

Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood

1938 – 1957

Other Names:

- Girls Training Home Burwood
- Barnardo House Burwood
- Dr Barnardo's Home for Girls

Details

Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood was opened by Dr Barnardo's in Australia in 1938 as a home for female child migrants from the United Kingdom. Girls who lived in the Burwood Home were trained in domestic science before being placed in the country. Around 14 girls lived in the Home at a time. It closed in 1957.

The Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood was officially opened on Monday 26 September 1938 by Lady Wakehurst. Girls who had previously been in Barnardo House, Ashfield were transferred to Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood when Ashfield closed.

About 14 girls lived in the Home at one time. One group were the 'trainees', these girls were being trained to be placed in domestic service positions in rural locations. These girls did most of the work around the Home, including preparing meals, vacuuming, washing, and serving meals. Girls who had excelled in school attended the Burwood Domestic Science School and lived in a dormitory on the upper level. An older group of girls had separate quarters at the back of the house – they had already been placed in positions, but returned for their holidays.

Younger girls lived in the cottage homes at Mowbray Park, and were transferred to Burwood once they reached a post-primary standard in the State school at Picton.

Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood was sold in 1957 and a smaller property in Lindfield was purchased with the funds to be a girls' home.

Gallery



Girls settled at "Barnardo House", Burwood

In the garden at Barnardo House. The white Cockatoo on the senior girl's shoulder is the pet of the home.

Description: The image shows girls in the garden of Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood.



The Official Opening of Barnardo House Grantham St Burwood By Lady Margaret Wakehurst on the 29th September 1938



The opening of the Girls Training Home Grantham St Burwood



Dr Barnardo's Home for Girls, Burwood, New South Wales

Description: This image shows girls waving at the gates of Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood.

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Related Entries

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- [Dr Barnardo's Homes \(Australia Branch\) \(1883 - 1966\)](#)

Related Events

- [Visit of John Moss \(1951\)](#)
John Moss inspected this home as part of his 1951 tour and report
- [Fact-Finding Mission on Child Migration \(1956\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Mowbray Park \(1929 - 1959\)](#)
Girls were transferred from Mowbray Park to Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood once they reached the post-primary standard in education.
- [Barnardo House, Ashfield \(1924 - 1938\)](#)
Barnardo House, Ashfield closed in 1938 and girls were transferred to Dr Barnardos Girls' Home, Burwood.

Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001
- National Archives of Australia, [Destination: Australia - sharing our post-war migrant stories](#), No date

Records

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

Records

- [Barnardos Australia, Records \(c. 1883 - current\)](#)
 - [Child Migrants Oral History Project \(2001 - 2006\)](#)
 - [Dr. Barnardo's in Australia, records \(c. 1921 - 1985?\)](#)
 - [Immigration Photographic Archive 1946 - today \(1946 - current\)](#)
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