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Childrens Services, Northern Tasmania

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INTRODUCTION

The Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys opened on 10 December 1921 at 'Glenara', Franklin Village, on the Hobart Road near Launceston. A committee of prominent Launceston citizens purchased the property with the intention of establishing a home, as opposed to an institution or training school. Located on 13 acres, the substantial eight-roomed brick house had a separate billiard room with sleeping accommodation for 30 boys above. The non-sectarian Home, conducted by a Board of Management, opened with 14 boys.

The first superintendent and matron, Frank and Anne Parkin, were replaced in 1927 by Major and Mrs L G H Bradgate, followed by Ivan and Daphne Filluel who were appointed in December 1928. The Filluel's term in office was most successful, spanning 31 years: to the boys they were known as 'Dad' and 'Mum'. There were 25 boys at the Home when they commenced duty and 51 boys at the time of their retirement in 1959. The Filluels were succeeded by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs V Filluel, who had been assistant superintendent and matron for some years. They resigned in 1967 and were succeeded by Mr and Mrs R G Willis who served until 1979. Mr Milton Blanch was the last superintendent, from 1979 until he resigned in March 1982.

Prior to 1946 nearly all the boys were wards of the State, but after that date boys were also admitted by private arrangement. Problem children were not accepted. Care was taken to avoid an institutional atmosphere and to provide as far as possible a normal home life. The boys were encouraged to play football and cricket and participate in other sporting activities. They enjoyed an annual summer holiday camp at Meercroft, near the Bluff at Devonport.

For some years the work performed by the boys at the Home after school hours prepared them for a rural life and many boys were found employment on farms. Products from the Home's small farm included milk, cream, eggs and vegetables and at one stage meat requirements were largely met from sheep and cattle raised on the property. Sheep, cattle and cream were also sold. One hundred acres purchased from the neighbouring Glen Hay property was added to the Home's land in 1964.

All the boys attended Youngtown State School until 1956 when two boys attended Launceston High School. In 1960, 10 boys commenced at the new Kings Meadows High School. From 1967 tutors assisted boys with their home studies. Every endeavour was made to help boys with their chosen employment.

In 1964 a swimming pool was added to the Home's amenities and a property was purchased at 56 Racecourse Crescent in Launceston as a hostel to cater for boys who entered into apprenticeship or other employment in the city after leaving the Home. The hostel was sold in 1969.

Mr Willis introduced a holiday parent scheme which enabled the children to live in a normal family situation during school holidays instead of going to Meercroft at Devonport: this successful arrangement continued until the Home closed.

The Home was largely self supporting, receiving generous financial and in kind assistance from a wide cross section of the community. Products from the Home's farm made a major contribution to running costs. The Glenara Ladies Auxiliary, formed in 1970, provided welcome financial assistance, particularly through the 'Gown of the Year' function, successfully conducted for some years. Government grants helped fund building programs. Finance also came from Government payments for wards of the State and a subsidy for children admitted under a private arrangement, child endowment and bequests.

In 1971 the Home's name was changed to Glenara Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys and in May 1973 it became Glenara Childrens Homes.

By the 1970s there was a change in the concept of institutional homes and orphanages in favour of placing children in family environments. In line with social welfare thinking, in 1974 the Board built two cottages where children were accommodated in a less institutional environment, enabling family units to be kept together under the care of cottage parents. Funds came from a public appeal and Government assistance. The first girl was admitted in July 1974, when she was re-united with her brothers.

In March 1978 fire damaged the double-storey dormitory, causing an escalation of a planned rebuilding program. Generous support for a Mayor's Appeal saw the official opening of Stage 1 of this program, a dormitory for boys displaced by the fire, open in September of that year.

There were 50 children at the Home in March 1978, but by 22 February 1982 the number had declined to 19. The decrease in income due to the reduced number of wards of the State maintained by the Government, coupled with demands for increased wages caused financial difficulties, leading to the Home's closure. By June 1982 there were no children in care at Glenara.

