

Methodist Homes for Children

1922 – 1977

Details

The Methodist Homes for Children was the name given to the Methodist Church agency that ran two Homes in Western Australia: the Methodist Children's Home at Victoria Park (from 1922), and the Methodist Boys' Home in the hills east of Perth at Werribee (from 1929). Over time, a number of cottages were opened on the Victoria Park site: Mofflyn House (1925), and Wesley, Guild, Dowerin and Meckering Cottages (1952). In 1962, the Werribee property was closed and the Victoria Park became the main site known as 'Mofflyn'. During the 1960s and 70s, the hostels and cottages opened in Perth metropole included: Cooinda, Warminda, Allandale, Bourkedale, and Meribah. In 1977, the Methodist Homes for Children became the Uniting Church Child and Family Care Services.

The Methodist Children's Home opened in Victoria Park in 1922 and the Boys' Home at Werribee opened in 1929. The Boys' Home became known as 'Werribee Farm School' and then as 'Allandale'.

From the mid-1950s, the Methodist Homes for Children actively participated in housing Aboriginal children from northern WA. In the Annual Report 1954/1955 (p.4), the Director, Norman Hicks, wrote that the Commonwealth Government's policy of bringing 'selected half caste children' to the south-west to assimilate with the white population was 'wise and timely'. Methodist Homes for Children told the government that they were 'prepared to receive one in five such boys at Werribee and one girl per cottage, but not more than two per cottage at Victoria Park, of such approved selected half-caste children from Croker Island and Millingimbie or similar places'.

In 1962, after the Werribee property was closed and the land was sold, funds were used to develop more cottages in Victoria Park, where the main site (with all its cottages) became known as 'Mofflyn'.

In the 1960s and '70s the Methodist Homes for Children opened hostels and scatter cottages in the Perth metropolitan area: Cooinda, Warminda, Allandale, Bourkedale, and Meribah.

After the Methodist Church merged with the Presbyterian and Congregational churches to become the Uniting Church in 1977, the Methodist Homes for Children became the Uniting Church Child and Family Care Services.

The Uniting Church Child and Family Care Services, which was part of the Uniting Church's 'caring services', eventually became known as Mofflyn Child and Family Care Services. In 2006, Mofflyn merged with other Uniting Church agencies to become UnitingCare West.

Gallery



Methodist Homes for Children Logo, 1960s and 1970s

Description: This is a picture of the logo that was on the newsletter of the Methodist Homes for Children, *The 'Homes' Herald*, from 1965 to 1978.

More info

Chronology

- **Methodist Homes for Children (1922 – 1977)**
 - Uniting Church Child and Family Care Services (1977 - 1984?)

Related Entries

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- [Methodist Children's Home \(1922 - 1959\)](#)
Date: 1922 - 1959
- [Werribee Farm School \(1928 - 1962\)](#)
Date: 1928 - 1962
- [Mofflyn \(1959 - 1984\)](#)
Date: 1959 - 1977
- [Allandale Cottage \(1962 - 1985?\)](#)
Date: 1962 - 1977
- [Werribee \(1962 - 1985\)](#)
Date: 1962 - 1977
- [Cooinda \(1966 - current\)](#)
Date: 1966 - 1977
- [Warminda Hostel \(1968 - 1984\)](#)
Date: 1968 - 1977
- [Bourkedale \(1972 - 1985?\)](#)
Date: 1972 - 1977
- [Meribah \(1972 - c. 1986\)](#)
Date: 1972 - 1977

Related Legislation

- [Immigration \(Guardianship of Children\) Act 1946, Commonwealth of Australia \(1946 - 1973\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Methodist Church of Western Australia \(1829 - 1977\)](#)
Methodist Homes for Children was an agency of the Methodist Church.
- [Children's Cottage Home \(26 August 1933 - July 1935\)](#)
One of the trustees of the Children's Cottage Home, Buckland Hill was Mr Mofflin, who was also a trustee of the Methodist Homes for Children.

Resources

- *Interview with Les and Ida Smith : [sound recording] edited transcript*, 2002
- Wilson, Katrin and Michael V. Robinson., *Aboriginal Hostels in Perth : A Comparative Survey*, 1971
- Methodist Homes for Children, Western Australia, *The 'Homes' Herald*, 1964 - 1978
- 'Archer', [Woman's Realm: Methodist Children's Home](#), *The West Australian*, 27 November 1936

Other Resources



Title: List of needs, Methodist Homes for Children

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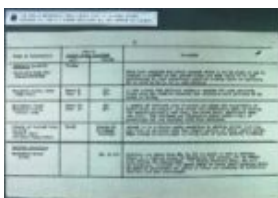


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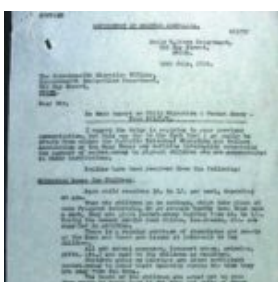


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Records

Records

- [Uniting Church \(Synod of Western Australia\) Archives, Records \(1918 - 1980s\)](#)

Some information about fundraising and other administrative matters relating to the Methodist Homes for Children (MHC) is held at the Uniting Church Archives. There may also be some information about some children who were in Homes run by MHC.

Date: 1918 - 1977

- [Methodist Home for Children: reports and general correspondence \(Volume 1 of 2\) \(15 November 1923 - 18 July 1942\)](#)

Restricted records relating to the Methodist Homes for Children are held at item 1924/0755 v1 in the State Records Office of Western Australia.

Date: 1923 - 1942

- [Indentures \(Guardianship\) \(1947 - 1960\)](#)
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