

# Ballarat Orphanage Boys' Hostel

1927 – 1961

## Details

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The Ballarat Orphanage Boys' Hostel was established in 1927. It housed boys (up to the age of 18) from the Orphanage who had been apprenticed out to various trades. The Boys' Hostel in Victoria Street was formerly a private hospital called Warrawee. The hostel closed in 1961 when it was purchased by the Social welfare Department, and the Victorian government opened a Reception Centre on the same site. At the time of its closure there were two boys living at the hostel, both of whom were transferred to private boardings.

The building in Victoria Street, Ballarat, was purchased for £3500. This was funded by a £1000 grant from the Charities Board, and further contributions from the HV McKay Charitable Trust, the Edward Wilson Trust and the Alfred Felton Estate.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Ballarat Orphanage \(1909 - 1968\)](#)  
Ballarat Orphanage operated the Ballarat Orphanage Boys' Hostel for older boys in paid employment.  
Date: 1927 - 1961
- [Ballarat Reception Centre \(1961 - 1982?\)](#)  
The Ballarat Reception Centre was located on the former site of the Ballarat Orphanage Boys' Hostel

### Resources

- Radcliffe, Allen William, [Submission no 515 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 2005

## Records

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

### Records

- [Child and Family Services Ballarat Records \(c. 1865 - current\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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