The following year the Board of Glenara entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Industrial Relations to establish a Work Preparation Programme aimed at helping young people enter the workforce with practical experience. Initially farming, horticulture and kayak building were taught. In 1984 the name was changed from Glenara Childrens Homes to Glenara and later it operated as Glenara Training Services. The property was sold to Southern Cross Care (Tasmania) in 2000.

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Requests for access to Records nos. 2,3, 4,5,7 and 8 must be referred to the Director of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, as these records may contain personal information.

1. Legal Records

1/1	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, draft constitution, constitution	1920, nd
1/2	Notes re constitution etc	1924, 1938
1/3	Regulations	1938
1/4	Memorandum and Articles of Association	1953
1/5	Amendments to Memorandum & Articles of Association and associated correspondence	1973
1/6	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/ Glenara Childrens Home, certificate of incorporation on change of name of Company	1973
1/7	Glenara Childrens Homes, rules relating to cottage homes	1974

2. Minutes of Meetings

2/1	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, minute book of Committee meetings	1921-1930
2/2	Minute book of Committee meetings/Committee of Management meetings	1944-1948
2/3	Minute book of Committee of Management/Board of Management meetings	1949-1960
2/4	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1960-1961
2/5	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1962-1963
2/6	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1964
2/7	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1965
2/8	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1966-1967
2/9	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1968-1970
2/10	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1971-1972
2/11	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, minutes of Board of Management meetings	1973

2/12	Glenara Childrens Homes, minutes of Board of Management meetings	1974
2/13	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1975
2/14	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1976
2/15	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1977
2/16	Minutes of Board of Management meetings to February 1979	1978-1979
2/17	Minutes of Board of Management meetings	1980-1982
2/18	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, minutes of various committees meetings	1951-1980
2/19	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, minutes of Welfare Committee meetings	1968-1973
2/20	Glenara Childrens Homes, minutes of Welfare Committee meetings	1973-1982
2/21	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, minutes of Appeal sub-committee meetings, with associated material	1971-1972
2/22	Glenara Childrens Homes, minutes of Publicity and Fundraising Committee meetings	1978-1981

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3/1	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence	1922-1959
3/2	Correspondence	1960-1972
3/3	Correspondence re Meercroft	1947-1970
3/4	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, correspondence re legacies, arranged alphabetically	1945-1979
3/5	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, A-B	1949-1955
3/6	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, B-C	1951-1967

3/7	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, C-G	1949-1963
3/8	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, G-H	1948-1966
3/9	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, H-L	1949-1965
3/10	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, M-N	1948-1964
3/11	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, N-R	1949 -1964
3/12	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re discharges, S-W	1947-1964
3/13	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, correspondence etc re admissions and discharges	1953-1982
3/14	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc re wards of the State	1964-1973
3/15	Correspondence re Board membership, Patron etc	1954-1961
3/16	Correspondence re Board membership, Patron etc	1962-1968
3/17	Correspondence re donations	1949-1960
3/18	Correspondence re donations	1961
3/19	Correspondence re donations	1962
3/20	Correspondence re donations	1963
3/21	Correspondence re donations	1964
3/22	Correspondence re donations	1965
3/23	Correspondence re donations	1966, 1967
3/24	Glenara Childrens Homes, correspondence re donations	1978
3/25	Correspondence re donations	1979

3/26	Correspondence re donations etc	1980
3/27	Correspondence re donations etc	1981
3/28	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, correspondence etc with Kennerley Boys' Home	1957-1967
3/29	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, correspondence re proposed telephone exchange, telephone charges	1957-1974
3/30	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, correspondence etc re annual presentation, Christmas party	1970-1981
3/31	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, correspondence re life governors/members	1970-1975
3/32	Glenara Childrens Homes, correspondence	1973-1979
3/33	Correspondence	1980-1984
3/34	Correspondence re drainage problems and Johns Phoenix	1974-1979
3/35	Correspondence with HEC	1974-1980
3/36	Correspondence re W O Layh	1977-1979
3/37	Correspondence re Stage 2 fund raising	1978-1981
3/38	Correspondence etc re staff	1980-1982

