

St Agnes Babies Home

March 1922 – 30 July 1923

Other Names:

- Queen Mary Home for Babies
- St Agnes Home for Babies

Details

The St Agnes Babies Home, in Oxley was run by the Queensland Association for the Saving of Infant Life. It opened in 1922 in a large property known as Cliveden. St Agnes Babies Home had previously been known as Duncan Infant's Home. In 1923, the State Children's Department refused the Home's application to be licensed to care for 20 babies instead of 10. The Committee made the decision to close the Home on 30 July 1923. Of the 11 babies being cared for at the home seven were returned to the people from whom they were received and four remained in state care.

The men's finance committee of the Queensland Association for the Saving of Infant Life, commenced work in early 1920 to raise money to open a babies' home. Originally, the committee proposed to name it the Queen Mary Home for Babies. When they were unable to register this name, the Committee decided on the name St Agnes Babies Home. The home was registered with the Director of the State's Children Department, Colonel Ferguson.

St Agnes Babies Home's new location in Oxley was a home known as 'Cliveden'. After St Agnes Babies Home closed in 1923, it was purchased by the Presbyterian Church to be used as an orphanage. The Blackheath Home for Children opened on the same site in 1924.

Gallery



Blackheath

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More info

Chronology

- Duncan Infants' Home (January 1921 - March 1922)
 - **St Agnes Babies Home (March 1922 – 30 July 1923)**

Related Entries

Run by

- [The Queensland Association for the Saving of Infant Life \(1916 - 1923\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Blackheath Home, Oxley \(c. 1924 - 1963\)](#)

Blackheath Home was located in 'Cliveden' at Oxley, the former site of St Agnes Babies' Home.

Resources

- [St Agnes' Babies' Home, Oxley](#), 5 November 1923

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