

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Records

1880s –

To access these records:

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Records Location

These records are held by [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland \(3 April 2012 - 16 February 2015\)](#) and [Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, State Government of Queensland \(12 November 2020 - current\)](#)

Details

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Records are the documents created by government departments and other organisations in the course of their involvement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland over time. The records contain a wealth of information about individuals, families, communities and places. This information exists because of the control past Queensland governments had over Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's lives.

Access Conditions

Some records have very personal and sensitive information about people and families. To protect privacy, you may need to ask other family members if it is okay to look at the records.

If you do not need permission from any other people or families, you still need to fill in a form to let staff look up information about you.

Records

In Queensland, policies and legislation (such as the *Aboriginal Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act 1897*) led to a high volume of records being created about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The information in these records can be helpful in tracing

- where your family comes from
- who your family are

- how you are connected to a certain place.

The records may also help with other information, such as proving a date of birth.

The records in this collection are located in a number of places, such as the State Library of Queensland, within the Department's archives, or the Queensland State Archives.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Aboriginal Mission Station, Bloomfield River \(1886 - 1887\)](#)
- [Cape Bedford Mission \(1886 - c. 1896\)](#)
- [Bloomfield River Mission \(1887 - 1902\)](#)
- [Yarrabah Mission \(1892 - 1960\)](#)
- [Hope Valley Mission \(c. 1896 - May 1942\)](#)
- [Industrial School, Mapoon Mission Station \(1901 - 1963\)](#)
- [Aurukun Mission \(1904 - 1978\)](#)
- [Chief Protector of Aborigines Office, State Government of Queensland \(25 March 1904 - 12 October 1939\)](#)
- [Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement \(c. 1904 - 1986\)](#)
- [Mitchell River Mission \(1905 - 1967\)](#)
- [Mona Mona Mission \(1913 - 1962\)](#)
- [Palm Island Aboriginal Settlement \(1 April 1918 - 1975\)](#)
- [Industrial School, Purga Mission Station \(c. 1920 - 1948\)](#)
- [Lockhart River Mission \(1924 - 23 May 1967\)](#)
- [Woorabinda \(c. 1927 - 1986\)](#)
- [Hammond Island Mission Orphanage \(1929 - 1952?\)](#)
- [Old Doomadgee Mission \(1933 - 1936\)](#)
- [Doomadgee Mission \(1936 - 1983\)](#)
- [Director Of Native Affairs Office, State Government of Queensland \(12 October 1939 - 28 April 1966\)](#)
- [Daintree River Mission \(27 July 1941 - 1962\)](#)
- [Cooyar Mission \(1942 - 1944\)](#)
- [Hope Vale Mission \(c. 1950 - 1986\)](#)
- [Bloomfield River Mission \(1957 - 1980\)](#)
- [One People of Australia League \(1961 - current\)](#)
- [OPAL House \(1962 - 1985?\)](#)
- [Aboriginal and Island Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland \(28 April 1966 - 16 January 1975\)](#)
- [Kowanyama Mission \(1967 - 1987\)](#)
- [OPAL Joyce Wilding Home \(1970 - current\)](#)
- [Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement Department, State Government of Queensland \(1975 - 1984\)](#)
- [Wujal Wujal Mission \(1980 - 1987\)](#)
- [Community Services Department, State Government of Queensland \(1984 - 1987\)](#)
- [Community Services and Ethnic Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland \(1987 - 1989\)](#)
- [Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland \(7 December 1989 - 25 January 1996\)](#)
- [Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy, State Government of Queensland \(1996 - 1998\)](#)
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Development Department, State Government of Queensland \(1998 - 2001\)](#)
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy Department, State Government of Queensland \(2001 - 2006\)](#)
- [Communities Department, State Government of Queensland \(12 February 2004 - 3 April 2012\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Aborigines Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act 1897, Queensland \(1897 - 1939\)](#)

- [Aboriginals Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Acts Amendment Act 1934, Queensland \(1934 - 1939\)](#)
- [Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Act 1939, Queensland \(1939 - 1966\)](#)

Includes

- [Photographs and Photograph Albums of Aboriginal settlements and missions \(1940 - 1960\)](#)

Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

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