

# Stonehaven

1929 – 1951

**Other Names:**

- Stonehave Home for Undernourished Boys
- Sydney City Mission Children's Home

## Details

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Stonehaven, run by the Sydney City Mission, was located at Park Road, Springwood in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, and was opened in 1929. Initially occupied by girls, it became a boys' home. From 1942-1945 the children were sent to Cronulla Children's Home and Stonehaven was occupied by the Defence Forces. In 1951 Stonehaven closed. Boys were sent to Haddon Hall.

Stonehaven was, according to the Sydney City Mission, a home for undernourished boys from congested areas of the city. The aim of the home was to build the children up physically and give them moral, religious training. The boys were expected to do household and gardening chores and the discipline was what could be described as harsh. Children attended Springwood Public School and went to the Methodist church every morning and afternoon. Most boys stayed for three months, but some stayed longer. The home had capacity for 21 boys.

Blue Mountains historian Shirley Evans advertised in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* for information from people who had stayed in Red Cross children's homes in the Blue Mountains. Those who had been in Juong and Stonehaven said Juong was a happier place. However, homesickness was said to have been a problem for all the children.

When Stonehaven closed the building was bought by the Department of Main Roads and demolished as part of a road deviation scheme.

## Gallery

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**Stonehaven Sydney City Mission Children's Home**

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## More info

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### Related Entries

**Run by**

- [Sydney City Mission \(1862 - 1996\)](#)

Date: 1929 - 1949

#### Related Organisations

- [Cronulla Children's Home \(1916 - 1946\)](#)

During World War II the children from Stonehaven lived at Cronulla Children's Home.

Date: 1942 - 1945

- [Lawson Cottage \(1927 - 1930\)](#)

Stonehaven took girls from Lawson Cottage in 1929, then boys from Lawson Cottage in 1930.

- [Haddon Hall \(1950 - 1967\)](#)

When Stonehaven closed boys were sent to Haddon Hall.

- [Mission Australia \(1996 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- Robinson, Denis, [Submission No 366 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care - The Sydney City Boys Home, "Stonehaven", Springwood NSW](#), 2002

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Sydney City Mission records, 1862-1983, including minute books and historical papers \(1862 - 1983\)](#)

Records of Stonehaven may be included in this collection of Sydney City Mission records in the Mitchell Library

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