

# St Paul's Discovery Centre

1979 – 2004?

## Details

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St Paul's Discovery Centre was established in 1979 by the Reverend Ian Paxton of the Mission of St James and St John. It was located on the site of the former St Paul's Home for Boys at Newhaven, Phillip Island. St Paul's operated as holiday camp for 'disadvantaged' children.

St Paul's Discovery Centre opened in January 1979 as a holiday camp for children in 'need', 'troubled', or 'disadvantaged'.

The Discovery Centre was situated off the seafront at Newhaven, Phillip Island in the former buildings of the St Paul's Boys' Home which had closed in 1973.

After consultation with environmentalists, youth leaders, teachers and social workers the 'Discovery Centre' concept was developed by the Reverend Ian Paxton who was Social Welfare Administrator for the Mission of St James and St James.

The new Discovery centre aimed to "expand the child's approaches to discovery, so deriving alternate ways of seeing the environment." The program was supported by volunteers who helped to restore and maintain buildings and provide activities for the program.

## Gallery

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**Newhaven [chapel]**

**Description:** Newhaven: series includes 3 photographs : gelatin silver ; 12.5 x 8.8 cm. approx.



**Phillip Island. Newhaven. St. Paul's Discovery Centre [chapel interior]**

**Description:** One of a collection of 3 photographs : gelatin silver ; 8.8 x 12.5 cm. approx. Shows interior and exterior of chapel and other buildings

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### Phillip Island. Newhaven. St. Paul's Discovery Centre [chapel exterior]

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Shows interior and exterior of chapel and other buildings



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### Abandoned boys home left empty for decades

**Description:** This is a YouTube video with footage of the exterior and interior of the former St Paul's Training School at Newhaven, Phillip Island, Victoria.

## More info

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Mission of St James and St John \(1919 - 1997\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [St Paul's Training School \(1928 - 1955\)](#)  
The Discovery Centre was situated of the seafront at Newhaven, Phillip Island in the former buildings of the St Paul's Boys' Home which had closed in 1973.
- [St Paul's Home For Boys \(1955 - 1979\)](#)  
The Discovery Centre ran a holiday camp in the former site of the St Paul's Boys' Home at Newhaven.  
Date: 1979 -

## Records

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### Records

- [Anglicare Victoria Records \(1886 - current\)](#)

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