

# Aborigines Department, State of Western Australia

1926 – 1936

## Details

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The Aborigines Department was created in 1926, taking over the responsibilities for Aborigines for the whole of the state of Western Australia that were divided previously between the Department of the North West and the Department of Fisheries. The Department had the Protector of Aborigines as its head. It was replaced by the Department of Native Affairs in 1936.

The Aborigines Department operated from 1 January 1926 to 1 January 1936.

The State Records Office website provides an overview of the second-named Aborigines Department:

*In 1926, a new Aborigines Department was created to administer Aboriginal affairs for the whole of the State. This responsibility had been split across two departments – the Department of the North West and the Department of Fisheries – between the years 1920 and 1926.*

## More info

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### Chronology

- Department of the North West, State of Western Australia (1 January 1920 - 1 January 1926)
- Fisheries Department, State of Western Australia (1920 - 1964)
  - **Aborigines Department, State of Western Australia (1926 – 1936)**
    - Department of Native Affairs, State of Western Australia (1936 - 1954)

### Related Entries

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- [Moola Bulla Station \(1910 - 1955\)](#)
- [La Grange Bay Feeding Depot \(1918 - 1949\)](#)
- [East Perth Girls' Home \(1931 - 1952\)](#)

Date: 1931 - 1936

#### Related Legislation

- [Aborigines Act 1905, Western Australia \(1906 - 1964\)](#)

The Aborigines Department administered the *Aborigines Act 1905*.

Date: 1926 - 1936

## Related Organisations

- [Chief Protector of Aborigines \(1898 - 1936\)](#)  
The Chief Protector was head of the Aborigines Department.
- [Sister Kate's Children's Cottage Home \(1934 - 1980\)](#)  
Aborigines Department, State of Western Australia was responsible for Aboriginal matters to place children at Sister Kate's Children's Cottage Home.  
Date: 1934 - 1936

## Related Concepts

- [Aboriginal Protection in Western Australia \(c. 1832 - c. 1972\)](#)

## Resources

- [Aboriginal History](#), State Records Office of Western Australia website, 2012
- McDonald, Ashley, [Are We Family? And if so, Can I Still Sue You?](#), Murdoch University Electronic Journal of Law, March 2000
- Whittington, Vera, *Sister Kate: a life dedicated to children in need of care*, 1999

## Records

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### Records held by other organisations

- [Department of Native Welfare \[and predecessors\], Client Files \(1921 - 1969\)](#)
  - [Files - Aborigines Departments \(1 January 1926 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
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