

Interperative Signage Points

1. Alfred Henry Whaling Reserve (Plaque 1) - In 1799 Andrew McDougall received a grant of 150 acres and named it Roxburgh Place after his home county in Scotland. Roxborough Park housing estate was developed from the late 1960s until the early 1970s.
2. Torry Burn Reserve (Plaque 2) - George Suttor received a grant of 186 acres in 1802 between those of John Smith and Andrew McDougall. Suttor is credited with being the first nurseryman in the colony. The property was named 'Chelsea Farm' after George's birthplace in London.
3. Torry Burn Reserve (Plaque 3) - John Smith received a grant of 150 acres in 1799, naming it 'Torry Burn' after the village of his birth in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland. His sons sold some of this land for the building of St. Michael's Church that was completed in 1849.
4. Sophia Doyle Reserve (Plaque 4) - Andrew Doyle arrived in Sydney from Ireland in 1801 as a convict and was accompanied by his wife Sophia and their three children. He was assigned to his wife who received a land grant of 60 acres in 1804, west of John Smith's property 'Torry Burn'.
5. William Joyce Reserve (Plaque 5) - William Joyce arrived in Sydney as a convict in 1791. He received 105 acres in 1794 - the first land granted in the present Hills Shire. William worked for the Macarthurs, and in 1811 opened an inn on the Hawkesbury Road (now Old Windsor Road).
6. Crestwood Reserve (Plaque 6) - Major Joseph Foveaux received 300 acres in 1799 in the Crestwood area to which he added surrounding properties to create his Stock Farm of 1770 acres - the largest in the colony in 1801 when he sold it to John Macarthur.
7. Crestwood Reserve (Plaque 7) - In 1840, 700 acres in the vicinity of Crestwood Reserve was regranted to Andrew McDougall and J.F. Doyle (in trust). In 1869 paddocks were leased to various locals for grazing and cultivation. Residential subdivision began in the mid to late 1960s.
8. McKillop Drive Reserve (Plaque 8) - In 1952 the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, bought a farm on Windsor Road south of Barina Downs Road and maintained their own dairy, piggery and fowls. By 1988 they sold much of their property for residential development, keeping their Novitiate building.

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WHERE IS IT?



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Chelsea Farm



More information about the history of the Shire can be obtained from:

The Hills Shire Libraries located at Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Carlingford, Dural and Rouse Hill.

Hills District Historical Society is located at Balcombe Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills. The museum provides a display of artifacts donated by local residents, including Masonic Schools items. Publications and photographs for sale. Information on local history and families are accessible for researchers. Tours of the local area available on request.

Open: First and third Saturdays each month 10am - 4pm.

And for information on **TRACKS & TRAILS** visit

<http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Venues/Parks-Recreation/Tracks-Trails>

SIGNAGE



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The 6km trail delves into the history of Baulkham Hills and highlights the link with original landholders and the change in land use.

Interpretative signage guides walkers through diverse reserves with details of the areas history. The trail, which is a shared footpath, can be accessed at numerous points.

Unique bollards with the Heritage Trail logo indicate the path to follow.