

# Cronulla Children's Home

1916 – 1946

**Other Names:** • Cronulla Holiday Home

## Details

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Cronulla Children's Home was established in 1916 by the Sydney City Mission. It operated as a holiday home except for years 1942-45 when it was used as a Boys' Home while Stonehaven at Springwood was being used by the Defence Forces. From 1945 it accommodated children whose home life had become temporarily or permanently disrupted. Cronulla Children's Home was renamed Cowley House around 1946.

## Gallery

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**A party of girls from Mission districts arriving at the Mission's Holiday Home at Cronulla in the late twenties. It was the Mission's first children's home and operated as a holiday home from 1916 to 1946.**

**Description:** This is a scan of a photograph reproduced in June Owen's *The Heart of the City*, p. 89.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- **Cronulla Children's Home (1916 – 1946)**
  - Cowley House (1946 - 1976)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Sydney City Mission \(1862 - 1996\)](#)  
Date: 1916 - 1946

#### Related Organisations

- [Mission Australia \(1996 - current\)](#)
- [Stonehaven \(1929 - 1951\)](#)  
During World War II the children from Stonehaven lived at Cronulla Children's Home.  
Date: 1942 - 1945

# Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

## Records

- [Sydney City Mission records, 1862-1983, including minute books and historical papers \(1862 - 1983\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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