

Gateway Children's Home

1964 – 2017

Other Names:

- Gateway House
- Gateway Children's Cottage
- Gateway Cottage

Details

Gateway Children's Home, at Lewisham, was set up by the Central Methodist Mission in 1964 as a short-term childcare centre for children in crisis. It had accommodation for 14 children. In 2014, Wesley Dalmar Children's Services (part of Wesley Mission) ran the premises as Gateway Children's Cottage (also called Gateway House), a crisis care accommodation program. In 2017, this program ended and the service closed down.

Gateway Children's Home was established in 1964 in response to the need for emergency accommodation in Sydney for children. It was the only Home in the state where children could be admitted immediately.

In December 1965, Gateway Children's Home reported in *The Sydney Morning Herald* that 144 children had been admitted during the year. It could accommodate 14 children, and another three in an emergency. The same article reported "We either try to get him back home, or to a foster home or have the child adopted. If these alternatives are not possible the child, after a period of adjustment, goes to one of our other two [Central Methodist Mission] homes"

The Home was financially supported through fundraising, including the annual Carols by Candlelight event at Christmas, and received small amounts of funding from parents.

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Description: This is a copy of a photograph of the exterior of Gateway Children's Home in Lewisham. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

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