

St George's Training Farm Home for Boys

1927 – 1930

Details

St George's Training Farm Home for Boys was opened in a homestead known as 'Maudeville', at Oakhampton, near Maitland and Morpeth, in the Hunter Valley in 1927. It was run by the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle and took boys aged 13 and over who had been in Morpeth Home for Children (St Alban's). St George's Training Farm was closed in 1930.

According to the *Singleton Argus*, boys were resident at St George's Training Farm in May 1927;

The seven boys now in residence are a fine type of youth, and are adapting themselves splendidly to their new life.

The training farm was officially opened on 1 June 1927 by Mr Bill Capper of West Maitland. The purpose of the farm was to continue the 'training' of boys at St Albans Home, Morpeth. St George's was for boys aged 13 and over.

The farm was a 22 acre site, purchased by the Church of England for £4800, of which Arthur Yates of Sydney had donated £500. It was superintended by Rev BD Simpson who had, prior to entering the ministry, been a farmer.

In 1927 the farm grew sorghum and lucerne and had a poultry farm and dairy.

According to *Connecting Kin*, the Home experienced financial difficulties from its inception, and was closed in 1930. The boys were relocated, and the farm rented out before being sold in 1939.

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St George's Training Farm Home for Boys took boys aged 12 and above from St Alban's Home for Boys, Morpeth.

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Resources

- University of Newcastle Library, [Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Archives](#), Archives of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, including parish registers, records of the Bishops of Newcastle and the records of St John's Theological College at Morpeth held by Cultural Collections, 2014
- [Training Farm: Oakhampton Property Purchased](#), The Maitland Weekly Mercury, 13 November 1926

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