4. Superintendent's Reports

4/1	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, Superintendent's reports	1942-1947
4/2	Superintendent's reports	1948-1953
4/3	Superintendent's reports	1954-1960
4/4	Superintendent's reports	1961-1966
4/5	Superintendent's reports	1967-1970
4/6	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, Superintendent's reports	1971-1975

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| 4/7 | Glenara Childrens Homes, Superintendent's reports | 1976-1979 |
| 4/8 | Glenara Childrens Homes, Superintendent's reports, to February 1982 | 1980-1982 |

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| 5/1 | Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, Racecourse Crescent hostel supervisor's reports, correspondence etc | 1964-1969 |
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| 6/1 | Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, annual reports | 1948-1972 |
| 6/2 | Glenara Childrens Homes, annual reports | 1973-1983 |

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| 7/1 | Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, Superintendent's diaries, 1930-1944, 1946, 1948-1950, 1954, 1980 | 1930-1980 |
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| 8/1 | Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, newspaper cuttings | 1921-1980 |
| 8/2 | Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, newspaper cuttings laminated on a large sheet of paper <i>Oversize item</i> | 1967 |
| 8/3 | Register of boys | 1933-1959 |
| 8/4 | Register of boys | 1959-1967 |
| 8/5 | Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/Glenara Childrens Homes, lists of children at the Homes (includes three notebooks) | 1947-1981 |
| 8/6 | Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, appeal brochures | 1945, 1971 |
| 8/7 | Lists of donors | 1950-1964 |
| 8/8 | Reports on boys who have left the Home | 1958 |
| 8/9 | Applications for superintendent, matron, hostel supervisor | 1964-1968 |

8/10	Glenara Childrens Homes, applications for cook, cottage parents, cottage mother	1973-1981
8/11	Applications for superintendent (arranged alphabetically)	1979
8/12	Applications etc to take children from Glenara for the school holidays	1980-1981
8/13	Duties of superintendent, assistant superintendent	1980, nd
8/14	Record of punishment book	1980
8/15	Children's Court, notice to parent	1980
8/16	Glenara Childrens Homes, library books (handwritten list)	nd
8/17	Glenara, receipt for 130 files taken by Department of Community Welfare	1989
8/18	Glenara Childrens Homes, life member certificate	nd
8/19	Glenara, certificate awarded to Gordon F Dell	1991
8/20	Glenara, honorary life membership certificate awarded to Brian V Ockerby	1995
8/21	Smedley, Daniel R, <i>A Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys: Glenara 1921-1931</i> , Launceston, 1990	1990

9. Various Reports

9/1	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, report on Endowment Fund	1952
9/2	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, submission by Peter Brooker	nd
9/3	Glenara Childrens Homes, submission to Dr Roe's committee	nd
9/4	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, report on visit to various Homes in Melbourne by G Woolley	nd
9/5	Glenara Childrens Homes, memo to chairman from secretary re Home inspection visit to Melbourne two years previously	nd
9/6	Glenara Childrens Homes, report of visit to Social Welfare Department of Victoria and Private Children's Homes in Melbourne by A Gee and A Crawford	1975

9/7	Glenara Childrens Homes, report by W F Joyce	1976
9/8	M Blanch, NSW conference report	1980
9/9	Milton Blanch, paper on 'Enforced separation of children from families'	nd
9/10	Milton Blanch, submission to Dept. of Social Welfare on fostering	1981
9/11	Glenara Childrens Homes, submission to Dept. of Social Welfare on fostering	1981
9/12	Glenara Childrens Homes, submission on alteration to basis of payment of maintenance fees	1982
9/13	Glenara Childrens Homes, notes and speeches taken at a meeting, press release	1982

