

# Lawson Rural Centre

1944 – 1950?

## Details

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Lawson Rural Centre, in Lawson in the Blue Mountains, was a children's home established by the Homes and Hostels Committee of the Home Mission Society, part of the Church of England's Sydney Diocese, in 1944.

The Lawson Rural Centre is mentioned in a *Sydney Morning Herald* article about children's homes run by the Home Mission Society. According to this article the property was given to the Church of England by the owners and was still in development as a small home in 1945.

A five year old boy placed at the Lawson Rural Centre by his father in April 1945 died in August of that year. Subsequently the matron of the Home was charged under the Child Welfare Act with failure to procure medical attention for the child, and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. The tragic death resulted in a number of newspaper articles, notably in the *Truth*, raises questions about the Church of England Home Mission Society's supervision and management of children's Homes.

## Gallery

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**Home for Children at Lawson**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on Monday 3 September 1945. The image shows the exterior of the Lawson Rural Centre.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Home Mission Society of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney \(1857 - 1997\)](#)

### Resources

- [Home for Children at Lawson](#), The Sydney Morning Herald, 3 September 1945

## Records

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## Records held by other organisations

- [Anglicare Children's Homes, Foster Care and Out-of-Home Care Records \(1932 - 2010s\)](#)
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