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Timeline of Aboriginal occupation of the Sydney region and North West Sydney

| Years ago | Worldwide | Sydney Region | North West Sydney |
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| 15,000 to 10,000 | First farming settlements arise in the Fertile Crescent in Mesopotamia and the Nile Valley – beginnings of agriculture and permanent settlements (11,000 years ago) | Shaws Creek K2 rockshelter on the western side of the Nepean River being used as a habitation shelter by Aboriginal people (14,700 years ago) | |
| 6,000 to 5,000 | The beginning of the Bronze Age (5,300 years ago) Invention of writing (5,200 years ago) | Radiocarbon date from an archaeological site near present day Doonside in western Sydney (6,000 years ago) | |
| 5,000 to 4,000 |  Construction of the pyramids at Giza, Egypt (4,600 to 4,500 years ago) | A site along Caddies Creek in Rouse Hill, close to sites excavated for Sydney Metro, is being used by Aboriginal people (4,700 years ago) | People living along the gentle slopes above Elizabeth Macarthur Creek (4,400 years ago) People living on the hilltop near present day Mungerie House (4,200 years ago) |
| 4,000 to 3,000 | Last woolly mammoths die off in Russia and the species finally becomes extinct (4,000 years ago)  | Radiocarbon date from a shell midden indicates Aboriginal people living at Balmoral Beach (3,780 years ago)  |  More archaeological evidence for people again living along Elizabeth Macarthur Creek within the Sydney Metro project area (3,600 years ago) |
| 3,000 to 2,000 |  First Olympic Games held in Olympia, Greece (2,776 years ago) | Aboriginal people living in rockshelter at Yowie Bay in Sydney's Sutherland Shire (2,670 years ago) Aboriginal people living and creating art within rockshelters near Cherrybrook (2,200 years ago) | |



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