

# Cowley House

1946 – 1976

## Details

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Cowley House was opened in 1946. It was formerly the Cronulla Children's Home. It was run by the Sydney City Mission. Due to a decrease in demand as the State Government became more involved in providing temporary accommodation for children in need of care, Cowley House was closed and sold off in 1976.

Cowley House was renamed in honour of Mr Octavius Cowley who had served for many years as Chairman of the Mission's Homes Committee.

## Gallery

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**A party of girls from Mission districts arriving at the Mission's Holiday Home at Cronulla in the late twenties. It was the Mission's first children's home and operated as a holiday home from 1916 to 1946.**

**Description:** This is a scan of a photograph reproduced in June Owen's *The Heart of the City*, p. 89.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Cronulla Children's Home (1916 - 1946)
  - **Cowley House (1946 – 1976)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Sydney City Mission \(1862 - 1996\)](#)  
Date: 1916 - 1976

#### Related Organisations

- [Mission Australia \(1996 - current\)](#)
- [Haddon Hall \(1950 - 1967\)](#)

When Haddon Hall closed in 1967 the remaining girls were transferred to Cowley House

## Records

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

## Records

- [Sydney City Mission records, 1862-1983, including minute books and historical papers \(1862 - 1983\)](#)
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