St George’s Homes, Rockhampton

1922 – 1979

Other Names:
- St George's Orphanage
- St George's Home for Orphans

Details

St George’s Orphanage, in Parkhurst (North Rockhampton), was established by the St George’s Homes for Children Executive Committee in 1922. Over time, three Homes were established on the site. In 1925, the original Home became known as ‘No 1 Home’, when the No 2 Home was opened. Another Home, known as the Mothers’ Memorial Home or No 3 Home, opened in 1930. This No 3 Home closed in 1931 and was reopened in 1935. The No 1 Home closed in June 1971. Funding for residential care at the Parkhurst site ceased officially in September 1979.

Number 2 Home was licensed under the *State Children Act* 1911 in 1925. Number 3 Home was licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 1905 on 27 March 1936 and under the *Children’s Services Act* 1965 on 4 August 1966.

A publication from 1968 described the Home as accommodating 50 boys and 26 girls, aged 2 to 17 years, of all denominations. It stated that the boys and girls are housed separately in three homes but use a central dining room (Social Services Queensland, 1968, p.94).

Gallery



St George's Orphanage Homes

Description: This is an image of St George's Orphanage Homes in Parkhurst (Rockhampton). It was published in the *Morning Bulletin* on 11 September 1939 with the caption "St George's Orphanage Homes, Parkhurst, on the occasion of the 22nd anniversay birthday yesterday." The image shows the orphanage buildings with a large crowd of people in front. It was published along side an article titled 'Birthday Tea at St George's Orphan Homes'.



Mother's Memorial Home

Description: This is an image of the St George's Homes Mother's Memorial Home, also known as Home No. 3. It was published in the *Morning Bulletin* on 7 May 1930 with the caption "Mother's Memorial Home at Parkhurst (cost £2500). The Mother's Memorial Home at Parkhurst, which is a unit of the St. George's Orphanage scheme, and which was opened on Saturday afternoon last."

More info

Chronology

- St George's Orphanage, Rockhampton (26 October 1917 - 17 November 1922)
  - **St George's Homes, Rockhampton (1922 – 1979)**
    - St George's Family Group Home, Elphinstone Street (1978 - 1980)
    - St George's Family Group Home, Mason Street (1978 - 25 June 1982)

Related Entries

Run by
- St George's Homes for Children Executive Committee (1922 - 1982)

Related Events
- Visit of John Moss (1951)
  John Moss inspected this home as part of his 1951 tour and report

Related Legislation
- Infant Life Protection Act 1905, Queensland (1905 - 1966)
- State Children Act 1911, Queensland (1911 - 1966)
- Children's Services Act 1965, Queensland (1965 - 2000)

Related Organisations
- Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton (1892 - current)

Resources

- Immigration Museum, *Stolen childhoods*, 2012
- *St George's Homes*, The Capricornian, 12 September 1929
- *St George's Homes*, Morning Bulletin, 5 May 1930
- Social Work Staff, Faculty of Education, University of Queensland, *Directory of Social Services Queensland*, 1958

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- St George's Homes, Rockhampton Records (1917? - 1982)
- Case Files - Rockhampton Receiving Depot and St George's Orphanage (12 September 1888 - 3 August 1970)
- Correspondence files, multiple number series (policy matters) (1922 - 1968)

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