

Burnside

1986 – 2000

URL: <http://www.burnside.org.au>

Details

Burnside, formerly Burnside Homes for Children, was a Uniting Church Agency that ran foster care, family group homes and outreach programmes from 1986 until 2000. By 2000 Burnside had become one of the largest providers of child and family services in New South Wales, although it was no longer providing residential care on its site at North Parramatta. In 2000 it became UnitingCare Burnside.

In the 1970s, a comprehensive and successful system of foster care was established by Burnside social workers. Burnside's homes for children ceased in the late 1980s, but the organisation ran family group homes and outreach programmes.

In the 1980s the need to raise funds to support Burnside's programmes prompted the sale of a large part of the site. Robertson, along with Ivanhoe, Sargood Hall, Blackwood, Son of the Rock and Reid were leased by Redeemer Baptist School in 1986 then sold to the school in 1994. Land was subdivided and sold, and a shopping centre was built to support new housing on the site.

The remaining buildings were converted to administrative centres, a library and an archives and museum.

Gallery



Burnside Orphanage, Parramatta

More info

Chronology

- Burnside Presbyterian Orphan Homes (1911 - 1955)
 - Burnside Presbyterian Homes for Children (1955 - 1978)
 - Burnside Homes for Children (1978 - 1986)
- **Burnside (1986 – 2000)**
 - Uniting Burnside (2000 - current)

Related Entries

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- [Cumbrae \(1912 - 1987\)](#)
Cumbrae was a cottage at Burnside
Date: 1986 - 1987
- [Dunkeld \(1913 - 2000\)](#)
- [Ivanhoe \(1919 - 1984\)](#)
Burnside leased Ivanhoe to Redeemer Baptist and sold it in 1994
Date: 1986 - 1994
- [Lincluden \(16 February 1931 - August 1989\)](#)
- [Montrose Family Group Home \(1965 - 2013\)](#)
- [Gordon Family Group Home \(1967 - c. 2014\)](#)
- [Minnamurra Family Group Home \(1975 - current\)](#)
- [Byrnes Family Group Home \(1983 - current\)](#)
- [Ritchie Family Group Home \(1984 - 1986\)](#)

Run by

- [Uniting Church in Australia \(1977 - current\)](#)
Date: 1986 - 2000

Related Organisations

- [War Memorial Home \(1922 - 1982\)](#)
War Memorial was the administration building for Burnside

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Other Resources



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- [Records held by Burnside Archives \(1911 - current\)](#)
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