

# Society for the Relief of Destitute Children

1852 – c. 1915

**Other Names:** • Destitute Children's Society

## Details

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The Society for the Relief of Destitute Children was formed in Sydney in 1852 by members of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales. It was a separate organisation and ran the Asylum for Destitute Children at Ormond House in Paddington (1852-1858) and the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children. The Society was incorporated in 1857 under a special Act of Parliament. The Society was dissolved after 1915.

## More info

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### Related Entries

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- [Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children \(1858 - 1915\)](#)
- [Asylum for Destitute Children \(1852 - 1858\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1813 - current\)](#)  
Members of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales formed the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children to specifically care for children.

#### Related Places

- [Ormond House \(1824 - current\)](#)  
The New South Wales Society for the Relief of Destitute Children leased Ormond House from 1852 until 1858.  
Date: 1852 - 1858

#### Related Legislation

- [Deserted Wives and Children Act of 1840 as amended by the Act of 1858, New South Wales \(1858 - 1901\)](#)

## Resources

- Ramsland, John, *Children of the back lanes: destitute and neglected children in colonial New South Wales*, 1986
- Murray, John, [Children's mass grave in Sydney](#), Inside: Life in Children's Homes and Institutions blog, 1 November 2010

# Records

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- [Registers of Inmates, Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children \(June 1852 - August 1915\)](#)
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