

Padbury Boys' Farm School

1946 – 1955

Details

The Padbury Boys' Farm School was run by the Anglican Orphanages Committee as part of Swan Homes from 1946 to 1955, on land owned by the Anglican church in Stoneville. Boys were sent there to gain training and experience in farm work.

The Padbury Boys' Farm School at Stoneville was part of the Swan Homes complex, established in 1946 to provide agricultural training to boys from Swan Homes. It was named in honour of two benefactors of Swan Homes: Mr Walter Padbury and his nephew, Matthew Padbury. Boys old enough to be 'trainees' were at first accepted to Padbury, but after 1948 'schoolboys' were also sent there. Boys cleared the land, erected buildings, worked on the farm, and helped put out bush-fires in the community.

School-age boys attended the Mt Helena Area School.

In 1955, the Padbury Boys' Farm School was closed, for financial reasons.

The Padbury Boys' Farm School was mentioned in the Lost Innocents Report (2001) as an institution involved in the migration of children to Australia.

Gallery



Padbury Farm 1946 The first buildings and home garden

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Related Entries

Run by

- [Anglican Orphanages Board of Management \(1940 - 1954\)](#)
- [The Anglican Homes Board \(1955 - 1970\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Seaside House, Coogee \(1931 - 1968\)](#)

Children and young people from Padbury Boys' Farm School came to the Seaside House at Coogee for annual summer holidays.

Date: 1946 - 1954

- [Swan Homes \(1943 - 1959\)](#)
Padbury Boys' Farm School operated as a branch of Swan Homes.
Date: 1946 - 1955
- [Anglican Farm School, Stoneville \(1955 - 1961\)](#)
After Padbury Boys' Farm School closed, its buildings and grounds were used for the Anglican Farm School, Stoneville.

Related Concepts

- [Child Migration \(1800s - 1970s\)](#)

Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001
- Immigration Museum, [Stolen childhoods](#), 2012
- [Ken Pound interviewed by Gwenda Davey in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 29 November 2010 - 13 December 2010
- Hetherington, Penelope, [Reformatories](#), Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia, 2009

Other Resources



Title: The Noisy Mansions : the story of Swanleigh 1868-1971

Type: Image

Date: 1986

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Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Anglican Diocese of Perth, Western Australia, Records \(1880s - 2010\)](#)
- [Perth Protestant Orphanage / Perth Anglican Orphanages, State Library of Western Australia \(1872 - 1955\)](#)
- [John Moss C.B.E. U.K. Child Welfare Expert. Visit to Australia. Part II, National Archives of Australia \(1951 - 1952\)](#)
There is information about the Padbury Farm School in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.30-31, 114
- [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)

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