

# Mogumber

1951 – 1974

**Other Names:**

- Mogumber Native Mission
- Moore River the Mogumber Mission

## Details

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Mogumber was run by the Methodist Overseas Mission from 1951 on the site of the Moore River Native Settlement. Aboriginal children and young people of all ages were placed there by parents, child welfare authorities or the Children's Court. In the 1970s, some children were moved from Mogumber to houses in Perth. In 1974, Mogumber became the Mogumber Training Centre which carried on programs and out of home care for Aboriginal children after Mogumber closed.

Mogumber was run by the Methodist Overseas Mission from 18 August 1951 when the Department of Native Affairs handed over the Moore River Native Settlement. Aboriginal children and young people of all ages were placed there by parents, child welfare authorities or the Children's Court. Until 1963, children at Mogumber were under the guardianship of the Commissioners of Native Affairs and Native Welfare.

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## Gallery

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**Mission residents outside cottage**

**Description:** This is an image of Mogumber (also known as Moore River Mission) showing several mission residents, including children, outside a cottage at the mission.



**Chapel at Mogumber Methodist Mission, 1964**

**Description:** This is a digitised copy of a slide and is part of the Robert McKeich collection of photographs held at the State Library of Western Australia. The image shows the chapel at Mogumber.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Moore River Native Settlement (1918 - 1951)

- **Mogumber (1951 – 1974)**
  - Mogumber Training Centre (1974 - 1980)

## Related Entries

### Ran

- [Nollamara Cottage \(1973? - 1985\)](#)  
Date: 1973? - 1974

### Run by

- [Methodist Overseas Mission \(c. 1930 - 1980\)](#)  
Date: 1951 - 1974

### Related Organisations

- [Sister Kate's Children's Cottage Home \(1934 - 1980\)](#)  
Some children were transferred to Sister Kate's Children's Cottage from Mogumber.  
Date: 1954 - 1974?
- [Marribank \(1952 - 1988\)](#)  
Young Aboriginal women from were employed in childcare at Marribank.  
Date: 1952 - 1974
- [Applecross Cottage \(1970 - 1986?\)](#)  
Applecross Cottage was set up as a 'scatter cottage' in the city for children from Mogumber.  
Date: 1970 - 1974
- [Ardross House \(1971 - 2004?\)](#)  
Ardross House was set up as a 'scatter cottage' in the city for children from Mogumber.  
Date: 1971 - 1974
- [Innaminka Hostel, Greenmount \(1972? - 2004?\)](#)  
Innaminka Hostel, Greenmount was one of the Homes set up in the city to accommodate children from .  
Date: 1972? - 1974
- [Yokine Cottage \(1972 - 1988\)](#)  
Yokine Cottage was one of the Homes set up in the city to accommodate children from Mogumber.  
Date: 1972 - 1974

## Resources

- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, [Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families](#), 1997
- Stolen Generations' Testimonies Foundation, [Stolen Generations' Testimonies](#), 2009. Relevance: See testimony of Glen Ugle
- [Cedric Jacobs interviewed by W. John E. Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project \(1999\)](#), 5 November 1999
- [Eileen Heath interviewed by John Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project \(2000\)](#), 30 November 2000 - 8 December 2000
- [Gerard Warber interviewed by W. John E. Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project \(2000\)](#), 26 March 2000
- [Helen McMillan interviewed by John Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project \(2001\)](#), 24 March 2001 - 1 April 2001
- [Jim Dawes interviewed by Karen George in the Bringing them home oral history project \(2001\)](#), 1 January 1970 - current
- [Sealin Garlett interviewed by John Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project, National Library of Australia \(2001\)](#), 14 February 2001
- Wilson, Katrin and Michael V. Robinson., *Aboriginal Hostels in Perth : A Comparative Survey*, 1971
- Western Australia. Department for Community Welfare, [Annual Report: Department for Community Welfare](#), 1973 - 1984
- [Children at Mogumber Methodist Mission](#), The West Australian, 23 April 1952
- Valadian, Margaret, *Report by Margaret Valadian*, 1968

# Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

## Records held by other organisations

- [Tuart Place Historical Photos Collection](#)
  - [Records of Mogumber Agricultural School \(1952 - 1979\)](#)
  - [Uniting Church \(Synod of Western Australia\) Archives, Records \(1918 - 1980s\)](#)
  - [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)  
Item B112 of the Child Endowment correspondence files relates to Mogumber
  - [Administration Files - South West District Office \[annual single number sequence\] \(1 January 1950 - 1 January 1972\)](#)
  - [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
  - [Files - Aborigines Departments \(1 January 1926 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
  - [Administration Files - South West District Office \[S.D. Sequence\] \(1949 - 1976\)](#)
  - [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
  - [Files - General \(1899 - 1987\)](#)
  - [Files - Aboriginal Affairs \(1908 - 1997\)](#)
  - [Baby's bath \[motion picture\], State Library of Western Australia \(1962 - 1962\)](#)
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