

# Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney

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## Details

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Private and Professional papers of Leonard Tierney is an archival collection held at the University of Melbourne Archives. Dr Leonard James Tierney OAM (1925-1996) attained a Master of Science in Social Work in 1954 and a doctorate from Columbia University in 1974. Tierney was a leading social work practitioner and scholar, and an active member of government and non-government organisations. The records in this collection were compiled in the course of Tierney's research and work.

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## Records

There is an online finding aid to the Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney, available from the University of Melbourne Archives catalogue.

This collection includes records of Tierney's research work with the Family Service Project at Camp Pell. Tierney's doctoral thesis was about following up with a group of families who had lived in emergency housing at Camp Pell during the post-war period. Tierney observed that a high proportion of members of the families involved in his research study had been involved with the Social Welfare Department – the family's unstable housing situation often resulting in children being admitted into 'care'.

The collection includes a series 'Child Welfare History' (reference number 2008.0060 Units 2 to 24). This has records relating to various matters including: papers relating to Tierney's research and publications about child welfare history; press clippings; a review of St Vincent's Boys' Home in the early 1990s; a study of boys who had been at St Augustine's Boys' Home from the late 1980s; records from a review of St Augustine's by the Department of Community Welfare Services in 1982; documents relating to the Family Welfare Advisory Council (FWAC) from the 1970s; a report of Forward Planning Project, Burwood Children's Homes (1985); papers relating to St John's Homes for Boys and Girls (1970-1988); papers relating to Orana Peace Memorial Homes for Children (1973-1984).

## More info

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### Organisations in these records

#### Related Organisations

- [The Try Society \(c. 1883 - current\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney contain records relating to The William Forster Try Boys Society in the 'Social Work History & Profession' series.
- [Citizens Welfare Service of Victoria \(1947 - 1996\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney include records from Tierney's time as Director of Social Work at the Citizens Welfare Service of Victoria.
- [Orana, the Peace Memorial Homes for Children \(1953 - 1988\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney contain records relating to Orana, the Peace Memorial Homes for Children in the 'Child Welfare History' series.
- [St John's Homes for Boys and Girls - Canterbury \(1958 - c. 1997\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney contain records relating to St John's Home for Boys and Girls in the 'Child Welfare History' series.
- [St Augustine's Boys' Home \(1966 - 1988\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney contain records relating to St Augustine's Boys' Home in the 'Child Welfare History' series.
- [St Vincent de Paul Boys' Home \(1967 - 1997\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney contain records relating to St Vincent de Paul's Boys' Home in the 'Child Welfare History' series.
- [Burwood Children's Home \(c. 1972 - c. 1986\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney contain records relating to Burwood Children's Home in the 'Child Welfare History' series.

#### Related Places

- [Camp Pell \(1946 - 1956\)](#)  
Private and Professional Papers of Leonard Tierney contain records of Tierney's research with families at Camp Pell, as part of the Family Service Project.

## Resources

- Tierney, Leonard James, *Excluded Families*, 1976
- [Child Welfare Records: Subject Guide](#), University of Melbourne Archives, June 2018

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