

Burnside

1986 – 2000

URL: <http://www.burnside.org.au>

Details

Burnside, formerly Burnside Homes for Children, was a Uniting Church Agency that ran foster care, family group homes and outreach programmes from 1986 until 2000. By 2000 Burnside had become one of the largest providers of child and family services in New South Wales, although it was no longer providing residential care on its site at North Parramatta. In 2000 it became UnitingCare Burnside.

In the 1970s, a comprehensive and successful system of foster care was established by Burnside social workers. Burnside's homes for children ceased in the late 1980s, but the organisation ran family group homes and outreach programmes.

In the 1980s the need to raise funds to support Burnside's programmes prompted the sale of a large part of the site. Robertson, along with Ivanhoe, Sargood Hall, Blackwood, Son of the Rock and Reid were leased by Redeemer Baptist School in 1986 then sold to the school in 1994. Land was subdivided and sold, and a shopping centre was built to support new housing on the site.

The remaining buildings were converted to administrative centres, a library and an archives and museum.

Gallery



Burnside Orphanage, Parramatta



War Memorial

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'War Memorial'. It shows a large, square, two-storey stone building with a bell tower above the main entrance. This image was published in a document called 'War Memorial', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Airlie

Description: This is a photo of Airlie at Burnside. It shows a large single-storey stone building with columns around the perimeter, and curved stone steps leading up to the entrance. Several children can be seen lying on the lawn in front of the home. This image was published in a document called 'Aerlie', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Blackwood

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Blackwood'. It shows a large two-storey brick and stone building with columns supporting a balcony above the main entrance. On the front of the balcony the words 'Blackwood Home' are written. This image was published in a document called 'Blackwood', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Blairgowrie

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Blairgowrie'. It shows a large federation style single-storey cottage. A row of young children can be seen sitting on the grass in front of the building. This image was published in a document called 'Blairgowrie', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Cumbrae

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Cumbrae'. It shows a brick and stone two-storey house. The house is on a slight hill, with the main entrance of the house accessed by stairs up to the second storey, while the ground floor is slightly sunken into the hill. A group of children can be seen sitting on the grass in front of the house. This image was published in a document called 'Cumbrae', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Dunkeld

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Dunkeld'. It shows a brick and stone two-storey house. The house is located on a hill, with the main entrance is on the second storey, accessible via a set of steps, and the lower storey sunken into the hill. A group of children can be seen sitting on the grass in front of the house, and others are looking out the windows of the home. This image was published in a document called 'Dunkeld', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Eskdale

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Eskdale'. It shows a large, three-storey stone and brick building with a round turret next to the main entrance. The home is located on a slight hill, with the main entrance on the second storey accessible via a staircase, and the ground floor sunken into the hill. Several children can be seen standing in the grounds around the home. This image was published in a document called 'Eskdale', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Ivanhoe

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Ivanhoe'. It shows a large two-storey brick building with decorative striped brick and stone pillars around the entrance portico. This image was published in a document called 'Ivanhoe', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Lincluden

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Lincluden'. It shows a large two-storey brick building with large arched openings onto sheltered front walkway. This image was published in a document called 'Lincluden', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Reid

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Reid'. It shows a large two-storey building with columns at the front entrance, and large open archways leading in to a covered walkway along the ground floor. Several children and a dog can be seen outside of the home. This image was published in a document called 'Reid', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Robertson

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Robertson'. It shows a large two-storey stone building with a decorative stepped roof and round turret on one corner. This image was published in a document called 'Robertson', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Ross

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Ross'. It shows a large two-storey brick building with a central upper balcony supported by columns. This image was published in a document called 'Ross', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



Troup

Description: This is a photograph of the Burnside home 'Troup'. It shows a single-storey cottage with decorative chimneys. Several children and a woman are standing on the verandah of the home. This image was published in a document called 'Troup', which was created by UnitingCare Burnside to provide historical information about the home. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

More info

Chronology

- Burnside Presbyterian Orphan Homes (1911 - 1955)
 - Burnside Presbyterian Homes for Children (1955 - 1978)
 - Burnside Homes for Children (1978 - 1986)
- **Burnside (1986 – 2000)**
 - Uniting Burnside (2000 - current)

Related Entries

Ran

- [Cumbrae \(1912 - 1987\)](#)
Cumbrae was a cottage at Burnside
Date: 1986 - 1987
- [Dunkeld \(1913 - 2000\)](#)
- [Ivanhoe \(1919 - 1984\)](#)
Burnside leased Ivanhoe to Redeemer Baptist and sold it in 1994
Date: 1986 - 1994
- [Lincluden \(16 February 1931 - August 1989\)](#)
- [Montrose Family Group Home \(1965 - 2013\)](#)
- [Gordon Family Group Home \(1967 - c. 2014\)](#)
- [Minnamurra Family Group Home \(1975 - current\)](#)
- [Byrnes Family Group Home \(1983 - current\)](#)
- [Ritchie Family Group Home \(1984 - 1986\)](#)

Run by

- [Uniting Church in Australia \(1977 - current\)](#)
Date: 1986 - 2000

Related Organisations

- [War Memorial Home \(1922 - 1982\)](#)
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- *Dunkeld*, 2013
- *Eskdale*, 2013
- *Ivanhoe*, 2013
- *Lincluden*, 2013
- *Reid*, 2013
- *Robertson*, 2013
- *Ross*, 2013

- *Troup*, 2013

Records

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Records

- [Records held by Burnside Archives \(1911 - current\)](#)
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