

Files – Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia

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Records

This series includes records relating to state and privately run children’s homes, children’s courts, state wards, child migration, foster care, boarding out, and adoption.

It also contains records relating to the passing of legislation, records relating to policy development, and correspondence with external agencies and other state government departments, including child welfare departments in other states.

The below document contains a list of items in this series that may be of relevance to Care Leavers. The items are arranged by the Home/Institution or theme that they refer to.

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Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Perth Girls' Orphanage \(1868 - 1942\)](#)
- [Swan Boys' Orphanage \(1876 - 1942\)](#)
- [St Kevin's Industrial School \(1897 - 1922\)](#)
- [Ministering Children's League Convalescent Home \(1897 - 1949\)](#)
- [Clontarf \(8 September 1901 - 1983\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Girls' Orphanage \(1901 - 1971\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Industrial School for Girls, Collie \(1901 - 1920\)](#)
- [Home of the Good Shepherd, Leederville \(1902 - 1979\)](#)
- [Children's Protection Society \(1903 - 1920?\)](#)
- [Lady Lawley Cottage by the Sea \(1903 - 2020\)](#)
- [Redhill Reformatory School \(1903 - 1922\)](#)
- [Government Receiving Depot \(1907 - 1935\)](#)
- [Parkerville Children's Home \(1909 - 2005\)](#)
- [Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra \(1913 - 1981\)](#)
- [St Vincent's Foundling Home \(1914 - 1971\)](#)
- [Alexandra Home for Women \(1916 - 1950\)](#)
- [State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 22 December 1927\)](#)

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- [Salvation Army Boys' Home \(1918 - 1965\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Girls' Home, Cottesloe \(1918 - 1969\)](#)
- [Seaforth Salvation Army Boys' Homes, Gosnells \(1920 - 1955\)](#)
- [Seaforth Salvation Army Girls' Home \(1920 - 1942\)](#)
- [Seaforth Salvation Army Boys' Reformatory \(1920 - 1955\)](#)
- [Protestant Children's Home \(1921 - 1964\)](#)
- [Hillcrest Maternity Home \(1922 - 1974\)](#)
- [Methodist Children's Home \(1922 - 1959\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)

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- [Tardun Farm School \(1928 - 2008\)](#)
- [Werribee Farm School \(1928 - 1962\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Preventorium \(1929 - 1976\)](#)
- [Castledare Special School \(1929 - 1934\)](#)
- [Kalgoorlie Child Welfare Cottage \(1930s - c. 1978\)](#)
- [Seaside House, Coogee \(1931 - 1968\)](#)
- [Castledare \(1934 - 1983\)](#)
- [Sister Kate's Children's Cottage Home \(1934 - 1980\)](#)
- [Government Receiving Home \(1935 - 1952\)](#)
- [Bindoon \(1936 - 1966\)](#)
- [Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home \(1938 - 1956\)](#)
- [Swan Homes \(1943 - 1959\)](#)
- [Seaforth Toddlers' Home \(1945 - 1946\)](#)
- [Padbury Boys' Farm School \(1946 - 1955\)](#)

- [Benmore Presbyterian Children's Home \(1947 - 1962?\)](#)
- [Wanslea \(1947 - 1984\)](#)
- [Shiloh \(c. 1949 - 1963\)](#)
- [The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies \(Inc\) and Mothercraft Training School \(1950 - 1956\)](#)
- [Tudor Lodge \(1952 - 2003\)](#)
- [Withnell House \(1952 - 1969?\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Reception Home \(1953 - 1972\)](#)
- [Anglican Farm School, Stoneville \(1955 - 1961\)](#)
- [Ngal-a Mothercraft Home and Training Centre Inc \(1956 - 1989\)](#)
- [Hillston Point Walter Annexe \(1958? - 1984?\)](#)
- [Riverbank \(1960 - 1996\)](#)
- [Swanleigh \(1960 - 2010\)](#)
- [Hillston, Anglican Farm School, Stoneville \(1962 - 1969\)](#)
- [Hillston, Stoneville \(1969 - 1984\)](#)

Includes

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

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