

Haddon Hall

1950 – 1967

Details

Haddon Hall, on the Great Western Highway at Hazelbrook, near Woodford, was opened as a boys' home by the Sydney City Mission in 1950, taking boys from Stonehaven. In 1951 the boys were moved to Mt Gibraltar, Bowral, and girls from Mt Gibraltar were placed in Haddon Hall. Haddon Hall closed in 1967 and the remaining girls were transferred to Cowley House at Cronulla.

The buildings used for Haddon Hall consisted of two old weatherboard cottages and a substantial inter-war bungalow building called Yama that had been built by Japanese businessman and vice-consul Toransuki Kitamura. Kitamura died in 1930 and, after some time, his Australian wife Mabel sold the property to the Sydney City Mission.

Haddon Hall was opened by the Governor of New South Wales, Sir John Northcott, in November 1950 to house undernourished boys. The boys had previously been cared for at the Sydney City Mission's home Stonehaven at Springwood (also in the Blue Mountains). In 1951, the boys were relocated to Mt Gibraltar at Bowral, and the girls from that home moved into Haddon Hall. In 1967, the home closed and the remaining girls were transferred to Cowley House at Cronulla.

In 1970 the property was acquired by the Handicapped Children's Centre of New South Wales, who renamed it as Rainbow Lodge.

Gallery



Haddon Hall

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Rainbow Lodge and Grounds (I)

Description: This image shows the outside of the building.



Rainbow Lodge and grounds (II)

Description: This image shows the outside of the building.

More info

Related Entries

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

Date: 1950 - 1967

Related Organisations

- [Stonehaven \(1929 - 1951\)](#)

When Stonehaven closed boys were sent to Haddon Hall.

- [Mt Gibraltar \(1930 - 1974\)](#)

In 1951 the boys at Haddon Hall were sent to Mt Gibraltar and the girls who had been at Mt Gibraltar were placed in Haddon Hall.

- [Cowley House \(1946 - 1976\)](#)

When Haddon Hall closed in 1967 the remaining girls were transferred to Cowley House

- [Rainbow Lodge \(1970 - c. 1979\)](#)

Rainbow Lodge used the buildings that had been Haddon Hall.

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

Records

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 \(1862 - 1983\)](#)
- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)

Item B8 Part 1 of the Child Endowment correspondence files relates to Haddon Hall

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