

# McOwan Boys' Training Farm

c. 1953 – 1957?

**Other Names:**

- Ripple Lea
- McOwan Rural Training Centre

## Details

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The McOwan Boys' Training Farm, run by the Presbyterian Church, was established at Yarra Junction in around 1953 and officially opened in 1956. The Farm was for boys between the ages of 14 and 18. It appears to have closed around 1957.

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Boys were admitted to the Farm either by their families, by the children's court, or sent from other children's Homes. Boys are known to have been sent between the McOwan Boys' Training Farm and Tally Ho, Kilmany Park, and Lake Tyers Mission.

## More info

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### Resources

- [Around the Parishes](#), *The Argus*, 7 April 1956

## Records

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### Records

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- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)

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