

# Illawong

1962 – 1975

## Details

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Illawong was established by Dr Barnardo's in Australia in 1962 in Wollongong. It was operated as a family group home for British child migrants and could accommodate 12 children. It closed in early 1975 due to a lack of demand.

Barnardos purchased 'Hi Wi Lodge' in Hillview Avenue to be a family group home. Illawong is sometimes described as being in Keiraville and other times in Wollongong. The street Hillview Avenue was on the border of the two suburbs.

Demand for places at Illawong had decreased from 1970. In 1971 seven children lived at Illawong, four of them had been born in Australia. Illawong closed in early 1975.

## Gallery

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### Illawong Family Group Home Wollongong

**Description:** This is an image from the Nardy - Old Boys & Girls Reunion Club website Cottage Homes Album. This image shows the front of Illawong, a Barnardo's family group home in Keiraville/Wollongong. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

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## Resources

- Remmer, Clifford, [Nardy Old Boys & Girls Reunion Club](#), 2005
- *Dr was father to largest family on earth*, Illawarra Mercury, 15 November 1971

- [Welfare official arrives](#), The Sydney Morning Herald, 20 September 1966

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