

Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales

1976 – 1988

Other Names: • YACS

Details

The Department of Youth and Community Services is one of the names given to the Department which, in 2013, was known as Community Services. It was the second time the Department was known by this name, which was first used in 1973-1975, before it was changed to Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs (1975-1976). In 1988 the name of the Department was changed again to the Department of Family and Community Services.

From July 1986 until March 1988 the Minister for the Department of Youth and Community Services was John Aquilina. He had a policy of deinstitutionalisation, so closed down a number of children's institutions and homes.

In March 1988 the New South Wales Government changed from Labor, headed by Neville Wran, to Liberal, headed by Nick Greiner. The new government created the Department of Family and Community Services.

Gallery



Minister Opens Keelong Remand Centre Unanderra

Description: This image shows the outside of the Keelong Remand Centre.



Minister Opens Keelong Remand Centre Unanderra

Description: This image shows the exterior of Keelong Remand Centre. Please note the State Library of New South Wales's Government Printing Office collection of photographs taken in August 1978 includes a range of images of the buildings and the official opening of the Keelong Remand Centre.



Montrose Child Protection Centre

Description: This is an image of a bedroom at Montrose Child Protection Centre taken in June 1979. Please note that the State Library of New South Wales collection includes more digitised images of Montrose Child Protection Centre taken by the Government Printing Office, including images of the exterior and interiors of the Child Protection Centre, staff, children and parents.

More info

Chronology

- Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs, State Government of New South Wales (1975 - 1976)
 - **Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (1976 – 1988)**
 - Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (1988 - 1991)

Related Entries

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- [Metropolitan Boys' Shelter \(1911 - 1983\)](#)
- [Yarra Bay House \(c. 1917 - c. 1985\)](#)
- [Bidura \(1920 - 1977\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1977
- [Montrose Maternity Hospital \(c. 1920 - c. 1935\)](#)
- [Royleston \(1922 - 1983\)](#)
- [Brush Farm Home \(1922 - 1988\)](#)
- [Grafton Shelter \(1923? - 1990s\)](#)
- [Metropolitan Girls' Shelter, Glebe \(c. 1923 - 1978\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1992
- [Myee \(1926 - 1977\)](#)
- [Berry Training Farm \(1934 - 1977\)](#)
- [Lynwood Hall \(1939 - 1993\)](#)
- [Broken Hill Shelter \(1942 - c. 1994\)](#)
- [Anglewood \(1943 - 1994\)](#)
- [Brougham \(1943 - 1993\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1988
- [Castle Hill House \(1943 - 1982\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1982
- [St Heliers \(1945 - 1986\)](#)
- [Mount Penang Training School for Boys \(1946 - 1987\)](#)
- [Weroona Home \(1946 - 1984\)](#)
- [Yasmar Shelter \(1946 - 1994\)](#)
- [Montrose Infants' Home \(c. 1949 - c. 1978\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1978
- [Werrington Park \(1954 - c. 1988\)](#)
- [Yarra Bay Boys' Home \(c. 1955 - 1985\)](#)
- [Thornbury Lodge \(c. 1958 - c. 1990\)](#)
- [Daruk \(1960 - 1985\)](#)
- [Ormond Training School \(1962 - 1980\)](#)
- [Raith Lark Hill Hostel \(1964 - 1990?\)](#)
- [Minda \(1966 - 1991\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1978
- [Worimi Shelter \(1966 - 2000\)](#)
- [Brush Farm Infants' Home \(1968 - 1988\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1988
- [Clairvaux \(1969 - 1990s\)](#)
- [Yawarra Training School \(1969 - 1979\)](#)
- [Bethcar Children's Home \(1969 - 1989\)](#)
- [McCredie Cottage \(1970 - 1993\)](#)
- [Corelli \(1970 - 1991\)](#)
Date: 1976 - 1988
- [Hargrave House \(1971 - 1988\)](#)

- [Karril Cottage \(c. 1973 - c. 1989\)](#)
- [Reiby Training School \(1973 - 1991\)](#)
- [Tallimba \(1973 - 1980s\)](#)
- [Kamballa \(1974 - 1983\)](#)
- [Taldree \(1974 - 1980\)](#)
- [Winbin \(1975 - 1992\)](#)
- [Allanville Home \(c. 1976 - 1995\)](#)
- [Faulds House \(1976 - 1988\)](#)
- [Renwick \(1976 - 1994\)](#)
- [Endeavour House \(1976 - 1990\)](#)
- [Phillip Cottage \(1977 - 1988\)](#)
- [Orana Youth Hostel \(c. 1977\)](#)
- [Myee Home \(1977 - 1980s\)](#)
- [Keelong Remand Centre \(1978 - 1990\)](#)
Date: 1978 - 1988
- [Montrose Child Protection Centre \(c. 1978 - c. 2009\)](#)
- [Cobham Remand Centre \(1980 - current\)](#)
Date: 1980 - 1988
- [Ormond School \(1980 - 1984\)](#)
Date: 1980 - 1984
- [Riverina Juvenile Justice Centre \(1984 - current\)](#)
Date: 1984 - 1988
- [Ormond Regional Youth Centre \(1985 - 1998\)](#)
Date: 1985 - 1988

Related Events

- [Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled, New South Wales \(1983\)](#)
The services and policies of the Department of Youth and Community Services were affected by the recommendations of the Inquiry into Health Services for the Psychiatrically Ill and Developmentally Disabled.

Related Legislation

- [Child Welfare Act 1939, New South Wales \(1939 - 1987\)](#)
- [Child Welfare \(Amendment\) Act 1966, New South Wales \(1966 - 1987\)](#)
- [Child Welfare \(Amendment\) Act 1967, New South Wales \(1967 - 1987\)](#)
- [Child Welfare \(Amendment\) Act 1969, New South Wales \(1969 - 1987\)](#)
- [Community Welfare Act 1982, New South Wales \(1981 - 1987\)](#)
- [Children \(Care and Protection\) Act 1987, New South Wales \(1987 - 2010\)](#)
- [Community Welfare Act 1987, New South Wales \(1987 - current\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [St Anthony's Home Croydon \(1925 - 1980\)](#)
Department of Youth and Community Services [II] staff referred children from Montrose Child Protection Unit to St Gerard's Home, which was part of St Anthony's Croydon
- [St Gerard's \[Home\] \(1980 - 1985\)](#)
The Department of Youth and Community Services [II] referred children in its care at Montrose Child Protection Unit to the Sisters of St Joseph, who cared for them at St Gerard's, with the help of Centacare socialworkers

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Records

Records held by other organisations

- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
 - [Index Cards Relating To Institutional Inmates \(1958 - 1986\)](#)
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