

The township of Kadina was laid out by the Government in late 1860 on a site dictated by the location of mines and mining leases. It was named Kadina, a derivation of the aboriginal *kaddy-yeena* meaning 'lizard plain', by Governor Sir Richard MacDonnell.

Allotments were auctioned in March 1861 and, by 1862, significant building activity had begun. Miners' cottages, built of wattle and daub with shingle roofs, white-washed walls and dirt floors, and churches and businesses were soon erected. By early 1863, the government had built a courthouse, police station, post office and telegraph station.

In 1860, it took three to four days to reach Kadina by road from Adelaide, but a direct road link was established by 1865 and coaches completed the trip in 12 hours. Kadina was connected with the port of Wallaroo by horse-drawn tram in 1862 and to Adelaide by railway in 1878.

Land to the south, east and west of the original township was subdivided as mineral leases were relinquished. Kadina East was subdivided in 1907 and Kadina South about 1900 and incorporated into the town council in 1917. West of Kadina was the subdivision of Newtown.

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