

Carramar Homes

1984 – 1999

Other Names: • Carramar Cottages

Details

Carramar Homes, also known as Carramar Cottages or Carramar Hostels, at Girraween (near Parramatta) and Turramurra were established by the Home Mission Society of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney and were later run by the Church of England (Anglican) organisation Charlton Youth Services. The Carramar Homes were maternity homes providing accommodation to expectant single mothers. They continued the work that had been done at the earlier [Carramar Home](#) at Turramurra, but at a smaller scale than before.

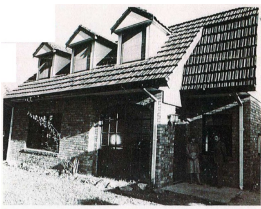
The house at Girraween had accommodation for six young women under the age of 20, plus three live-in staff. The house at Turramurra catered for women over 20 years of age. There were also plans for a third house, which was intended to provide respite accommodation for up to three months for women and their newborn babies who had nowhere else to stay. It is not clear if this third house was ever opened.

The Carramar Homes were located in standard suburban houses, amongst residential neighbours, which was intended to provide a more familiar, homely, community context to the girls staying there. This initially caused some push-back from neighbours of the Home at Girraween, with the Home Mission Society reporting in an article of their *Pulse* magazine in 1984 that “One suitable house has already been located for a new “Carramar” not far from Parramatta, but some opposition from neighbours is being experienced and patience, tact and prayer are required.”

Many of the babies born to mothers who stayed at the Carramar Homes were placed for adoption through the [Anglican Adoption Agency](#), however some of the mothers were able to keep custody of their babies.

Carramar Homes closed in 1999. Anglicare continued to use the Carramar name for its young parents programs.

Gallery



Carrmar Hostel, Girraween

Description: This is an image of the Carramar Hostel at Girraween. It shows two people standing in the doorway of the Carramar Home, which is a brick house with three dormer windows along the roof. The caption published with the photo reads "Maureen Gordon and Rev. John Turner outside 69 Lyle St., Girraween". This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

More info

Chronology

- Carramar (1961 - 1984)
 - **Carramar Homes (1984 – 1999)**

Related Entries

Run by

- [Home Mission Society of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney \(1857 - 1997\)](#)
- [Charlton Youth Services \(1950s - c. 2012\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Anglican Adoption Agency \(1978 - 1997\)](#)

Records

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Records

- [Anglicare Children's Homes, Foster Care and Out-of-Home Care Records \(1932 - 2010s\)](#)
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