp area, with the City of Belmont. [NV Sep 2006, p.2] |
| 2007 | | Underground power provided in Albany Highway shopping strip. [NS 19 Jun 2007, p.5] |

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| 2007 | May | Town of Victoria Park accepted tender of \$385,346 from Philip Griffiths Architects for the first stage of an upgrade to Edward Millen House. [NS 29 May 2007, p.3] |
| 2007 | May | Plaque commemorating five local servicemen unveiled at Harold Hawthorne Centre, Carlisle. [NS 29 May 2007, p.3] |
| 2007 | Jul 4 | Town of Victoria Park agreed to allow a 12-month trial for cafes and restaurants to serve alcohol in alfresco areas without a meal. [NS 10 Jul 2007, p.3] |
| 2007 | Jul 24 | Town of Victoria Park announced plan to redevelop the area around Burswood and Teddington Roads. [NW 25 Jul 2007, p.16] |
| 2007 | Aug | Work began on new Victoria Park rail station. [NS 17 Jul 2007, p.1] |
| 2007 | Sep | Report of Local Government Managers' Association recommended Town of Victoria Park merge with Cities of Belmont and South Perth to form City of Curtin. [NS 16 Oct 2007, p.27] |
| 2007 | Oct | Town of Victoria Park added an environmentally-friendly hybrid car to its fleet of staff vehicles. [NS 16 Oct 2007, p.27] |
| 2007 | Oct | Town of Victoria Park signed an agreement with the owners of The Park Centre to redevelop the land around the centre. [NS 23 Oct 2007, p.4] |
| 2007 | Oct 20 | Mick Lee, Town of Victoria Park's first mayor, resigned after 12 years. [NS 2 Oct 2007, p.3] |
| 2008 | Jan | Audio induction loops installed in some Town of Victoria Park buildings. [NS 29 Jan 2008, p.20] |
| 2008 | Feb | Town of Victoria Park council's first meeting of the year began with a formal recognition of the traditional land owners. [NS 12 Feb 2008, p.3] |
| 2008 | Apr 2 | Expansion of Bentley Technology Park announced. [NW 3 Apr 2008, p.18, NS 8 Apr 2008, p.5] |
| 2008 | Apr 25 | Memorial to national servicemen unveiled at Gurney Hall, East Victoria Park. [NS 6 May 2008, p.6] |
| 2008 | May 9 | Walk of Fame, honouring Victoria Park's sporting heroes, unveiled at Aqualife Centre. [NS 13 May 2008, p.1] |

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| 2008 | Aug 2 | New Victoria Park rail station officially opened. [NS 12 Aug 2008, p.5] |
| 2008 | Aug 4 | Carson Street School to be WA's first dedicated child-care centre for autistic children. [NW 4 Aug 2008, p.5] |
| 2008 | Nov 25 | Causeway Precinct Plan, including six 12-storey buildings, approved by Town of Victoria Park council. [NS 2 Dec 2008, p.1] |
| 2009 | Jan | Town of Victoria Park declared itself a nuclear-free zone. [NW 1 Jan 2009, p.2] |
| 2009 | Mar 9 | Announcement of proposal to redevelop Red Castle Motor Inn site for housing. [NW 9 Mar 2009, p.17] |
| 2009 | Jun 18 | Planning Minister John Day approved plan for redevelopment of Belmont Park racecourse. [NW 19 Jun 2009, p.11] |
| 2010 | Jan 3 | First day Sunday trading was permitted in designated tourist precincts, including Victoria Park. [NW 4 Jan 2010, p.4] |
| 2010 | May 4 | Mick Lee, first mayor of Town of Victoria Park (1995-2007), died. [NW 5 May 2010, p.13, 23 May 2010, p.55] |
| 2010 | May | Freemasons Hall in Burswood put up for sale after the Grand Lodge was moved into Perth. [NW 26 May 2010, p.57] |
| 2010 | Jun 3 | Police Minister Rob Johnson announced that integrated red-light and speed cameras would be installed at 12 locations, including Victoria Park, from 1 July. [NW 3 Jun 2010, p.3] |
| 2010 | Jun 9 | Burswood Peninsula Draft District Framework, outlining plans to develop a 285-hectare area was released for public comment until 30 July. [NW 9 Jun 2010, p.54] |
| 2010 | Oct | Approval given for the first two of a planned six 18-storey and two 12-storey towers in the Causeway Precinct opposite Burswood Casino. [NW 27 Oct 2010, p.BUS 15] |
| 2010 | Nov | Mobile skate ramps being provided at several reserves by the Town of Victoria Park. [NW 12 Nov 2010, p.19] |
| 2011 | Jan | Town of Victoria Park released its 'Plan for the Future' and called for public submissions. The plan was approved by council in February. [NS 18 Jan 2011, p.1 & 1 Mar 2011, p.1] |

