

# Coventry Home

1933 – 1985?

**Other Names:**

- Coventry Boys Home
- Coventry Girls Home
- Coventry

## Details

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Coventry Home, in Armidale, was set up in 1933 by the Church of England, and was run by a management committee. From 1950, this committee also ran the Ohio Boys' Home at nearby Walcha. Coventry appears to have been established as a girls' home, but also housed some boys, including those from Ohio Boys' Home which closed in the mid-1960s. Coventry Home closed around 1985.

In 1955, according to the ABC, three boys ran away from Walcha, resulting in the conviction of the husband of the matron of Coventry and Walcha for assault. These boys were later sent to Coventry Home. Ten men later reached a settlement with the Anglican Church over their treatment in the Home.

According to Bruce Cady of the Armidale District Historical Society, quoted on the CLAN website, Coventry Home took both boys and girls after 1965 and provided crisis care for children for the Department of Community Services during the 1980s.

Coventry Home celebrated its 50th anniversary with a publication produced in 1983.

## Gallery

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**Coventry Home**

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## More info

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### Related Entries

**Run by**

- [Anglican Diocese of Armidale \(1914 - current\)](#)

**Related Organisations**

- [Ohio Boys' Home \(c. 1950 - c. 1965\)](#)

Coventry Home, in Armidale, was a companion Home to the Ohio Boys' Home, in Walcha.

## Resources

- Dalton, Trent, [\*Ron Green and his fellow orphanage kids revisit their childhood hell\*](#), The Weekend Australian Magazine, 27 July 2013
- [\*Church of England to buy 'Ohio', Walcha\*](#), The Gloucester Advocate, 30 June 1950
- [\*Official Opening of Boys' Home at Ohio, Walcha\*](#), The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser, 6 November 1950
- Lewers, Richard Alexander, [\*Richard Alexander Lewers, Statement in relation to the Anglican Church and other matters to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse\*](#), 2016

## Records

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

### Records

- [Coventry Home Records \(c. 1952 - c. 1981\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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