

Karadi

c. 1960 – 1980?

Details

Karadi opened in Launceston around 1960. It was attached to the Queen Victoria Hospital. Karadi was originally a hostel for the relatives of out of town patients. Later it housed expectant mothers from King and Flinders Islands. The Catholic Welfare Family Bureau used Karadi for single mothers and organised adoptions from there. It closed around 1980.

According to Anne Cunningham, the families of young single mothers would send them to Karadi from southern Tasmania to conceal their pregnancies. There was such a stigma attached to these pregnancies that they were only allowed to leave the premises after dark.

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- [Catholic Family Welfare Bureau \(Tasmania\) \(1959 - 1977\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital \(1897 - 1993\)](#)
Karadi was a hostel for the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital.

Related Concepts

- [Adoption in Tasmania \(c. 1920 - current\)](#)
The staff at Karadi organised adoptions.

Resources

- National Archives of Australia, [Forced Adoptions History Project](#), 2013
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