

ABORIGINES R994.42 WAU.

1837 Convicts were used to clear land at some of the grants at Beechwood. There were a lot of Aborigines in the area, The present Beechwood Public School site was previously a Corroboree Ground. It was said that there were then two camps on the south side of the river.

1938 Barombin is thought to be aboriginal for hunting or meeting place.

1840 article by W.Neville 1923 Port News "Old Mr Gillis aged 94 told me that in the year 1840 there was fought a pitched battle with boomerangs as weapons between the King Creek and Wallaby Hill Tribes of blacks on the site where Beechwood church and the school stands to-day then known as "Cpt. Ackrights Hill". The cause of the quarrel was the capture of an aboriginal named Tony Barraby, at the instance of the King Creek Tribe, and with the aid of an American negro named John Munro, Barraby had attempted the abduction of a white servant girl in the employ of Cpt. Wauch and the latter offered a reward for the offenders arrest, which was effected when the two tribes were holding a corroboree - the ill feeling caused by the incident led to the battle between them - in the scrap teh head man of the King Creek Tribe had his nose shorn off by a boomerang and subsequently died of his wounds He was buried at Wauchope when the late Mr. R. Mumford was excavating the foundations for the late Mr. James Wallas saw mill at that place he dug up the aboriginals bones.

1892 A sepearte school built at Wauchope for the aboriginies children.

It was run on a half time basis with Rollands Plain. It was at one time known as "Morcom". The teacher was Mr. E.A.Kennedy and was built opposite the Seventh Day Adventist Church. of to-day 1978. in Hastings Street, Wauchope.

1903 An aborigine mission house and school was opened in Wauchope near to the present corner of Bain and Hastings Streets,

1907 The Aorigine mission house and school closed on 3.8.1907.

1905 Jack Suters was a noted swimmer he had been taught to hunt and swim by a couple of his aboriginal friends. (Including Old Joe).

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There is evidence of an aboriginal settlement south of the twon as Mr. Milen 1913, found at Tacking Point Light House and Cathie Creek, the site is continuous for about a mile and is a chain wide in places.

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