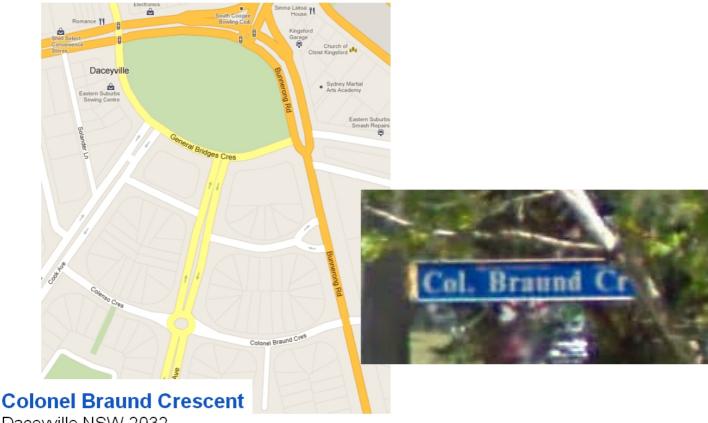


Shortly before he died in 1912, John Rowland Dacey reported the beginnings of his dream for a public workers' housing estate based on English models.

The outcome would be Daceyville, as planned by the prominent architect Sir John Sulman. Bound by Bunnerong Rd, Gardeners Rd, Isaac Smith St, Haig Ave and Joffre Cres, it was much smaller than originally intended and not fully completed until 1981.

It was one of the country's first such concepts and, today, it retains its aura of a utopian ideal. At the time of its inception, only two thoroughfares - Bunnerong Rd and Gardeners Rd - were identified by name. Later prominent local and national figures were also honoured. Sergeant ER Larkin (Sergeant Larkin Cres), was a member of the NSW Legislative Assembly who died in Gallipoli while another MLA, Colonel GF Braund (Colonel Braund Cres) was also killed there in 1915. RO Burke would become Colenso Cres.

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