

Church of England Girls' Home, Carlingford

1913 – 1970s

Other Names:

- Minden
- Molly Trigg Cottage
- TA Field Cottage
- Tress-Manning Home
- Carlingford Girls' Homes

Details

The Church of England Girls' Home was established in 1913 with the purchase of 'Minden' at Carlingford as a home for girls 'in the country'. In 1918 the Church of England Girls' Home moved to Arden, at Glebe, during which time boys lived at Minden and a second house was added to the site. In 1927 the Girls' Home moved back to Minden at Carlingford. The Mary McGarvey Home was built in 1930 and Molly Trigg and TA Field Cottages were added in 1957. Church of England Girls' Home was a home for girls aged 6-18 and closed in the 1970s. Minden was later demolished.

The work of the Church of England Girls' Homes commenced in Glebe in 1886, where 4 houses were used at varying times for women, girls and boys. These houses were called: Tress-Manning, Avona, Arden and Strathmore.

The Carlingford Homes started with the purchase of Minden, in Carlingford, in 1913, as a girls' home. At the time the Annual Report of Church of England Homes stated it was an orphanage for 'frail girls'. 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.

In 1918 the Church of England Diocese bought Havilah at Normanhurst (or Wahroonga), as a home for small children. It also bought Arden, at Glebe Point, for girls aged six to 18 and in 1920 the girls were transferred to Glebe from Carlingford. At that time, Minden was extended to take boys and the addition was called No 2 Home. This building later became Tress-Manning Home.

In 1921 the Church of England Girls' Home at Glebe was granted 5 shillings per week for every orphan in its care by the NSW Government. This allowance was extended to a range of private institutions that cared for children.

In 1927 a new Boys' Home, Buckland House, was built at 756 Pennant Hills Road at Carlingford and the boys were moved there. The girls left Arden and were moved back to the original building, Minden, in 1927. The Mary McGarvey Home was built in 1930 and Molly Trigg and TA Field Cottages were also added.

Carlingford Girls' Home closed in the 1970s when children were placed in group homes.

Anglicare manages the records relating to Church of England Girls' Home Carlingford.

According to research done by the staff of the Northern Territory Department of Health, the Church of England Girls' Home, Carlingford was a place where children from the Northern Territory were sent.

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

Gallery



Church of England Girls' Home [Carlingford]

Description: This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Common room, Molly Trigg Home

Description: This is an image of the 'common room' in the Molly Trigg Home, which was a cottage at Church of England Girls' Home at 216 Pennant Hills Road in Carlingford. The caption reads: 'Looking into the delightfully bright Common Room of the Molly Trigg Home'.



McGarvey House - front view, residents, 1 adult, car (1930s)

Description: This is a copy of a photograph from the collection of Anglicare. It shows the Mary McGarvey Home at the Church of England Girls' Home.



C. of E. Girls' Homes at Glebe Point, for the transfer of which to Carlingford an appeal has been launched.

Description: This image shows the building known as 'Avona' when it formed part of the Church of England Girls' Home in Glebe. Girls from the Home can be seen sitting on the steps outside the building. This building and its grounds later became the Charlton Memorial Home. This image was published in The Sydney Morning Herald on 11 May 1928. The description reads: "The scattered and dilapidated buildings in which 150 girls are now housed. The building in the distance was formerly the residence of the late Sir George Wigram Allen."



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Description: This image shows the building known as 'Arden' when it formed part of the Church of England Girls' Home in Glebe. Girls from the Home can be seen standing outside the building. This image was published in The Sydney Morning Herald on 11 May 1928. The description reads: "The administrative block of the homes in Forsyth-Street, some distance from the main buildings in which the girls are accommodated."

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [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 Boys' Home \(1917 - 1976\)](#)
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 girls reached the age of six they were transferred from Havilah Little Children's Home to Church of England Girls' Home, Carlingford

Related Places

- [Minden \(1913 - 1970s\)](#)
The Church of England Girls' Home at Carlingford started in Minden (1913-1920). Girls returned to Minden in 1927, and it remained a Girls' Home until the 1970s.
- [Arden \(1918 - 1927\)](#)
Arden, in Glebe, was the site of the Church of England Girls' Home from 1920 until 1927.

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 Carlingford Girls' 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
- [In Equity](#), The Sydney Morning Herald, 11 March 1933
- [Glebe Care Homes for Children](#), The Glebe Society, 23 June 2013

Records

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

Records

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

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