Burnside Homes for Children

1978 – 1986
Other Names:
- Burnside
- Burnside Homes

Details

The Burnside Homes for Children was the new name for Burnside Presbyterian Homes for Children. The name change occurred when the Uniting Church in Australia was formed and the Uniting Church Board of Responsibility took control of the Burnside Homes. From 1978 to 1986 residential care at the Burnside site in North Parramatta was wound up. In 1986 all residential care for children and young people had moved offsite and the organisation changed its name to Burnside.

The way children are cared for by Burnside has changed considerably over the years reflecting changes in child care theories. Originally, children were housed on the North Parramatta site, in the cottage homes, which housed 20-30 children.

In the 1960s the capacity of the homes, originally designed to accommodate 30 children, was reduced to house twelve to fifteen. Also in the 1960s, Burnside began to establish group homes in the suburbs which were designed to care for around six children at a time. In the 1970s, a comprehensive and successful system of foster care was established by Burnside social workers.

From the late 1970s the children's cottages on the Burnside site were progressive closed down. In the 1980s Burnside Homes for Children began leasing properties in Fairfield and Cabramatta to provide accommodation for refugee children from Cambodia. Other family group homes were also established in this period.

From 1986 Burnside Homes for Children stopped running children's homes on the North Parramatta site. It became known simply as Burnside.

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Burnside Orphanage, Parramatta

More info

Chronology

- Burnside Presbyterian Homes for Children (1955 - 1978)
  - **Burnside Homes for Children (1978 – 1986)**
    - Burnside (1986 - 2000)

Related Entries

Ran
- Cumbrae (1912 - 1987)
  Cumbrae was a cottage at Burnside Homes for Children
  Date: 1978 - 1986
- Dunkeld (1913 - 2000)
- Margaret Harris Hospital (1917 - 1982)
- Ivanhoe (1919 - 1984)
  Ivanhoe was a cottage at Burnside Homes for Children until 1984
  Date: 1978 - 1984
- Blackwood (1921 - 1984)
  Blackwood was one of the cottages at Burnside Homes for Children
- War Memorial Home (1922 - 1982)
  War Memorial Home was a cottage for Burnside Homes for Children until 1982
- Lincluden (16 February 1931 - August 1989)
- Ross (1935 - 1985)
  Ross was one of the cottages at Burnside Homes for Children
- St Andrew's Home (c. 1943 - 1986)
  Date: 1978 - 1986
- Montrose Family Group Home (1965 - 2013)
- Gordon Family Group Home (1967 - c. 2014)
- Minnamurra Family Group Home (1975 - current)
- Byrnes Family Group Home (1983 - current)
- Ritchie Family Group Home (1984 - 1986)

Related Organisations
- Presbyterian Church of Australia (1901 - current)
  The Presbyterian Church was supportive of Burnside Homes for Children, and the land on which the homes stood was vested in the Church. However, the Presbyterian Church was not directly involved in the management of the homes. In 1977 Burnside Homes for Children moved to the management of the Uniting Church of Australia.
  Date: 1976 - 1977

Related Concepts
- Child Migration (1800s - 1970s)

Resources

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- Shayler, Kate, *Burnished: Burnside Life Stories*, 2011
- The Hills Shire Council, *Hills Voices Online: Heritage Sites*, The Hills: Sydney's Garden Shire, No date
- Trickett, Graeme, *Great Depression shaped life devoted to social justice: Gordon Trickett 1925-2011*, The Sydney Morning Herald, 31 January 2011
- Uniting, *Burnside: Photos and Stories of the 20th Century*, No date

Other Resources

Title: Burnside Primary School
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Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- Records held by Burnside Archives (1911 - current)

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