

# Burnside Archives

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## Details

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Burnside Archives, located at North Parramatta, is part of UnitingCare Burnside and holds historic records of children's homes run by Burnside Presbyterian Orphan Homes for Children, Burnside Presbyterian Homes for Children, Burnside Homes and Burnside. For past clients of Burnside, access to files is through the Aftercare Coordinator.

Burnside Archives is committed to an open file policy with as few restrictions as possible, and past or present clients may access their files. If the client is deceased, their next of kin may access the file.

## How to access records from Burnside:

Burnside is committed to an open file policy with as few restrictions as possible. If you are a past or present client, you will have access to your file as readily as possible, taking into account your needs and best interests.

- Files are generally available only to the person whose name appears on the front of the file.
- If the client is deceased, the file will be shown to the next of kin. You will need to supply their death certificate and evidence of next-of-kin relationship.
- For adopted persons who are past or present clients, the provisions of the Adoption Act 2000 apply.
- For current out-of-home care clients, access to files is supervised by the appropriate unit coordinator or foster care caseworker.
- For past clients, access to files is through the Aftercare Coordinator.
- You must provide proof of identity (e.g. birth certificate, driver's licence).
- As a file may be stored off-site, you will need to allow for some delay in gaining access.
- How you will have access will be determined by the Aftercare Coordinator.

## Gallery

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### We were Burnie kids

**Description:** This silent footage was produced by Burnside Homes to promote the work of the Homes and raise funds. It shows the Homes' association with the Presbyterian Church and how some children from poor families in the inner suburbs of Sydney were taken to Burnside Homes by Reverend Scott of the Presbyterian Metropolitan Mission. It shows children playing and learning in the Burnside Homes, and the grounds and buildings. The recent preservation of this footage was the result of a partnership between Uniting Care Burnside, Parramatta Heritage Centre and Anne Matthews. The footage dates from the period 1937 to around 1940, because it shows 1930s renovations to Wynyard Station, the Scots Church building (1934), a Plymouth PE Deluxe car (manufactured in Australia by Holden from 1934) and a set of traffic lights in Sydney CBD (1937). This URL was taken from the Wayback Machine and is dated 30 March 2018.

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# More info

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## Related Entries

### Related Organisations

- [Blairgowrie \(17 June 1911 - 1952\)](#)  
Burnside Archives were in Blairgowrie by 2011.  
Date: 2011 -
- [Minnamurra Family Group Home \(1975 - current\)](#)
- [Uniting Burnside \(2000 - current\)](#)  
Burnside Archives are part of UnitingCare Burnside

## Resources

- Keen, Susan, *Burnside: 75 years of caring*, 1986

# Records

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## Records held by this organisation

- [Records held by Burnside Archives \(1911 - current\)](#)

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