

Yooralla

1945 – 1993

URL: <http://www.yooralla.com.au/>

Details

Yooralla was established in Balwyn in 1945. It was a hostel and school for children with a disability. It accommodated some Victorian wards of state. Yooralla also ran a respite care home and two family group homes. The Balwyn site and facilities were sold in 1993.

Yooralla purchased a property on the corner of Belmore and Balwyn Roads, Balwyn, known as Windsor Lodge, in 1945. This became a hostel with accommodation for children, and a school was established by the Education Department on the adjacent site.

Yooralla had first begun as a kindergarten for children with disabilities in 1918. Located in Drummond, and later Pelham Street, in Carlton, it was renamed Yooralla Hospital School and Kindergarten in 1922.

In 1959, following the first GTV9 Telethon for Yooralla, funds were raised which enabled the expansion of the Balwyn hostel and school, and the establishment of a medical treatment block.

In 1977, Yooralla merged with the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults to become the Yooralla Society of Victoria. Following this merge Yooralla established a student hostel at the Balwyn site, a respite centre called Alston Lodge at Parkville, and two family group homes in Box Hill and Glenroy. Alston Lodge closed in 1985 and the Balwyn site and facilities were sold in 1993.

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Yooralla Balwyn

Description: This is an image of the Yooralla hostel at Balwyn, as published by Yooralla in the video *Celebrating Yooralla's 100 year history*.

More info

Resources

- Norris, Ada M. Dame, *The society: being some account of the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults*, 1974
- [Celebrating 100 years 1918-2018: Our History](#), Yooralla website, 2018

Records

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