

# Bidura Children's Court

1983 – 2017

## Details

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Bidura Children's Court opened in April 1983, replacing the Metropolitan Children's Court at Albion Street. It was situated behind the historic house Bidura, which had been a shelter and receiving home until 1977. The court complex at Bidura included the Bidura Remand and Assessment Centre but this was found unsuitable as it provided little barrier to the many escapees, and it later only held in custody those appearing in court that day. Bidura Children's Court closed in 2017 and was replaced by Surry Hills Children's Court.

Bidura Children's Court held records for the Metropolitan Children's Court. These are now held by the Surry Hills Children's Court.

## Access Conditions

People wishing to gain access to information from Bidura Children's Court must write to the Clerk of Surry Hills Children's Court:

## Children's Courts

In many instances, especially in the case of smaller Courts, the depositions of proceedings in Children's Courts are interfiled with the adult depositions. There were, however, several designated Children's Courts in NSW: Bidura Children's Court at Glebe (in Sydney's inner west); Cobham Children's Court at Werrington (in Sydney's far west); Worimi Children's Court at Broadmeadow (Newcastle); Minda Children's Court at Lidcombe (in Sydney's west); Campsie Children's Court at Campsie (in Sydney's south west); and Yasmar Children's Court at Haberfield (in Sydney's inner west).

Court records may also be held by the State Records Authority of New South Wales. In 2014 there were no records listed in the *Concise Guide to the State Archives* relating to this organisation. Since the *Guide* was last updated it is possible that additional records have been deposited with the State Records Authority of New South Wales. In addition, records are still held by the Courts themselves. As all requests for information must be directed through the Clerk of the relevant Court, current information about holdings will be available from the Court.

## Gallery

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**Bidura House**

**Description:** Bidura, historical house, Glebe Point Road, Glebe, Sydney

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# More info

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## Chronology

- Metropolitan Children's Court (1911 - 1983)
  - **Bidura Children's Court (1983 – 2017)**

## Related Entries

### Related Organisations

- [Bidura \(1920 - 1977\)](#)
- [Children's Court of New South Wales \(October 1905 - current\)](#)

### Holds

- [Records held by Surry Hills Children's Court \(1912 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- The Glebe Society, [Heritage Buildings: Bidura, 357 Glebe Point Road](#), April 2013
- Fraser, Georgina, [Submission no 8 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 2005
- [Marie Wood interviewed by Ann-Mari Jordens in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]](#), 13 May 2010

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