

Holmbush

1942 – 1956

Details

Holmbush was the first residential accommodation operated by Melbourne Legacy, and was established in 1942. It accommodated boys aged between 9 and 19, usually attending secondary school. In 1956, Holmbush became known as Blamey House.

Holmbush was for children aged 9 to 19. It was located not far from another Legacy home, Stanhope (1245 Burke Road).

Residents of Holmbush and other Legacy homes were the children of deceased ex-servicemen. Sometimes residents at Legacy homes were both children of ex-servicemen and wards of state.

In 1956, Holmbush changed its name to Blamey House. Blamey House had previously been located in Black Rock (from 1949 until 1956). The children from Blamey House Black Rock moved into the property at 1267 Burke Road Kew in 1956.

Gallery

"Holmbush" Legacy Hostel 1267 Burke Rd., KEW, Melbourne. Later called "Blamey House". Alison lived here 1950 & 51. There were 10 girls and 20 boys from age 10 to 20 at that time. House demolished now.



Holmbush Legacy Hostel, 1267 Burke Rd, Kew, Melbourne

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More info

Chronology

- **Holmbush (1942 – 1956)**
 - Blamey House (c. 1949 - c. 1977)

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- [Melbourne Legacy \(1923 - current\)](#)

Resources

- [Veteran's 'Adopt' Violin Prodigy](#), The Argus, 12 September 1951
- [Legacy - hostels and homes](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance*: See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Holmbush
- Ball, Alison Cathleen, [Document, memoir - Wisdom Days](#), 2017

Records

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

Records

- [Melbourne Legacy Records \(1942? - 1982?\)](#)
 - [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)
 - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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