

Church of England Boys' Home

1917 – 1976

- Other Names:**
- Church of England Boys' Home, Carlingford
 - The Working Boys' Hostel
 - Carlingford Boys' Home
 - Buckland House
 - Spurway Cottage
 - Trigg Cottage
 - T.A. Field Cottage
 - Noller
 - Vickery
 - Carlingford Children's Home

Details

The Church of England Boys' Home was for boys aged 6 to 18 years. It was established by Church of England Homes in 1917 in a house in Cronulla. The Boys' Home moved to Carlingford in 1921, occupying 'Minden', which had previously been used as the Church of England Girls' Home. In 1927 the Boys' Home moved to a new site further north on Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford, where Buckland Memorial Home was built. By 1935 there were 4 additional cottages: Spurway, Noller, Vickery and Broad, along with a Hostel for older boys. The Church of England Boys' Home closed in the 1970s when children were placed in group homes.

The Carlingford Homes started with the purchase of 'Minden', in Carlingford, in 1913, as a Girls' Home. In 1915 a family group that included a boy arrived from Orange. Although that boy was placed with his sisters, a separate Boys' Home was established at Cronulla in 1917. Another house, 'Havilah', was purchased at Normanhurst (Wahroonga) in 1918, as a home for small children but the work of Havilah later relocated, also to Carlingford, in 1950.

In 1920, girls were transferred from 'Minden' in Carlingford to Arden, in Glebe. At that time, a second house was added to Minden, to take more boys, and boys came to Carlingford from the Home at Cronulla. This addition at Carlingford was called No 2 Home, but was later renamed Tress-Manning Home.

John Ingersole, who grew up in the Carlingford Boys' Homes, has written the history of the complex. He says the boys moved to a new building (known as "Number 2") that was erected alongside Minden in 1921, while the girls were sent to Arden in Glebe, and Havilah became a unisex home for little children. Once little children from Havilah turned six they were sent to either the Boys' Home or the Girls' Home.

In 1927 a new Boys' Home, Buckland House, was built on a new site at 756 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford. The home was built by Sir Thomas Buckland, in honour of his son, who had been killed in World War I. The girls were moved back to the original building, Minden, in 1927.

The Boys' Home complex expanded in later years, with the addition of Noller, Broad, Vickery, Spurway, T.A Field and Trigg Cottages, and a Hostel for boys who were starting work.

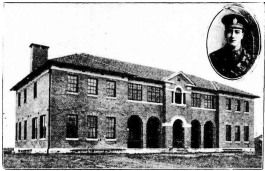
The land was prepared for sale in 1975 and the Boys' Homes were closed in May 1976.

According to research done by the staff of the Northern Territory Department of Health, children from the Northern Territory were sent to the Church of England Boys' Home.

The Church of England Boys' Home was mentioned in the Bringing Them Home Report (1997) as an institution that housed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children removed from their families.

The Church of England Boys' Home was mentioned in the Lost Innocents Report (2001) as an institution involved in the migration of children to Australia.

Gallery



Buckland Memorial Home for Boys

Description: This image was included in The Sydney Morning Herald article titled 'Buckland Memorial Home for Boys'.



Noller Cottage

Description: This is a copy of a photograph of Noller Cottage, which was part of the Church of England Boys' Home. The image was published on the 'Hills Voices Online' website, with the transcript of the oral history interview 'Carlingford - Eric and Lorna McGraw'. Its caption reads: 'Noller Cottage housed the younger boys'.



Church of England Boys' Home, Carlingford

Description: This is a copy of a photograph from the Church of England Boys' Home, Carlingford. This image appeared in an article published in *Pix* on 31 May 1958. The caption reads 'Ray (left) and Ken bringing home the cows'.



Old Rectory for St Paul's

Description: This is a copy of a photograph from the collection of Anglicare. The description reads: Old Rectory for St Paul's. Later became the Working Boys Hostel. From Dec 1965 - Dec 1968 it was the first family group home for house parents and 10 children. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

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- [Church of England Homes \(c. 1884 - 1984\)](#)

Related Events

- [Interstate movement of Northern Territory children \(1930s - 1970s\)](#)
- [Visit of John Moss \(1951\)](#)

John Moss inspected this home as part of his 1951 tour and report

Related Organisations

- [Church of England Girls' Home, Carlingford \(1913 - 1970s\)](#)

The Church of England Boys' Home and Church of England Girls' Home were located on the same site at Carlingford.

- [Havilah Little Children's Home \(1918 - c. 1980\)](#)

When boys at Havilah Little Children's Home reached the age of six they were sent to either Carlingford Boys' Home or Carlingford Girls' Home.

Related Places

- [Minden \(1913 - 1970s\)](#)

The house Minden was the central point for the development of the Church of England Children's Homes at Carlingford, and housed girls from 1913 to 1920 and from 1927 until the 1970s. It housed boys from 1921 until 1926.

Related Concepts

- [Child Migration \(1800s - 1970s\)](#)

Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, [Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families](#), 1997. *Relevance:* The Church of England Boys' Home was mentioned in the Bringing Them Home Report (1997) as an institution that housed Indigenous children removed from their families
- [Where children receive their natural heritage](#), The Australian Women's Weekly, 2 September 1933
- The Hills Shire Council, [Hills Voices Online: Heritage Sites](#), The Hills: Sydney's Garden Shire, No date. *Relevance:* 'Carlingford - Eric and Lorna McGraw', date of interview: 30 March 2007
- [In Equity](#), The Sydney Morning Herald, 11 March 1933

Records

For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

Records held by other organisations

- [Anglicare Children's Homes, Foster Care and Out-of-Home Care Records \(1932 - 2010s\)](#)

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