Overton Residential Nursery

1962 – 1974

Details

Overton Residential Nursery was established in Bendigo in 1962. It provided accommodation for infants and children under five years. Overton closed in January 1974.

Overton Residential Nursery was established by the Bendigo Creche Committee in a large single storey house close to the centre of Bendigo.

Extensive alterations to the property provided accommodation for 17 children in an infant wing and six bedrooms for older children. Under Health Department Regulations, Overton was approved to function as a subsidised residential nursery and was registered to take children under 5 years under the Infant Life Protection provisions and as an approved children's home. By late 1973, capacity had increased to 30 children.

A combination of changes in child care philosophy, the lack of suitable local children for placement due to the development of other facilities in the region as well as ongoing financial pressures led to the closure of Overton in January 1974.

National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse

The Victorian government has agreed to be a funder of last resort for this institution. This means that although the institution is now defunct, it is participating in the National Redress Scheme, and the government has agreed to pay the institution's share of costs of providing redress to a person (as long as the government is found to be equally responsible for the abuse a person experienced).

More info

Resources

- *Overton Residential Nursery (1962-1974)*, Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Overton Residential Nursery

Records

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Records held by other organisations

- [Voluntary Children's Homes Files (1921 - 1989)](#)

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