

State Records Office of Western Australia

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Details

The State Records Office of Western Australia was established in 2001, following the passing of the State Records Act 2000. It is the key repository for government documents in Western Australia. The state archives collection includes records that might be of interest to people who were in out of home care as children. These records can be found throughout the collection, as many government agencies were involved in child welfare activities.

The State Records Office of Western Australia holds records created by the Colonial and State Governments, as well as Local Government authorities in Western Australia, which it retains permanently. State archives include files, maps, architectural drawings, documents, microforms, sound recordings and electronic records. The holdings of SROWA can be accessed in the reading room via appointment, with exception of those records with restricted access. Permission from the creating government agency, or its successor, must be granted before restricted records can be accessed.

The collection of SROWA includes records created by government departments responsible for child welfare and the welfare of Aboriginal people. Many of these records relate to children who were placed in all types of out of home 'care' in Western Australia. These records can include admission & discharge books/registers, individual 'client' files, records relating to adoption and foster placements, Children's Court registers, correspondence between the departments and children's homes, missions, and other institutions, and general administrative records.

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Holds

- [Records of Fremantle Asylum \(1857 - 1961\)](#)
- [Correspondence Files, Colonial Secretary's Office, Chief Secretary's Department \(1883 - 1983\)](#)
- [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
- [Records of Whitby Falls Hospital \(1897 - 1972\)](#)
- [Files - Chief Protector of Aborigines \(1898 - 1908\)](#)
- [Files - General \(1899 - 1987\)](#)

- [Records of Claremont Mental Hospital \(1903 - 1969\)](#)
- [Reports - Aboriginal Missions \(1906 - 1918\)](#)
- [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
- [Charge Books \(1908 - current\)](#)
- [Files - Aboriginal Affairs \(1908 - 1997\)](#)
- [Files - Department of Aborigines and Fisheries \(1909 - 1920\)](#)
- [Records of Princess Margaret Hospital for Children \(1909 - 2005\)](#)
- [Files \(Moola Bulla Station\) \(1914 - 1926\)](#)
- [Files \(Aboriginal matters\) - Chief Secretary's Department \(1916 - 1927\)](#)
- [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
- [Personal Cards \(1920 - 1948\)](#)
- [Files - Aborigines Departments \(1 January 1926 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
- [Moore River Native Settlement Medical Officer Letters \(1927 - 1944\)](#)
- [Records of Heathcote Mental Hospital \(1929 - 1994\)](#)
- [Inspector's books - Werribee \(1930 - 1951\)](#)
- [Patient Record Cards, Derby Leprosarium \(1935 - 1986\)](#)
- [School Journals \[Burnbrae Glen School\] \(1941 - 1958\)](#)
- [Administration Files - Eastern District Office \[E.D.G. Sequence\] \(1945 - 1975\)](#)
- [Indentures \(Guardianship\) \(1947 - 1960\)](#)
- [School Journals \[Parkerville Primary School\] \(1949 - 1991\)](#)
- [Administration Files - South West District Office \[S.D. Sequence\] \(1949 - 1976\)](#)
- [Heathcote Mental Reception Home - Monthly Returns of Patients \(1949 - 1969\)](#)
- [Administration Files - South West District Office \[annual single number sequence\] \(1 January 1950 - 1 January 1972\)](#)
- [Administration Files - Northern District Office \[N.D.G Sequence\] \(1950 - 1974\)](#)
- [Administration Files - Roebourne Office \[A.S.D. Sequence\] \(1951 - 1973\)](#)
- [Records of Mogumber Agricultural School \(1952 - 1979\)](#)
- [Records of Forrest River Mission School \(1953 - 1968\)](#)
- [Records of Greenplace Hostel \(1954 - 1978\)](#)
- [Records of Cundeelee Mission School \(1954 - 1984\)](#)
- [Form Manual \(1955? - 1972?\)](#)
- [Records of Sunday Island Primary School \(1955 - 1962\)](#)
- [Records of Wandering Mission School \(1959 - 1977\)](#)
- [Correspondence Files - Kalgoorlie Office \(1964 - 1970\)](#)
- [Records of Nyandi Training Centre \(1970 - 1992\)](#)
- [Committee of Inquiry into Residential Child Care \(21 March 1976 - 17 May 1979\)](#)
- [Derby Leprosarium/ Hansens Disease/ Patients Monthly Return \(1976 - 1981\)](#)

Resources

- [Hospitals and Health](#), State Records Office of Western Australia, 2021
- [Restricted State Archives](#), State Records Office of Western Australia, 2021
- [Searching for your family history](#), Department of Communities website, 2021
- [Research Using State Archives](#), State Records Office of Western Australia website, 2012
- [Education and School Records](#), State Records Office of Western Australia, No date
- Green, Neville, [WA Schools Records Index 1891-2005](#), 2013

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