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| 2011 | Mar | Town of Victoria Park council approved its Lathlain Park Master Plan. [NS 22 Mar 2011, p.3] |
| 2011 | Apr | Town of Victoria Park council approved a multi-purpose sports centre on the site of the former Carlisle-Lathlain Bowling Club. [NS 22 Mar 2011, p.3] |
| 2011 | Jun | Premier Colin Barnett announced that Burswood Peninsula will be the site of a new 60,000-seat sports stadium. [NS 5 Jul 2011, p.3] |
| 2011 | Jul 24 | Ron Davies, MLA for Victoria Park 1961-86 and a former state Labor leader, died. [NS 2 Aug 2011, p.3] |
| 2011 | Aug 9 | 2011 census Victoria Park: 32,433 people, median age 34. 15,742 private dwellings. [W2] |
| 2011 | Sep 14 | Burswood Entertainment Complex renamed Crown Perth. [W9 14 Sep 2011] |
| 2011 | Oct 15 | Boundary between Carlisle ward and Victoria Park ward altered from Albany Highway to Shepperton Road. Names of wards changed from Carlisle and Victoria Park to Banksia and Jarrah. [TT1, p.259] |
| 2012 | Jul 10 | Town of Victoria Park received \$460,000 to develop a digital hub and e-learning centre in the former TAB building in Harper Street. [NS 17 Jul 2012, p.5, W6 10 Jul 2012] |
| 2012 | Aug 14 | Councillors voted 6 to 2 in favour of a proposal to rename the Town of Victoria Park City of Victoria Park. [NS 21 Aug 2012, p.4] |
| 2012 | Aug 24 | A master plan was released for the new Perth Stadium to be built on the Burswood Peninsula by 2018. [NS 2 Oct 2012, p.5, 16 Oct 2012, p.24, W6 24 Aug 2012] |
| 2012 | Oct | An amendment to the Town of Victoria Park's planning scheme limits the number of car sales premises on Albany Highway. [NS 16 Oct 2012, p.4] |
| 2012 | Oct | Town of Victoria Park voted to introduce paid parking. [NS 23 Oct 2012, p.1] |
| 2012 | Oct | Release of Local Government Review Panel's report on the future of local government. [NS 30 Oct 2012, p.22] |
| 2012 | Nov 11 | Edward Millen Home centenary celebration and launch of Beyond Matta Gerup: a history of Victoria Park by Susannah Thompson. [Flyer VPLHC] |

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| 2013 | Mar 20 | Town of Victoria Park engaged consultants to prepare master plan for redevelopment of area known as Burswood Station East. [W6 20 Mar 2013] |
| 2013 | Jul | Demolition of Burswood Dome commenced. [W10] |
| 2013 | Nov 19 | Victoria Park Men's Shed, a co-operative project between Kensington PCYC, Victoria Park Rotary and Town of Victoria Park, opened at Kensington PCYC, Anketell Street, Kensington. [NS 26 Nov 2013] |
| 2014 | Mar 26 | RSL reverted to Victoria Park sub branch, formerly East Victoria Park sub branch and Millen sub branch, after starting as Victoria Park sub branch. [W8] |
| 2014 | Jun 27 | The City of South Perth Council endorsed 'City of South Park' as the proposed name of the new local government entity – a combined City of South Perth and Town of Victoria Park [W17] |
| 2014 | Sep 3 | The Town of Victoria Park council endorsed the West Coast Eagles' lease agreement for a new headquarters and training facility to be built at Lathlain Park in 2017 as part of the Lathlain Park redevelopment. [W20] |
| 2014 | Sep 27 | Planning Minister John Day released a draft 20-year plan for redevelopment of the Burswood Peninsula. [NW 28 Sep 2014] |
| 2014 | Oct 22 | Minister for Local Government announced that Town of Victoria Park, City of South Perth and a portion of City of Canning will amalgamate and the Burswood Peninsula will be included. [W5] |
| 2014 | Oct 25 | Town of Victoria Park signed the Refugee Welcome Zone Declaration [W15] |
| 2014 | Dec 7 | First pile driven for 60,000-seat Perth Stadium at Burswood [W7] |
| 2014 | Dec | Town of Victoria Park Council released business plan for Town Centre Redevelopment Project. John McMillan Park to be redeveloped to create a new Town Centre. [W13] |
| 2015 | Jan 5 | Aqualife Centre closed to repair fire damage. It re-opened on 10 January. [W1] |
| 2015 | Feb 7 | Referendum on proposal to amalgamate City of South Perth with Town of Victoria Park defeated by majority of South Perth voters. The Town of Victoria Park's poll did not receive the required 50 per cent of voters. [W5] |

