Rathgar

1941 – 1983

Details

Rathgar was the first children's home established by the United Protestant Association. It was opened at Grafton in 1941. Initially in poor repair, Rathgar home was refurbished by volunteers who, despite wartime shortages of materials and labour, had the home ready for opening by 15 March 1941. By 1942 Rathgar was full to capacity with 23 children, so Rathmore, next door, was bought and refurbished to provide accommodation for 12 infants under the age of seven.

By 1944 there were 55 children in Rathgar and Rathmore, but wartime rationing was still in effect. The homes grew most their own food, with the labour of the children.

Rathmore was closed as a children's home and converted to offices for the UPA's Clarence District Office in 1948.

Gallery

RATHGAR HOME - South Grafton - The first child care home of The United Protestant Association of NSW.

Rathgar

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More info

Related Entries

Run by
- United Protestant Association of New South Wales Ltd (1938 - current)

Related Organisations
- Rathmore (1943 - 1948)
  Rathmore was located next to Rathgar and both homes were run by the United Protestant Association.

Resources

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Records

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Records

- United Protestant Association of New South Wales Records (1932 - current)

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