

Former Child Migrants Referral Index

1913 – 1968

To access these records:

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Records Location

These records are part of [Records of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support, and predecessors \(1894 - current\)](#)

Details

The Former Child Migrants Referral Index is an Access database index of all children who came to Western Australia as unaccompanied child migrants from the UK and Malta during the years 1913 to 1968 to the following Homes: Bindoon (St Joseph's Farm and Trade School), Castledare Junior Orphanage (St Vincent's Boys' Home), Clontarf (St Joseph's Clontarf Boys' Town), Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra, Mofflyn, Victoria Park, Nazareth House, Bluff Point, Geraldton, St Joseph's Orphanage, Subiaco, St Vincent's Foundling Home, Subiaco, Swanleigh, Middle Swan and Tardun (St Mary's Agricultural) Farm School. The index contains the names of 2,941 former child migrants.

Access Conditions

Access to these records is restricted and confidentiality is protected by Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS) Protocols for Access. If you believe the Department may hold records about you, or about a family member, you are encouraged to apply. CPFS has an application form which you must use to apply for records.

Records

The Former Child Migrants Referral Index was developed by the Department for Family and Children's Services and leaders from the agencies who held historical records about the Homes which 'received' child migrants. The Department was also able to establish an agreement with the Government of the United Kingdom to share information held in the UK. This agreement means that the Department has access to information (where records still exist) about children who were sent from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

The amount of information that will be available for people will differ from person to person, but the index is designed to identify:

- Family name
- Given name

- Other name(s) known by
- Date of birth
- Name of ship on which s/he came to WA
- Date of arrival in WA
- Placements
- Location of any records about that child, including if there are records known to exist in the UK

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Clontarf \(8 September 1901 - 1983\)](#)
- [Public Charities and State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1908 - 1 January 1917\)](#)
- [Fairbridge Society Inc. \(1909 - 1987\)](#)
- [Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra \(1913 - 1981\)](#)
- [St Vincent's Foundling Home \(1914 - 1971\)](#)
- [State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 22 December 1927\)](#)
- [Methodist Children's Home \(1922 - 1959\)](#)

The Former Child Migrants Referral Index contains information about the eight unaccompanied British child migrants who were sent to the Methodist Children's Home in the 1950s.

- [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)
- [Tardun Farm School \(1928 - 2008\)](#)
- [Castledare \(1934 - 1983\)](#)
- [Bindoon \(1936 - 1966\)](#)
- [Nazareth House, Geraldton \(1941 - 1979?\)](#)
- [Swan Homes \(1943 - 1959\)](#)
- [Mofflyn \(1959 - 1984\)](#)

Eight British child migrants were sent to the Methodist Children's Home (Mofflyn's earlier name) by the United Kingdom National Children's Homes in the 1950s

- [Swanleigh \(1960 - 2010\)](#)
- [Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia \(1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001\)](#)

The project that resulted in the publication of the Former Child Migrants Referral Index was initiated during the lifetime of the Department for Family and Children's Services.

Related Archival Series

- [Former Child Migrants Blue Index Cards \(1947 - 1968\)](#)

The Former Child Migrants Blue Index Cards were used to create the Former Child Migrants Referral Index
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Resources

- [Searching for your family history](#), Department of Communities website, 2021

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