

Carramar Children's Home

1964 – 1967

Details

The Carramar Children's Home was a government-run Home, located in Townsville. It was previously known as the Townsville Receiving Depot. Children moved into a new building in 1966, possibly as a result of the passage of the Children's Services Act 1965 which required that children be given adequate lodging and that institutions be maintained at all times in a fit and proper state for the care of a child. In 1967, its name changed to the Carramar Receiving and Assessment Centre.

The report of the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions cites a departmental report from 1965, describing the 'shocking condition' of the buildings at Carramar. The report mentioned Carramar's 'ill-ventilated, dark, dingy rooms, holes in the ceilings, walls and floors eaten by white ants, and cockroaches in abundance' (p.65).

The report stated that prior to the new building being completed in 1966, children slept on louvred verandahs. The report mentions how the new buildings at Carramar coincided with new children's services legislation in Queensland, with stricter rules about the maintenance and standard of children's lodgings.

Gallery



The Townsville orphanage, Warburton Street, 1913

More info

Chronology

- Townsville Orphanage (1878 - 1934)
 - Townsville Receiving Depot (1934 - 1964)
- **Carramar Children's Home (1964 – 1967)**
 - Carramar Receiving and Assessment Centre (1967 - 1995)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Children's Services Department, State Government of Queensland \(1 August 1966 - 6 June 1987\)](#)

Related Events

- [Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions \(1998 - 1999\)](#)
Carramar Children's Home was an institution mentioned by a number of witnesses to the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions.

Related Legislation

- [Children's Services Act 1965, Queensland \(1965 - 2000\)](#)

Records

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

Records

- [Carramar Records \(1878 - 1995\)](#)
- [Client Files, Queensland Government-run Institutions \(c. 1865 - 2001\)](#)
- [Administrative Records, Queensland Government-run Institutions \(c. 1865 - 2001\)](#)

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