

Short Chronicle of Events

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Early Northcote referred to as Northcote South, Lower Northcote, Northcote Bridge.

- 1803 Grimes discovers Dight's Falls, Gardiner crosses Yarra River 8th Feb.
- 1835 Batman Treaty with Aborigines supposedly on Merri Ck in Westgarth.
- 1839/40 First Government sales Northcote.
- 1840s First 'grand' houses on Northcote Hill. Farms in Thornbury, Separation St, etc.
- 1850 Victoria separates from NSW.
- 1853 Township gazetted south of Westgarth St. First houses. Yan Yean water pipes laid beneath St Georges Rd for Melbourne.
- 1858 Post Office at Bastings General Store
- 1865 Last Coroboree
- 1869 Local Yan Yean Water Supply connections
- 1870 Some Street lighting
- 1871 Northcote and Preston separate from Shire of Darebin to form Shire of Jika Jika
- 1874 First Government School – Helen St.
- 1875 Gas connection for businesses and street lighting
- 1883 Borough of Northcote. Nowhere to Nowhere railway. Clifton Hill to Fairfield Park.) Horse drawn tram along Station St. (short lived)
- 1888 Northcote & Preston cable tram. Heidelberg railway. Town Hall.
- 1889 Whittlesea Railway
- 1890 Town of Northcote.
- 1901 Australian Federation
- 1908 First sewerage connection
- 1910 Northcote telephone exchange (Town Hall connected in 1892.)
- 1911 Northcote Free Library opens with Andrew Carnegie donation.
- 1914 City of Northcote. Electrification.
- 1933 Jubilee Celebrations.
- 1940 Cable tram ceases. Last in Melbourne.
- 1946 First set traffic lights crnr Westgarth & High Sts.
- 1955 Electric trams along High St
- 1962 Alphington and Fairfield annexed to Northcote (from Heidelberg).
- 1994 City of Darebin proclaimed joining Northcote and Preston
- 2004 Northcote Town Hall reopens as theatre precinct.