

# Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home

1938 – 1956

**Other Names:** • Burnbrae

## Details

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Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home was established by the Council Presbyterian Children's Home in 1938, in Byford. Children who were wards of the state and private children were admitted, both boys and (from 1940) girls. Burnbrae accommodated children from under 6 years to secondary school age. Children were transferred to Benmore in Caversham when Burnbrae closed in December 1956.

Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home was established by the Presbyterian Children's Homes Committee (later, Council) on a rural property in Byford.

In 1953, Burnbrae was described as being able to accommodate up to 52 children, including boys up to 10 years of age (older girls stayed at Burnbrae; it is possible that boys older than 10 were sent to Benmore in Caversham). Children went to the Burnbrae Primary School, Armadale High School and Perth College.

By December 1956, children and young people were transferred to Benmore, and Burnbrae closed.

## Gallery

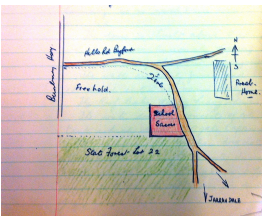
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"Burnbrae," Byford.

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**Description:** This picture of Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home in Byford was used in the programme for the opening of a new Home (Benmore) in Caversham. It probably shows Burnbrae as it looked in 1947.



### Burnbrae Home and School location map, 1954

**Description:** 'Burnbrae Home and School location map' is a digital photograph of a drawing made by Mr B. Downes, who was the Head Teacher of the Government School, Burnbrae. The drawing shows the relative location of the school, the Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home and nearby roads. The drawing is part of a building and works file created by the Education Department and held at the State Records Office of Western Australia.

## More info

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## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Council Presbyterian Children's Homes \(1938? - 1963?\)](#)  
Date: 1938 - 1957

### Related Organisations

- [Benmore Presbyterian Children's Home \(1947 - 1962?\)](#)  
Benmore and Burnbrae were the two Homes run by the Council Presbyterian Children's Homes. By mid-1957, all the children from Burnbrae had been transferred to Benmore.  
Date: 1956? - 1957?
- [WA School for Deaf Children \(1896 - 2001\)](#)  
In his submission to the Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care, a man who lived at the Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home (1938 - 1956) remembered going for summer holiday camps at the WA School for Deaf Children in the 1940s.

## Resources

- Mofflyn, [Submission No 160 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), August 2003
- Name withheld, [Submission No 319 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 17 March 2005
- Name withheld, [Submission No 363 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 17 March 2005
- Hadway, Robert, [Submission No 462 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 16 September 2004
- Tulloh, Ernie, [Submission No 496 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 24 November 2004
- Heritage Council of Western Australia, [Burnbrae Orphanage](#), inHerit: our heritage places, 8 February 2015

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Uniting WA Records \(1920s - current\)](#)  
People who were in Burnbrae are invited to make enquiries or raise concerns through UnitingCare West, which has inherited the history of Presbyterian child welfare agencies.
- [Uniting Church \(Synod of Western Australia\) Archives, Records \(1918 - 1980s\)](#)
- [John Moss C.B.E. U.K. Child Welfare Expert. Visit to Australia. Part II, National Archives of Australia \(1951 - 1952\)](#)  
Burnbrae had applied to join the post-World War Two British child migration program but was not approved. Page 31 of the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II gives some insight into the reasons for this decision
- [Item 070 - School Journal, Burnbrae Glen, Byford \(1948 - 1956\)](#)  
The School Journal [Burnbrae Glen, Byford] has information about the school-related activities undertaken by children at Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home. People who were in Burnbrae may remember some of the events summarised here, from remarks recorded in the journal.  
Date: 1948 - 1956
- [Burnbrae - buildings and works \(1941 - 1967\)](#)  
Burnbrae - buildings and works, State Records Office of WA (1941 - 1967) includes a drawing of the location of the Burnbrae Home, Burnbrae Primary School and major roads (1954) and information about the disposal of the Burnbrae Home's buildings.
- [Burnbrae \(late Byford Presbyterian Children's Home\) - attendance \(1942 - 1964\)](#)  
Burnbrae (late Byford Presbyterian Children's Home) - attendance (1942 - 1964) has information about the school-related activities undertaken by children at Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home. People who were in Burnbrae may remember some of the events summarised here, from remarks recorded in the journal.  
Date: 1942 - 1956

- [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
- [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
- [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
- [School Journals \[Burnbrae Glen School\] \(1941 - 1958\)](#)

The School Journal [Burnbrae Glen, Byford] (1941 - 1947) has information about the school-related activities undertaken by children at Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home. People who were in Burnbrae may remember some of the events summarised here, from remarks recorded in the journal.

Date: 1941 - 1956

- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)  
Item B173 of the Child Endowment correspondence files relates to Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home

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