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| 2015 | Feb 10 | After public consultation, Town of Victoria Park Council discontinued the proposal for the redevelopment of John MacMillan Park for the Town Centre Project. [W12] |
| 2015 | Mar 27 | Naming of Alec Bell Park (formerly Hampshire Reserve), cnr Fraser Park Road & Hampshire Street, after Private Alec Bell who was killed in Vietnam in 1968. [Flyer VPLHC] |
| 2015 | Apr 24 | Official dedication of the World War I Memorial Wall, Victoria Park RSL sub-branch, Fred Bell Parade East Victoria Park. [Flyer VPLHC] |
| 2015 | June 7 | State Government unveiled the winning design for the pedestrian bridge which will span the Swan River and connect the new Perth Stadium at Burswood with East Perth. [W16] |
| 2015 | Aug 19 | Council decision made to merge Kensington Bushland, George St Reserve and the Kent Street Sand Pit into one area to be called Jirdarup Bushland Precinct [W19] |
| 2015 | Aug 22 | Prime Minister the Hon. Tony Abbott visited Lathlain Park to announce a commitment of \$10 million in Federal Government funding to the Lathlain Precinct Redevelopment Project (LPRP). [W18] |



Construction of the Causeway Bridges c1950

Looking west from Victoria Park towards the City of Perth.

Mayors and Councillors of Victoria Park

Victoria Park Roads Board District: 18 May 1894–29 April 1897

Chairmen

Garland, D.J. 1896
McMaster, R.T. 1897
Williams, F.G. 1894–1895

Members

Burton, W.H. 1895–1897
Fairbrother, G. 1894–1897
Faulkner, W. 1894–1897
Forbes, C.L. 1894–1896
Grave, J. 1895–1896
Hardey, R.D. 1895–1897
Jennings, R.G. 1894–1895
Ogborne, J.H. 1894–1897
Rouse, G., 1894–1895
Stubbs, W. 1894–1897

Victoria Park Municipal Council: 30 April 1897–19 November 1917

Mayors

Duncan, H.G. 1908
Harper, C. 1909–1912, 1916–1917
McMaster, R.T. 1897, 1906–1907
Milligan, J.C. 1903–1905
Rushton, J. 1913–1915
Russell, A.G. 1897–1903

Councillors

Alday, C.W. 1910–1911
Anderson, J.S. 1914–1915
Appleton, R. 1916–1917
Austerberry, F. 1910–1912
Bickford, F.W. 1902–1903
Burton, W.H. 1900–1903
Bushell, E. 1900
Butler E. 1903–1904
Campbell, W.D. 1897–1898; 1900; 1902–1903
Canny, D.A. 1906–1909
Carse, W.M. 1904; 1906–1912
Craig, W.J. 1911–1913; 1916–1917

Craigie, A. 1910–1911
Devenish, H.A. 1897–1898
Dougall, S.S. 1903; 1905–1906
Draper, A.L. 1911–1912
Dudgeon, R. 1905–1906
Duence, R.H. 1899–1900
Duncan, H.G. 1906–1907
Dunne, T. 1899; 1902–1903
Fairbrother, G. 1897–1898; 1901–1902;
1905–1909
Green, A.H. 1910
Greenwell, W.G. 1900–1903
Harper, C. 1906–1909
Hart, T. E. 1908–1912; 1915
Harvey, J.H. 1898–1899; 1912–1913; 1916–1917
Hayden, J. 1905–1909
Haydon, S.S. 1910
Hendley, W.L. 1901–1903
Hennerty, J.E. 1903; 1906–1909
Houghton, E. 1897–1898
Hutchinson, E. 1897–1899
Jennings, R.G. 1897–1898; 1900
Johnston, G. 1901–1904
Johnston, J.H. 1899–1900
Lathwell, C. 1915
Leach, J.F.W. 1912; 1914
Leopold, C.J. 1902–1904; 1905–1906
Liddington, J. 1904–1905
Mayne, H.J. 1906–1907
Mill, E.J. 1908–1910
Monagle, J.P. 1898; 1900–1902
Murray, J.J. 1910–1912; 1914
Newman, C.V. 1897–1900
O'Reilly, P. 1904–1905
Osborne, E.E. 1897
Platell, I. 1903–1906
Pyman, E.A. 1911–1912; 1915
Rackley, J.H. 1905–1907
Reynolds, A.E. 1912–1913
Richardson, A.G. 1911–1912
Rieusset, C.A. 1911–1913; 1916–1917
Smith, S.E. 1905–1910
Thorogood, A.R. 1916–1917
Trowbridge, G.O. 1912–1913; 1915

