

Voluntary Children's Homes Files

1921 – 1989

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Details

Voluntary Children's Homes Files is an archival series with contents dating from 1921 to 1989. It has the Public Record Office Victoria series number of VPRS 18069/P0001. The records in this series were created by the interactions between the Victorian government and Homes in Victoria run by charitable and religious organisations. The Voluntary Children's Homes Files contain information about institutions and their administration, as well as about the children who lived in these Homes.

Access Conditions

Some records in this series are on open access.

Others are restricted to the public (for a period of 99 years from the date of the record) because they contain personal or private information about children.

Records

The records in Voluntary Children's Homes Files document interactions between many Homes run by charitable and religious organisations in Victoria, with the government departments responsible for child welfare for the period 1921 to 1989.

Separate files were registered for separate children's Homes, or care provider organisations.

The information about institutions found in Voluntary Children's Homes Files includes: annual reports, newspaper clippings, inspector's reports, applications for grants, applications to be declared an Approved Children's Home, staff records and correspondence with the Department.

The information about children found in Voluntary Children's Homes Files includes: details of placements, holiday placements for State Wards, allegations of abuse against children, lists of children's names, medical records and correspondence with the Department.

Finding Aids

The [Finding Records](#) website has detailed information about the contents of Voluntary Children's Homes Files – the pages on Finding Records about particular Homes provide listings of any files within the Voluntary Children's Homes Files series relating to that Home.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Melbourne Orphan Asylum \(1853 - 1926\)](#)
- [Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution \(1860 - 1949\)](#)
- [Convent of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford \(1863 - 1974\)](#)
- [Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind \(1866 - 2004\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Girls' Orphanage \(1874 - 1962\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Orphanage for Boys \(1874 - 1967\)](#)
- [Convent of the Good Shepherd, Oakleigh \(1883 - 1981\)](#)
- [Mission to the Streets and Lanes \(1886 - 1997\)](#)
- [Gordon Institute \(1886 - 1951\)](#)
- [Nazareth House, Ballarat \(1888 - 1976\)](#)
- [Cottage By The Sea Queenscliff Inc \(1890 - current\)](#)
- [Burwood Boys' Home \(1895 - c. 1972\)](#)
- [Victorian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(1896 - 1971\)](#)
- [Bayswater Boys' Homes \(1897 - 1987\)](#)
- [The Haven \(1897 - 1988\)](#)
- [Melbourne City Mission Maternity Home \(1900 - c. 1955\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Foundling Hospital \(1901 - 1975\)](#)
- [Department for Neglected Children, State Government of Victoria \(1901 - 1924\)](#)
- [Victorian Children's Aid Society Home \(1901 - c. 1966\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Receiving Home \(1902 - 1985\)](#)
- [Tally Ho Boys' Training Farm \(1903 - 1986\)](#)
- [Convent of the Good Shepherd, Bendigo \(1905 - 1984\)](#)
- [The Foundling Hospital and Infants' Home \(1906 - 1964\)](#)
- [Talbot Colony for Epileptics \(1907 - c. 1961\)](#)
- [Sutherland Homes for Children \(1908 - 1991\)](#)
- [Geelong and Western District Protestant Orphanage \(1909 - 1955\)](#)
- [Ballarat Orphanage \(1909 - 1968\)](#)
- [Alexandra Babies' Home \(c. 1909 - 1974\)](#)
- [Testing duplicating ballarat \(1909 - 1968\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home \(c. 1911 - 1980\)](#)
- [Children's Welfare Association of Victoria \(1912 - 2003\)](#)
- [William Booth Girls' Home \(1912 - 1972\)](#)
- [Box Hill Boys' Home \(1913 - 1984\)](#)
- [Catherine Booth Girls' Home \(1915 - 1976\)](#)
- [Mission of St James and St John \(1919 - 1997\)](#)
- [Allenby Lodge Young Women's Hostel \(1919 - 1984\)](#)
- [Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft \(1920 - current\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)
- [St Anthony's Children's Home \(c. 1921 - 1943\)](#)
- [Andrew Kerr Memorial Home \(c. 1921 - c. 1980\)](#)
- [Seaside Garden Home for Boys \(1921? - 1934\)](#)
- [Girls' Memorial Home \(1922 - 1973\)](#)
- [Melbourne Legacy \(1923 - current\)](#)
- [Moir Private Hospital \(1924? - 1980?\)](#)
- [St John's Home for Boys \(c. 1924 - 1958\)](#)
- [Children's Welfare Department, State Government of Victoria \(1924 - 1960\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home for Boys \(1925 - c. 1967\)](#)