10. Glenara Ladies Auxiliary

10/1	Glenara Ladies Auxiliary, constitution rules	nd
10/2	Minute book of meetings	1970-1974
10/3	Minute book of meetings	1974-1977
10/4	Minute book of meetings	1978
10/5	Correspondence	1970-1980
10/6	Gown of the Year, program; proposal re funding; application to committee etc	1972, 1981

11. Plans & Specifications (NB All Oversize Items)

11/1	Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, East, Roy Smith & Willing, plans for alterations	1947
11/2	Roy Smith & Willing, specifications for minor works	1953
11/3	Roy Smith, Willing & Newman, plans and specifications for sewing room	1961
11/4	Roy Smith, Willing & Newman, plans for entrance wall and signs	c1962

11/5	Plans for swimming bath	1963
11/6	Paul A Phelps, plan of property	1966
11/7	Roy Smith, Newman and Green, plans and specifications for school prep room and covered way	1967
11/8	Roy Smith, Newman & Green, specifications for minor works	1968
11/9	Roy Smith and Willing, block plan	1970
11/10	Roy Smith and Jack Newman, new sign	1970
11/11	Wormald fire alarm installation	1971
11/12	Roy Smith and Jack Newman, two plans for tennis court	1971
11/13	Glenara Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys, Roy Smith, Newman and Schafer, four plans for cottage no.1, with specifications	1972
11/14	Roy Smith, Newman and Schafer, cottage no. 2	1972
11/15	Roy Smith, Newman and Schafer, plan of Danbury Dormitory	1972
11/16	Glenara Childrens Homes, K Ringrose, two plans for new sunroom	1974
11/17	K Ringrose, additional accommodation	1975
11/18	K Ringrose, alterations to Lions Cottage	1976
11/19	K Ringrose, alterations to cottages	1976
11/20	Philp Lighton Floyd & Beattie, alterations and additions, with specifications	1978
11/21	T Kneebone, alterations and additions	1978
11/22	Hydro-electric Commission, transmission lines easement requirements, Glenara Childrens Homes	1979
11/23	Glenara Childrens Homes, K Ringrose, plans for renovations to superintendent's quarters	1980
11/24	Philp Lighton Floyd & Beattie, five plans for new cottage	1981

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- 12/1 Northern Tasmanian Home for Boys/ Glenara Childrens Homes, photographs of visit to Government House, 1974; various photographs of the children and the swimming pool etc 1974, nd

13. Glenara Records

- 13/1 Glenara, annual reports, 1984-1992, 1994-1996, 1998 1984-1998
- 13/2 Applications for farm caretaker 1983
- 13/3 Glenara, change of company name certificate 1984
- 13/4 Glenara Work Preparation Programme, information on kayaks c1984
- 13/5 Glenara, newspaper cuttings 1985-1995
- 13/6 K Ringrose, plans for alterations to existing toilets
Oversize item 1983
- 13/7 Concept Drafting, plans for carport & tool shed
Oversize item 1984
- 13/8 Plans of property, brochures, trainee follow-up evaluation etc 1985, nd
- 13/9 K Ringrose, three plans for alterations to kitchen
Oversize item 1985
- 13/10 K Ringrose, plan of laundry ***Oversize item*** 1985
- 13/11 Glenara Board of Management, report into policies and procedures at Glenara by G M Ellis 1986
- 13/12 Glenara, two plans for alterations ***Oversize item*** 1986
- 13/13 Glenara, correspondence 1989-1991
- 13/14 *Glenara work preparation projects: courses, resources and services*, Youngtown, 1992 1992
- 13/15 Glenara Training Services, certificate of registration of business name; objects of the company 1995, nd
- 13/16 *Glenara training services: pictorial overview of the facilities*, Youngtown, 1996 1996

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