

Stanhope

c. 1945 – 1982

Details

Stanhope was a Legacy Home located in Kew established in around 1945. It accommodated the children of deceased ex-servicemen, and some wards of state, who were finishing their schooling. Stanhope housed boys and girls from around 9 to 16 years, except for part of 1970s when housed only girls aged 14 and over. Stanhope closed in 1982.

Stanhope, at 1245 Burke Road Kew (on the corner of Cotham Road), was first purchased by the Victorian branch of the Australian Red Cross. The Red Cross remodelled the property and gifted it to Legacy in 1945 to be a residence for Legacy children while they were finishing their schooling.

The formal handover took place in May 1948. At that time, there were 22 children in residence at Stanhope, aged from 9-18. According to the *Argus*, these children were 'the sons and daughters of deceased ex-servicemen. Some are in Melbourne for education or employment and others are orphans.'

In the early 1950s, Stanhope was described by the Children's Welfare Department as a home for boys and girls aged 9 to 16.

By the mid 1970s, when Stanhope was for girls aged fourteen and over. In the late 1970s, Stanhope was remodelled to accommodate boys and girls up to puberty.

Residents of Stanhope and other Legacy homes were the children of deceased ex-servicemen. Sometimes residents at Legacy homes were both children of ex-servicemen and wards of state.

Stanhope closed in 1982 due to a gradual reduction in children and young people meeting Legacy's eligibility criteria for placement and support.

Gallery



Gift from the Victorian Red Cross to the Legacy Club

Description: This is a copy of an image published in *The Argus* on Monday 10 December 1945. The image shows the Home that will become the next Melbourne Legacy Home. Caption reads, 'Gift from the Victorian Red Cross to the Legacy Club, this house, Stanhope, at the corner of Burke and Cotham roads, Kew, will be remodelled and furnished at a complete cost of [twenty-thousand pounds]. It will be used as a residence for legacy children while finishing their education.'



"Stanhope" Legacy Hostel.
1245 Burke Rd, Kew. Demolished in 2007

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Alison Ball (nee Wisdom) lived here 1952-1956 incl.

Stanhope Legacy Hostel, 1245 Burke Rd, Kew

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- Symes, Margaret, [Submission no 370 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 2004
- [The story of Legacy is a story of human kindness: Where no trumpets flourish](#), The Argus [Supplement: The Argus Magazine], 16 May 1952
- [Legacy - hostels and homes](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Stanhope

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- [Melbourne Legacy Records \(1942? - 1982?\)](#)
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