

# Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme

1935 –

**Other Names:** • BUSHkids

**URL:** <http://www.bushkids.org.au>

## Details

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The Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme (BUSHkids) was founded in 1935 by the Governor of Queensland, Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, to meet the health needs of children living in bush communities. Children were sent to seaside holiday homes for a period of six weeks. During this time they received medical and dental treatment if required.

The scheme established in 1935 for rural children arranged for children aged between 5 and 13 to stay in coastal camps for a 6 week period. Over time, the Scheme raised funds to purchase 4 permanent Homes, in [Redcliffe](#), [Torquay](#), [Emu Park](#) and [Townsville](#). Some children were brought to homes from rural areas with the assistance of organisations including the Australian Red Cross and Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In the 1980s the organisation's approach shifted towards supporting rural communities. The coastal homes were progressively closed throughout the 1990s.

In 2025, the organisation, also known as BUSHkids, continues to provide services in Queensland rural and remote communities.

## Gallery

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**Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme First Logo 1950s**

**Description:** This is an image of the first logo for the Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme.

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### Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme Second Logo 1960s

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### Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme Third Logo 1980s

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### Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme Fourth Logo 1990s

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### Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme Fifth Logo 2007

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## More info

### Related Entries

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- [Leslie Wilson Home, Yeppoon \(1958 - 1994\)](#)
- [Leslie Wilson Home, Redcliffe \(7 November 1936 - 1990\)](#)
- [Leslie Wilson Home, Townsville \(17 December 1946 - June 1994\)](#)
- [Leslie Wilson Home, Torquay \(November 1938 - 1997\)](#)
- [Leslie Wilson Home, Emu Park \(21 June 1938 - 1954\)](#)

Date: 1938 - 1959

#### Holds

- [Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme records \(1935 - current\)](#)

## Resources

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