

Tahmoor Children's Home

1941 – 1979

Details

The Tahmoor Children's Home, at Tahmoor, was established by members of the Vaucluse Congregational Church in 1941. It began as a holiday home then was converted to permanent or temporary care for up to 20 boys and girls from 5 to 15 years who were unable to live with their families. Tahmoor Children's Home appears to have become the responsibility of the Uniting Church Board of Social Responsibility in 1977 and was closed at the end of the 1970s.

The Tahmoor Children's Home was located on acreage in Fraser Street, Tahmoor, which is between Camden and Mittagong. Management of the facility was by an independent Committee of Management supported primarily by Congregational Churches in New South Wales.

Established initially as a holiday home, it was later converted to provide permanent or temporary care for up to twenty boys and girls from five to fifteen years of age unable to live with their families for any reason. Special consideration was given to the admission of children referred by the Children's Court as being in need of care and protection for reasons of neglect or abuse. The first long-term admissions took place in 1959.

The Uniting Church was created in 1977 by the merging of the Congregationalist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, and the Uniting Church Board of Social Responsibility took over the management of children's homes, including Tahmoor.

Changing attitudes to child care and family support, and the development of foster care programs as the preferred out-of-home care resulted in a review of the Tahmoor facility, which was closed at the end of the 1970s.

Gallery



Tahmoor Holiday Home for Children in Frazer Street

Description: This is an image of the Tahmoor Children's Home at Tahmoor. It shows the sign standing at the front of the property that reads 'Tahmoor Children's Home. Dedicated to the health and happiness of children regardless of creed. Supported by Congregational Churches of New South Wales. Sec. Mr A. Brown 42 Stevens St Ermington 6381364'. Behind the sign some of the home buildings are visible, including the side of a large single-storey white-weatherboard building, and the front of an open shed. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate. This image was published by the *Wollondilly Advertiser* in an article titled 'Our Past: Tahmoor Holiday Home for Children', however the original source of this image is not known.

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- [Uniting Church Board of Social Responsibility \(1977 - current\)](#)
Date: 1977 - 1979

Related Organisations

- [Uniting Church Synod Archives \(1977? - current\)](#)
Uniting Church Archives manages the records of Tahmoor Children's Home
- [Children's Court of New South Wales \(October 1905 - current\)](#)

Resources

- [Our Past: Tahmoor Holiday Home for Children](#), Wollondilly Advertiser, 7 October 2015

Other Resources



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Records

- [Former residents' files \(incomplete\), Tahmoor Children's Home \(1941 - 1979\)](#)
- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)

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