

General Correspondence, Public Service Board

1973 – 1985

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Records

The following items within this series relate to children's homes:

- Item Number: AD583/1/293
Title: Social Welfare, Organisation, Ashley Home DO63/1
Date: 1938-1983
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Title: Social Welfare, Ashley Home (Report on Juvenile Delinquency with reference to Ashley Home) DO63/1
Date: 1952-1953
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Title: Community Welfare-Ashley DO63/1
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- Item Number: AD583/1/294
Title: Social Welfare, Organisation, Weeroona DO63/2 Part 1

Date: 1959-1979

- Item Number: AD583/1/974

Title: Social Welfare Weeroona Inquiry SX19

Date: 1978

This item contains the report of an inquiry made by the Director of the Social Welfare Department, Dennis Daniels, into Weeroona Girls Training Centre in 1978. It followed allegations made by two girls that the Principal had bullied them and that he and his wife, who was the Housemistress, both hit them. Daniels upheld the allegation against the Housemistress but was not able to substantiate the others. This document names the girls involved.

- Item Number: AD583/1/290

Title: Social Welfare Organisation-Lucinda (formerly Weeroona) DO63/2

Date: 1980-1983

This item concerns staffing issues following the closure of Weeroona Girls' Training Centre and its replacement with Lucinda Resource Centre. It is a useful source of information about the Centre, the Lucinda Family Group Home, also established on the site of Weeroona, and the Social Welfare Department's policy of replacing institutions with resource centres in an attempt to prevent children from becoming wards of the state.

- Item Number: AD583/1/296

Title: Social Welfare, Organisation, Wybra Hall DO63/4

Date: 1965-1985

- Item Number: AD583/1/295

Title: Community Welfare, Westwinds DO63/3

Date: 1966-1983

This item contains correspondence about staffing from GC Smith, the Director of the Social Welfare Department, to the Public Service Board. It is mostly about the difficulty of staffing West Winds Boys Home, Wybra Hall, and Weeroona. It contains information about the Special Contract Care Program, a program that placed children who were disturbed or had offended with families who were specifically trained and supported to look after them. It also provides some incidental information about life at West Winds.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Events

- [Inquiry into Weeroona Girls' Home, Social Welfare Department, Tasmania \(1978\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Ashley Home for Boys \(1926 - 1999\)](#)
- [Wybra Hall \(1956 - 1988\)](#)
- [Weeroona Girls' Training Centre \(1959 - 1979\)](#)
- [West Winds Boys' Home \(1967 - 1983\)](#)
- [Lucinda Family Group Home \(1980 - 1986\)](#)
- [Lucinda Resource Centre \(1980 - 1986\)](#)

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