

Mareeba Youth Farm

December 1979 – 1982

Other Names:

- Mareeba Youth Rehabilitation Farm
- Mareeba Youth Centre

Details

The Mareeba Youth Farm was operated by the Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund. The Farm functioned as a rehabilitation centre for youths. It was operational from December 1979 and was funded from December 1980. Funding ceased March 1982.

The Youth Farm received referrals from the Department of Children's Services, Police, Courts, Probation and Parole and other Welfare Agencies.

It operated as a rehabilitation farm for youths, many of whom were struggling with drug and alcohol problems, for which they had been treated prior to taking up residence at the farm. They were able to stay at the farm for a recovery period of up to six months.

The Mareeba Youth Farm was associated with the Cairns Drug and Referral Centre and the joint Government National Anti-Drug Campaign for a three year period.

The Mareeba Youth Farm aimed to get young people back into the workforce in the rural Industry through the Northern Cattle Traineeship Incorporated, Commonwealth Employment Service and Mareeba College of T.A.F.E.

Most of the young people who took part in the program were later employed on farms or stations.

Records

In the 2001 publication, *Missing Pieces*, it stated that "The Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund has advised that no State wards were placed at the Farm. They advise that there were no surviving records of boys who were at the farm."

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund](#)

Related Organisations

- [Children's Services Department, State Government of Queensland \(1 August 1966 - 6 June 1987\)](#)
Children's Services Department referred youths to the Mareeba Youth Farm
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