

# Montrose Infants' Home

c. 1949 – c. 1978

**Other Names:** • Montrose

## Details

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Montrose Infants' Home was a home for preschool-aged children that was established in Burwood by the Child Welfare Department. Montrose had previously been a hostel for older children. It had a kindergarten programme and mostly took children who were being prepared for foster placement. However its use varied according to need, and four girls aged 15-18 lived there receiving 'domestic training' in the 1960s. Around 1978 Montrose was converted to Montrose Child Protection Centre.

Donald McLean reviewed Child Welfare Department homes in 1955 and wrote:

*To stand and watch the children in 'Montrose' is to learn the efficacy of kindergarten work in developing that confidence which helps children towards happiness. The children received at 'Montrose' are the more normal type of pre-school child and most of them are placed in foster homes when they have recovered from the experiences which led to their admission to the Minister's care.*

The Child Welfare Department's 1961 Annual Report noted the variety of young people who were resident there in that year:

*It is appropriate that this establishment, which was originally used by the Department as a hostel for mothers and babies, now provides residential care for preschool wards. Children between the ages of 2 and 6 years remain at Montrose for varying periods until they are considered suitable for placement in foster homes. In addition to the younger children, there are four girls in the 15 to 18 years age group who receive domestic training.*

In 2011 Montrose was a private residence.

## Gallery

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**Montrose Child Protection Unit Burwood**

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**Montrose Maternity Hospital, Burwood**

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**Montrose Infants Home, Burwood**

**Description:** This image shows small children playing outside on play equipment at Montrose Infants' Home.

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**Montrose Infants Home, Burwood**

**Description:** This image shows small children playing outside on tricycles.

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**Montrose Infants Home, Burwood**

**Description:** This is an image of children taken at Montrose Infants' Home, Burwood, in 1949. Please note that the State Library of New South Wales collection includes more photographs of Montrose Infants' Home taken by the Government Printing Office, including images of children and playgrounds.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Montrose Hostel (1936 - c. 1949)
  - **Montrose Infants' Home (c. 1949 – c. 1978)**
    - Montrose Child Protection Centre (c. 1978 - c. 2009)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Child Welfare Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1923 - 1970\)](#)  
Date: 1949 - 1970
- [Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare, State Government of New South Wales \(1970 - 1973\)](#)  
Date: 1970 - 1973
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1973 - 1975\)](#)  
Date: 1973 - 1975
- [Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs, State Government of New South Wales \(1975 - 1976\)](#)  
Date: 1975 - 1976
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1976 - 1988\)](#)  
Date: 1976 - 1978

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