

Point Pearce Mission Station

1868 – 1915

Details

The Point Pearce Mission Station was established 35 miles south of Wallaroo in 1868. It was run by the Yorke Peninsula Aboriginal Mission committee to assist the Narungga people living on the outskirts of copper mining towns in the area. Moravian Missionary Julius Kuhn was the first superintendent. Initially 70 Narrungga people came to the Mission but poor conditions and illness led to deaths in 1872. By 1874 the population had dropped to 28. In 1894 families from the closed Poonindie Mission were moved to Point Pearce. A school was operated in the Mission House at the Station until 1906 when a school house was first commissioned. In 1915, the Mission was taken over by the State Government and became known as the Point Pearce Aboriginal Station.

Gallery



Mission Station, Point Pearce

Description: The library description states: Point Pearce Mission Station showing a row of cottages opposite a row of huts. In 1868 Point Pearce Mission was established by the Moravian missionary Reverend W Julius Kuhn as an Aboriginal settlement for the Narungga people. After ten years the mission was largely self sufficient but the conditions were hard and illness reduced the population. In 1972 ownership of the land was finally transferred from the State Government to the Point Pearce Community Council.

More info

Chronology

- **Point Pearce Mission Station (1868 – 1915)**
 - Point Pearce Aboriginal Station (1915 - 1972)

Related Entries

Related Events

- [Royal Commission on the Aborigines, State of South Australia \(1913 - 1916\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Poonindie Mission \(1851 - 1894\)](#)

When the Poonindie Mission closed in 1894 some of the Aboriginal families were moved to the Point Pearce Mission Station

Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

Records

Records held by other organisations

- [Records of Aboriginal Missions in South Australia \(1850s - 1970s\)](#)
 - [Records of the Aborigines' Friends' Association \(1925 - 1976\)](#)
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