

Karmsley Hills

1947 – 1971

Other Names:

- Big Brother Movement War Memorial Training Farm
- Calmsley Hills

Details

Karmsley Hills was a training farm for youth migrants that was established by the Big Brother Movement at Bossley Park, near Liverpool, in 1947. Between 1947 and 1971 nearly 4,000 young British migrants passed through this establishment. It closed in 1971.

The Big Brother Movement purchased Karmsley Hills, which was a 600 acre property, for £15,000 and it was dedicated as a memorial to the little brothers who lost their lives in World War II.

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Immigration - Child migration schemes - Big Brother Movement farm near Liverpool, New South Wales

Description: This image shows boys near the lake at Karmsley Hills.



The Big Brother Movement of NSW War Memorial Training Farm

Description: This is a copy of a photograph from the National Archives of Australia. On the 'Destination Australia' website, the image has this caption: 'Little Brothers (from Britain) at BBM (Big Brother Movement; later known as British Boys Movement) War Memorial Training Farm Established in 1925 to assist young men from Britain to emigrate to Australia for rural occupations, the Big Brother Movement today places boys in commercial and industrial careers as well. Since the inception of the scheme, 5870 boys have come to Australia under this branch of the country's assisted Immigration programme. The title board which stands at the gate of the farm'. The text on the sign in this image says: 'The Big Brother Movement of NSW War Memorial Training Farm'. This Training Farm has been established by members of the Big Brother Movement of New South Wales, as a memorial to the "Little Brothers" who gave their lives, for Australia, and the British Commonwealth of Nations whilst serving in the Australian and British fighting services in the war 1939 to 1945'.



Little brothers from UK begin new life AKA Barnardos Boys to Australia

Description: This is footage from a voiceovered newsreel from 1948 about a group of child migrants from the United Kingdom to Australia, sponsored by the Big Brother Movement. It shows a ship that had 580 'new settlers' on board, and states that 250 of them were under 12 years old. It mentions that some of the young people would be undergoing a period of training at the Big Brother Movement's farm school in Liverpool (Karmsley Hills).



Little Brothers (from Britain)

Description: This is a copy of a photograph from the National Archives of Australia. On the 'Destination Australia' website, the image has this caption: 'Mr John Fraser, himself from England but settled in Australia, briefs new arrivals before they board the charter bus which will take them to the farm [Karmsley Hills].'

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Related Entries

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- [Big Brother Movement \(1925 - current\)](#)

Big Brother Movement provided temporary accommodation at Karmsley Park before youth migrants went to work placements on farms.

Resources

- Big Brother Movement Ltd Youth Support, [BBM Forum](#), 2007
- ["Big Brother Movement" farm defended](#), Northern Star (Lismore), 14 August 1948
- [Big Brother Movement](#), The Biz (Fairfield), 9 April 1958

Records

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- [Big Brother Movement Records \(1925 - 2015\)](#)
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