- [St Nicholas' Boys' Home \(1926 - c. 1955\)](#)
- [Darling Babies' Home \(1927 - 1967\)](#)
- [St Paul's Training School \(1928 - 1955\)](#)
- [Presbyterian Babies' Home \(1928 - 1977\)](#)
- [Bethany Babies' Home \(1928 - 1977\)](#)
- [Methodist Babies' Home \(1929 - c. 1974\)](#)
- [Salesian College \(1929 - current\)](#)
- [St Luke's Toddlers' Home \(1932 - 1979\)](#)
- [Melbourne City Mission Toddlers' Home \(c. 1935 - c. 1955\)](#)
- [Kildonan, Burwood \(1937 - c. 1961\)](#)
- [Church of England Boys' Society Training Farm \(1937 - 1950\)](#)
- [Janefield Colony \(1937 - 1996\)](#)
- [Melrose Training Farm for Boys \(1938 - 1957\)](#)
- [Frances Barkman Homes \(c. 1939 - c. 1992\)](#)
- [Holmbush \(1942 - 1956\)](#)
- [Marillac House \(1943 - current\)](#)
- [St Anthony's Home \(1943 - 1976\)](#)
- [The Menzies Home for Boys \(1943 - 1961\)](#)
- [Stanhope \(c. 1945 - 1982\)](#)
- [Yooralla \(1945 - 1993\)](#)
- [Lyndon Lodge \(1946 - c. 2004\)](#)
- [Hurlingham \(1946 - 1963\)](#)
- [Kardinia Children's Home \(1947 - 31 January 1986\)](#)
- [St Cuthbert's Home for Boys \(1948 - 1977\)](#)
- [St Mary's School for the Deaf \(1948 - 1985\)](#)
- [Blamey House \(c. 1949 - c. 1977\)](#)
- [Victorian School for Deaf Children \(1949 - 1995\)](#)
- [Lutheran Children's Home \(1950 - 1973\)](#)
- [Princess Elizabeth Kindergarten for the Deaf \(1950 - 2002\)](#)
- [Gordon Homes for Boys \(1951 - 1969\)](#)
- [Glendonald School for Deaf Children \(1951 - 1991\)](#)
- [Harelands \(c. 1952 - 1977\)](#)
- [Resurrection House \(1952 - 1971\)](#)
- [Orana, the Peace Memorial Homes for Children \(1953 - 1988\)](#)
- [St John of God Training Centre \(1953 - 1967\)](#)
- [Woodbine \(1954 - current\)](#)
- [Ellen Connell Holiday Home \(1955 - 1973\)](#)
- [Glastonbury - Geelong Protestant Orphanage \(1955 - 1977\)](#)
- [Hartnett House \(c. 1955 - 1990s\)](#)
- [St Paul's Home For Boys \(1955 - 1979\)](#)
- [Dame Mary Herring Spastic Children's Hostel \(1956 - 1992\)](#)
- [Departmental Family Group Homes, Victoria \(1956 - 2000s\)](#)
- [Catholic Family Welfare Bureau \(Archdiocese of Melbourne\) \(1956 - 1998\)](#)
- [Providence Children's Home \(1957 - 1978\)](#)

The Voluntary Children's Homes Files contain records relating to Providence Children's Home, including a single file, 'Child placement records', containing 30 documents with information about children placed at Providence from around 1959 to 1965.