Tyler, J. 1905–1907
Walsh, T.P. 1897–1899
Walton, J.W. 1898–1899
Waterman, A. 1897–1898
White, S.J. 1898–1900; 1902–1903
Winslade, A. 1914

City of Perth Council – Councillors of Victoria Park [1918–1993] and Carlisle Wards [1963–1993]

Bevilaqua, H.W., 1918 [Victoria Park]
Bissett, J.G., 1980–1993
Cole, D.J., 1989–1992
Craig, W.J. 1924–1926 [Victoria Park]
Fletcher, T.H., 1945–1955 [Victoria Park]
Fraser, J.M., 1928–1937 [Victoria Park]
Gatt, J.G., 1985–1991 [Victoria Park]
Hampton, V., 1991–1994 [Heirisson]
Harper, C., 1918–1923 [Victoria Park]
Harvey, J.H., 1922–1924 [Victoria Park]
Hawthorne, H., 1950–1966 [Victoria Park and Carlisle]
Hayes, J.K., 1981–1993 [Carlisle]
Higgins, J.J., 1955–1987 [Victoria Park]
Hudson, J.R., 1983–1993
Lee, J.A.E., 1964–1975, 1979–1993 [Carlisle]
MacMillan, J.R.K., 1939–1950, 1965–1993 [Victoria Park]
Meagher, T.W., 1937–1939 [Victoria Park]
Murfin, A., 1989–1993 [Carlisle]
Nairn, D.V., 1988–1993 [Victoria Park]
Parnham, N.A., 1963–1979 [Carlisle]
Pyman, E.A., 1919–1922 [Victoria Park]
Raphael, H.S., 1925–1944 [Victoria Park]
Read, W.R., 1927–1955 [Victoria Park]
Rossiter, H.M., 1964–1970 [Victoria Park]
Salter, G.C., 1963–1964 [Carlisle]
Smithwick, I., 1990–1993 [Carlisle]
Stevenson, 1992–1993
Stockdill, G.H., 1923–1924 [Victoria Park]
Thompson, J., 1971–1985 [Victoria Park]
Wells, H.E., 1925–1928 [Victoria Park]
Williams, P.C., 1963–1964 [Victoria Park]
Wright, T.H.J., 1966–1981 [Carlisle]
Yates, N., 1970–1971 [Victoria Park]

Town of Victoria Park 1995–

Mayors

Lee, J.A. Mick, (OAM) (JP), 1995–2007
Vaughan, Trevor S., 2007–

Deputy Mayors

Abbotsford, Kenneth T., 1997–1999
Anderson, Claire, 2013–2015
Ashton, David W., 2009–2011
Bissett, John G., 1995–1997, 2011–2013
Hayes, J. Keith, 2007–2009
Oliver, Brian, 2015–
Stevenson, Bruce, 1999–2007

Chief Executive Officers

Bonker, J.M. (John), 1998–2009
Kelly, E.H. (Jim), 1994–1998
Kyron, Athanasios (Arthur), 2010 – 2013
Vuleta, Anthony, 2013–2015 (Acting), 2015 –

Councillors

Abbotsford, Kenneth. T., 1995–2003
Ammons Noble, Jennifer, 2015–
Anderson, Claire, 2007–
Ansell, Nikolee, 2001–2005
Armstrong, Julie A., 2007– 2011
Ashton, David W., 2005–2013
Bissett, John G., 1995–2003, 2007–2015
Brown, Sandra L., 1995–1997
Hayes, J. Keith, 2001–
Jacobs, Julian, 2015–
MacMillan, John A. (JP), 1995–2001
Mason, Jan, 2001–2009
Maxwell, Vince, 2013–
Nairn, D. Vincent, 1995– 2015
Oliver, Brian, 2013–
Potter, Vicki, 2011–
Skinner, Rowena H., 1995– 2013
Stevenson, Bruce, 1995–2007
Taylor, Cathy, 1995–2001
Torpy, A.Richard, 1997–2001, 2003-2007
Vaughan, Trevor S., 2003–2007
Vilaca, Adam F., 2009-2013
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