

Welfare Branch, Australian Capital Territory

c. 1970 – c. 1989

Details

The Welfare Branch of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) was previously known as the Welfare Section. By 1983 the Welfare Branch was one of three branches of the Community Services Division. The Welfare Branch dealt with the care of families in crisis, adoption and children in out-of-home care. By 1987 the Community Services Division, including the Welfare Branch, was integrated into the ACT Community Health Service.

It is not clear if the Welfare Section had a formal change of name to the Welfare Branch in 1970, but it was referred to as the Welfare Branch by the Commonwealth Government Directories of 1982-1984. Between 1970 and 1987, the Welfare Branch was part of four government departments, as follows: Department of the Interior; Department of the Capital Territory; Department of the Territories and Local Government; and Department of the Territories. The Administrative Arrangements Orders of 24 July 1987 saw the integration of the community services (including welfare) and the health function into the ACT Community Health Service.

More info

Chronology

- Welfare Section, Australian Capital Territory (1957 - 1970)
 - **Welfare Branch, Australian Capital Territory (c. 1970 – c. 1989)**

Related Entries

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- [Marlow Cottage \(1986 - current\)](#)
Date: 1986 - 1989

Related Organisations

- [Department of the Interior, Commonwealth Government \(1939 - 1972\)](#)
- [Community Services Division, Australian Capital Territory \(c. 1982 - c. 1987\)](#)
The Welfare Branch was part of the Community Services Division in the early to mid-1980s.
Date: 1983 - 1987
- [Department of Territories and Local Government, Australian Government \(1983 - 1984\)](#)
- [Housing and Community Services Bureau, Australian Capital Territory \(14 December 1989 - 1995\)](#)

Resources

- Callaghan, Bruce, *Illusions and realities : responsibility for children's protection and care in the Australian Capital Territory : a report to the Executive Director Welfare Branch ACT Housing and Community Welfare Bureau*, 1990
 - Department of the Capital Territory, Welfare Branch, *Annual Report 1978-1979*, 1979
 - Archives ACT, [*Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services: development of the Department's records disposal schedule. Stage 1 Preliminary Investigation*](#), 11 March 2004
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