- [St Paul's School for the Blind \(1957 - current\)](#)
- [Yarra View Training Farm \(1957 - 1967?\)](#)
- [St John's Homes for Boys and Girls - Canterbury \(1958 - c. 1997\)](#)
- [Antonian Institute for Children \(1959 - 1966\)](#)
- [Family Group Homes run by Melbourne Family Care \(1959 - 1990s\)](#)
- [St Catherine's Children's Home \(1960 - 1975\)](#)
- [Kildonan Homes for Children \(c. 1960 - c. 1993\)](#)
- [Social Welfare Branch, State Government of Victoria \(1960 - 1970\)](#)
- [Forest Hill Emergency Kindergarten \(1960 - 1988\)](#)
- [The Menzies Home for Children \(1961 - 2000\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Children's Home \(1962 - 1992\)](#)

- [Robin House \(1962 - 1976\)](#)
- [Overton Residential Nursery \(1962 - 1974\)](#)
- [Beth-el Children's Home \(1963 - c. 1983\)](#)
- [Berry Street Babies' Home and Hospital \(1964 - 1975\)](#)
- [Tracy Dutton House \(1964 - 1970\)](#)
- [Melbourne Family Care Organisation \(1965 - 1987\)](#)
- [Bendigo Reception Centre \(1965 - 1966\)](#)
- [Antonian Children's Home \(1966 - 1979\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Home for Children, Sisters of St Joseph \(1967 - 1991\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Boys' Home \(1967 - 1997\)](#)
- [Heather Anderson Home \(c. 1967 - 1973\)](#)
- [Swan House \(1968 - 1988\)](#)
- [Christian Brethren Family Care Inc. \(1968 - current\)](#)
- [The Gordon Homes for Boys and Girls \(1969 - 2000\)](#)
- [Social Welfare Department, State Government of Victoria \(1970 - 1978\)](#)
- [Children's Protection Society \(1971 - 2018\)](#)
- [Presbyterian and Methodist Child Care Service \(1971 - 1977?\)](#)
- [Burwood Children's Home \(c. 1972 - c. 1986\)](#)
- [Family Group Homes run by the Sisters of Mercy in Geelong \(1972 - 2000s\)](#)
- [Grassmere Youth Services \(1973 - 1998\)](#)
- [Copelen Street Family Centre \(1974 - 1991\)](#)
- [Berry Street - Child and Family Care \(1975 - 1992\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Babies' Home \(1975 - 1985\)](#)
- [Mercy Family Care Centre \(c. 1975 - 1997\)](#)
- [St Faith's \(1975 - c. 1984\)](#)
- [Family Group Homes run by Ballarat Children's Home \(1975 - 2000s\)](#)
- [St Anthony's Family Service \(1976 - 1997\)](#)
- [Jacana Children's Home \(1976 - 1995\)](#)
- [Hayeslee House \(1976 - 1994\)](#)
- [Alys Key House \(1976 - 1985\)](#)
- [Currawong House \(1976 - 1991\)](#)
- [Glastonbury Children's Home \(1977 - 1984\)](#)
- [Bethany Community Support \(1977 - current\)](#)
- [Blamey House \(1977 - 1980\)](#)
- [Department of Community Welfare Services, State Government of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)
- [Mallee Family Care \(1979 - current\)](#)
- [Gippsland Family Services \(1979 - current\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Westcare \(c. 1980 - 2018\)](#)
- [Wimmera Community Care \(1981 - 2000\)](#)
- [Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria \(1985 - 1992\)](#)
- [GordonCare for Children \(2000 - 2013\)](#)

Resources

- O'Neill, Cate, [*Records from Victorian institutions newly available*](#), Find & Connect web resource blog, 20 June 2018

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