

Were **YOU** in care with  
the United Protestant  
Association of NSW?



United in Christian Care

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**UPA**

melrose  
sunnylands  
adelaide walker  
woodlands  
rathgar  
rathmore  
ellimatta  
glen eden  
buena vista  
gumleigh  
lillimur  
the laurels  
murray vale

## History of UPA Homes

The United Protestant Association - UPA - was founded in 1938, and by 1953 was operating 12 children's homes throughout NSW.

These homes offered care to children who could not, for one reason or another, live at home with their families.

Some children stayed for a few days, others stayed for years. Children came into the homes as babies, young people and teenagers. UPA has cared for over three thousand children in these homes.

UPA no longer runs children's homes, although we still remain concerned for children and young people in need. We maintain community care programs in a number of areas. UPA is also committed to developing a comprehensive range of services for aged people.

UPA is proud of its achievements in providing a caring home to so many children.

Many of these children have kept in contact with us and have let us know how they are getting on these days. Many have fond memories of their time in care.

However some adults do not have good memories about those times. Some former residents still have strong feelings; whether they are about not being able to live with their families, or whether there was something that happened at the home or the local school; and these feelings trouble them to this day.

### **What we are able to offer you:**

If you feel you need to talk about your time in care with UPA, we offer to help in the following ways...

#### *Provide Access to Records*

Although often limited in their content, UPA will make available to you records of your time in care. Please write to UPA at PO Box 273, Wahroonga NSW 2076 or phone the After Care Support Worker on (02) 9487 1338 or eMail [graham.hercus@upa.org.au](mailto:graham.hercus@upa.org.au)

#### *Counselling through Relationships Australia*

**Relationships Australia** is a non-denominational non-government agency, completely separate from UPA, and will provide you with independent confidential and free support. Phone 1300 364 277. [www.relationships.com.au](http://www.relationships.com.au)

#### *Support through sharing with other care leavers*

CLAN (Care Leavers Australian Network) (02) 9709 4520, eMail: [support@clan.org.au](mailto:support@clan.org.au) or [www.clan.org.au](http://www.clan.org.au).

UPA is committed to offering support to former residents of our 15 Homes. Any concerns raised will be treated seriously and action taken, such as the referral of the matter to the appropriate agency. If you would like to talk to someone about any matter relating to your time in care with UPA, please contact either UPA's After Care Support Worker, Relationships Australia or CLAN, as appropriate.

### **The Homes**

**Melrose**, Pendle Hill  
**Sunnylands**, Wollongbar  
**Adelaide Walker**, Strathfield  
**Woodlands**, Newcastle  
**Rathgar**, Grafton  
**Rathmore**, Grafton  
**Ellimatta**, East Maitland  
**Glen Eden**, Glen Innes  
**Buena Vista**, Orange  
**Gumleigh**, Wagga Wagga  
**Lillimur**, Dubbo  
**The Laurels**, Kogarah  
**Murray Vale**, Albury

*UPA also operated a number of small group homes durin*