

# Your say

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## Home a haven for many district children

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IN REPLY to Richard Campion's letters and articles on the North Coast Children's Home.

If you, and others, were so badly treated when growing up in the home why did you and yours not go and tell someone what was happening?

If not as a child then as the adult you became at 16-18 or 20. There was a committee of businessmen — doctors, dentists, teachers and police etc.

There would have been someone who would have listened and who would have made life better.

If you were still in the home when Jean O'Neil took over the welfare of the children, you all must have felt the difference in your lives.

The North Coast Children's Home finally became a home for children because there came caring, love and respect for each other from child to staff and staff to child.

There was discipline, but only when needed, as I'm sure used to be in all homes especially a mum and dad home.

Could you point out where else would children receive pocket money every week, go to the movies every weekend, get to go on holidays every school had a holiday.

I loved the children and I'm proud to have been a part of their lives. I was a staff member from 1970 to 1981.

ROBYN CARLILL, Ballina.

### A happy place

RE: North Coast Children's Home, (NS 12/06):

Home, what is a home!

A place where you feel safe

A place where all your needs are cared for

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