

# Yarra Bay Boys' Home

c. 1955 – 1985

**Other Names:** • Yarra Bay House

## Details

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Yarra Bay Boys' Home, also known as Yarra Bay House, was established at Phillip Bay (La Perouse) in the mid-1950s by the Child Welfare Department. Previously, the site had housed the Yarra Bay Truant School. Yarra Bay Boys' Home was used as a receiving home as well as a more permanent children's home. By the 1960s it held 40 primary school age boys. Yarra Bay Boys' Home closed in 1985.

A 1966 publication of the Child Welfare Department described the boys at Yarra Bay House as being 'mostly dull or educationally retarded', although 'many would be suitable for foster home placement if foster homes were available.' There was an internal school at Yarra Bay House. In 1977 the Yarra Bay House was listed in the Annual Report of the Department of Youth and Community Services as being 'prepared to provide special resocialization programmes for intellectually handicapped people who are under the Minister's guardianship'.

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**Yarra Bay House, Phillip Bay**

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### Related Entries

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- [Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare, State Government of New South Wales \(1970 - 1973\)](#)
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1973 - 1975\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1923 - 1970\)](#)
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1976 - 1988\)](#)
- [Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs, State Government of New South Wales \(1975 - 1976\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Berry Training Farm \(1934 - 1977\)](#)

Boys from Yarra Bay House were sent to Berry Training Farm when they reached the age of 14.

## Resources

- Davey, J. Michael, *Journey of Hope: a remarkable true story*, 2011
- Boyle, Brian, *The Child Welfare Schools: Recollections of these unique schools and the men and women who taught in them often under considerable difficulty*, 1996
- Parry, Naomi, [Yarra Bay House](#), The Dictionary of Sydney, 2015

## Records

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- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
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