

Quipolli Children's Home

1926 – 1936

Other Names:

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Details

'Quipolli', or 'Quipolly', was the name of a house in Leura that was used as a girl's home by Church of England Homes in 1926. It was for girls aged up to 15 years, some of whom had come from the Havilah Little Children's Home at Normanhurst. There were 28 girls resident in the home in October 1930, and they went to Leura Public School or the secondary school in Katoomba.

Quipolli was located in an elegant house on Railway Parade, with spacious grounds and a covered play area. Quipolli produced milk and vegetables for residents, and had an annual egg, jam and grocery afternoon.

In 1930, *The Pleader*, a journal for the Church of England Homes, described 'Quipolli' as being for girls aged up to 15 years, who were the elder girls of 'Havilah' at Normanhurst. There were 28 girls resident in the home in October 1930, and they went to Leura Public School or the secondary school in Katoomba. One girl was doing her Leaving Certificate.

The Matron was Miss Clinch and the Leura Ladies Committee was headed by Mrs Mackintosh. It was noted that the people of other Blue Mountains towns were not as interested in supporting Quipolli as Leura residents were, but the Katoomba Girl Guides held a concert to aid the home in October of 1930.

According to an *Australian Women's Weekly* article from September 1933, 'Quipolly' housed 28 girls aged from seven 'to the time when they are fitted to face the world alone.'

Domestic science, cookery, dressmaking, laundry, hospital training, and lace making are among the crafts taught the girls. Lace-making is a special feature, and overseas visitors have compared it with advantage to that done by the women of France and Belgium. Quite a number of girls have their own gardens, for which prizes are awarded.

These occupations were considered appropriate for young women, who were being fitted for a life of service, as maids, nurses or housewives.

Quipolli closed in 1936.

In 2013, the building that was 'Quipolli' was still standing and is serving as an aged care home. It appears some of the grounds were subdivided and sold, as the property is now surrounded by buildings and stands next to a church.

Gallery



"Quipolli" the girls' home at Leura

Description: This is a copy of an image published in *The Australian Women's Weekly* on Saturday 2 September 1933. The image shows the building of the Quipolli Children's Home and was included in the article *Where children receive their natural heritage*.



Quipolli Girls Home

Description: This is a photo showing the former Quipolli Girls Home at Leura. It shows a federation style single-storey cottage with wrap-around verandahs, a tin roof, and two chimneys surrounded by gardens. This photo is undated - the date included is an estimate.

More info

Related Entries

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- [Church of England Homes \(c. 1884 - 1984\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Havilah Little Children's Home \(1918 - 1976\)](#)

Girls from Havilah Little Children's Home were transferred to Quipolli Children's Home as they grew older.

Records

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- [Anglicare Children's Homes, Foster Care and Out-of-Home Care Records \(1932 - 2010s\)](#)
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