

# Halloween Children's Home

c. 1925 – c. 1938

**Other Names:**

- Hallowe'en Children's Home
- Strathfield Children's Home
- Strathfield Home for Children

## Details

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The Halloween Children's Home, on Redmyre Road, Strathfield, was set up around 1926 by a private committee. It appears to have been a girls' home but may have taken boys. In the mid-1930s state wards were sent to Halloween Children's Home. It closed around the late 1930s.

The Halloween Children's Home was located in a house called Halloween, at 69 Redmyre Road, Strathfield. It was set up by a private committee and was initially planned to be opened in May 1925, but was officially opened by former Australian Prime Minister WM Hughes and his wife Dame Mary on Saturday 16 October 1926.

Halloween Children's Home had regular garden fetes to raise funds in the 1920s, and was supported by local businesses and citizens, including the grocers Messrs Matthews Thompson and Company and Mrs WK Arnott, the wife of the founder of Arnott's Biscuits, who held bridge parties in her home on Wakeford Road.

The house Halloween was later owned by Strathfield Council and used as the Town Clerk's residence. It was sold in 1961.

## Gallery

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### "Halloween" Garden Fete at Strathfield

**Description:** This is a copy of an image published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on Monday 11 November 1929. The image shows teenage boys with young children at the "Halloween" garden fete. The original caption said: Although considering themselves quite grown up, these boys did not think a raffle for a giant "teddy bear" beneath their notice.



### Fete at Strathfield

**Description:** This is a copy of an image published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on Monday 18 October 1926. The image shows people at the Halloween Children's Home garden fete. The original caption said: Scene at garden fete at Strathfield on Saturday in aid of "Halloween" Children's Home.

## More info

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## Related Entries

### Related Organisations

- [Child Welfare Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1923 - 1970\)](#)  
The Child Welfare Department placed state wards in Halloween Children's Home.  
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## Resources

- Kovacic, Leonarda and Henningham, Nikki, [Clare, Monica \(1924-1973\)](#), Australian Women's Register, 2009

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