

# Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies

1913 – 1920

## Details

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Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies was located at the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children and was established by the State Children's Relief Board in 1913. In 1915, when the New South Wales Government resumed Randwick Asylum for use as accommodation for World War I soldiers, Hillside Home moved to Ormond House in Paddington. It was converted to Hillside, a training home for teenaged girls, in 1920.

Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies was opened in October 1913. It was one of a number of homes established by the Board under the *Infant Protection Act 1904*. It was intended to keep unmarried mothers together with their babies until the child was weaned, as the State Children's Relief Board was concerned about the very high rate of death amongst 'illegitimate' babies who were placed in babies' homes because their mothers had to support themselves.

The idea behind Hillside was to support mothers to breastfeed for an extended period. Once the baby was weaned the mother could try to find employment that allowed her to keep the child or the baby could be placed in the boarding out system (foster care).

## Gallery

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**"Hillside," Randwick. Home for mothers with their babies.**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image that appeared in the State Children Relief Board Report for the year ended 5 April, 1914. The image shows the front of the building where the Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies operated.



**"Hillside," Randwick. Home for mothers with their babies. [rear view]**

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## More info

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### Chronology

- **Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies (1913 – 1920)**
  - Hillside Training Home for Girls (1920 - 1923?)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [State Children's Relief Board \(1881 - 1923\)](#)

### Related Legislation

- [Infant Protection Act 1904, New South Wales \(1904 - 1923\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children \(1858 - 1915\)](#)  
Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies was located at Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children until it moved to Ormond House in 1915.  
Date: 1913 - 1915
- [Ormond House \(1884 - 1923\)](#)  
Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies was located at Ormond House from 1915 until 1920.  
Date: 1915 - 1920
- [Home for Sick Infants, Paddington \(1907 - 1913\)](#)  
The Home for Sick Infants was possibly transferred to Hillside at the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children.

### Related Places

- [Ormond House \(1824 - current\)](#)  
Hillside Home for Mothers and Babies was located in Ormond House.  
Date: 1915 - 1920

## Resources

- [Fifth Sectional Report Covering the Administration of the Acts relating to State Children](#), Royal Commission to Inquire into the Public Service of New South Wales, August 1920

## Records

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

### Records

- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
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