

# Sunnylands

1955 – 1997

**Other Names:** • Sunnylands Boys' Home

## Details

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Sunnylands was a children's home at Wollongbar, near Lismore, started by Tom Agst, the Founder of the United Protestant Association, in 1955. It was the first purpose-built UPA home and was for boys and youth. It also housed some British child migrant boys. Sunnylands closed in 1997.

Agst, a local politician and Protestant organiser, had begun caring for neglected children in his own home in 1938, with his wife Rosetta. He purchased the Sunnylands property in 1948. It was 100 acres and remained in use as a dairy farm until building started. The first sod was turned and the foundation stone was laid in 1954. In June 1955 the Farm House opened.

Shortly after it opened Sunnylands received a contingent of British child migrant boys. Hundreds of young people spent time at Sunnylands over its time as a home.

Sunnylands was supported with a tearooms, run by the UPA Women's Auxiliary, for local farmers. It closed in 1990.

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### Related Entries

**Run by**

- [United Protestant Association of New South Wales Ltd \(1938 - current\)](#)

#### Related Concepts

- [Child Migration \(1800s - 1970s\)](#)

## Resources

- United Protestant Association of N.S.W., *The Protestant world : official organ of the United Protestant Association of New South Wales.*, 1921 - 1980
- United Protestant Association of N.S.W., *Souvenir pictorial of homes for children and pensioners / United Protestant Association of N.S.W.*, 1956
- UPA Board, [The Board of the UPA of NSW has issued the following apology](#), UPA of NSW Ltd website, 2018

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [United Protestant Association of New South Wales Records \(1932 - current\)](#)
- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)  
Item B318 of the Child Endowment correspondence files relates to Sunnylands

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