

Files – Aborigines Departments

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Records

This series contains a large number of items, many of which relate to the administration of missions and children's homes that received Aboriginal children removed from their families. In many cases these items include registers of "inmates", as well as reports on missions/homes, correspondence, child endowment records, and general administrative records. This series also contains a small number of items that more generally relate to child welfare matters, including adoption, fostering/boarding out, accommodation for school children, and medical treatment of children.

A number of 'personal' files are also included. (The term 'personal' file is a slight misnomer as these files invariably contain limited correspondence regarding the person stated. The Department of Community Development holds a fuller series of personal files relating to Aboriginal people. These files were created by the various departments responsible for Aboriginal welfare and were transferred to the Department for Community Welfare in 1972).

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

- [St Mary's Mission, New Norcia \(1848 - 1974\)](#)
- [New Norcia Mission \(1848 - 1974\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Native School and Orphanage, New Norcia \(1861 - 1974\)](#)
- [Swan Boys' Orphanage \(1876 - 1942\)](#)
- [Beagle Bay Mission \(1895 - 1976\)](#)
- [WA School for Deaf Children \(1896 - 2001\)](#)
- [Sunday Island Mission \(1899 - 1934\)](#)
- [Lady Lawley Cottage by the Sea \(1903 - 2020\)](#)
- [Claremont Mental Hospital \(1903 - 1972\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Girls' Home, Kalgoorlie \(1904? - 1924?\)](#)
- [Drysedale River Mission \(1908 - 1937\)](#)
- [Lombadina \(1909 - 1975\)](#)
- [Parkerville Children's Home \(1909 - 2005\)](#)
- [Princess Margaret Hospital for Children \(1909 - 10 June 2018\)](#)
- [Dulhi Gunyah \(25 February 1909 - 1918\)](#)
- [Moola Bulla Station \(1910 - 1955\)](#)
- [Port George IV Mission \(1912 - 1951\)](#)
- [Forrest River Mission \(1913 - 1968\)](#)
- [St Vincent's Foundling Home \(1914 - 1971\)](#)
- [Carrolup \(1915 - 1922\)](#)
- [Moore River Native Settlement \(1918 - 1951\)](#)
- [La Grange Bay Feeding Depot \(1918 - 1949\)](#)
- [Mount Margaret Mission \(1921 - 1975\)](#)
- [Aborigines Department, State of Western Australia \(1926 - 1936\)](#)
- [Gnowangerup Mission \(1926 - 1973\)](#)
- [Tardun Farm School \(1928 - 2008\)](#)
- [Heathcote \(1929 - 1994\)](#)
- [Kalumburu Mission \(1931 - 1982\)](#)
- [East Perth Girls' Home \(1931 - 1952\)](#)
- [Warburton Mission \(1933 - 1977\)](#)
- [Sister Kate's Children's Cottage Home \(1934 - 1980\)](#)
- [Wotjulum \(1934 - 1937\)](#)
- [Norseman Mission \(1935 - 1985\)](#)
- [Derby Leprosarium \(c. 1936 - 1986\)](#)
- [Bindoon \(1936 - 1966\)](#)
- [Roelands Native Mission Farm \(1938 - 1975\)](#)
- [Wirrumanu \(1939 - 1975\)](#)
- [Carrolup Native Settlement \(1939 - 1951\)](#)
- [Holy Child Orphanage \(1941 - 1962\)](#)

- [Swan Homes \(1943 - 1959\)](#)
- [Halls Creek Mission \(1943? - 1960\)](#)
- [Wandering Mission \(1944 - 1979\)](#)
- [Udialla Station \(1944 - 1949\)](#)
- [Carnarvon Mission \(1945 - 1975?\)](#)
- [Aborigines Rescue Mission, Jigalong \(1946? - 1969\)](#)
- [Pallottine Mission, Tardun \(1948 - 2004\)](#)
- [Cundeelee \(1949 - 1985\)](#)
- [Alvan House \(1950 - 1961\)](#)
- [La Grange Bay Ration Depot \(1950 - 1954\)](#)
- [Djurain Mission Children's Home \(1950 - 1954\)](#)
- [Mogumber \(1951 - 1974\)](#)
- [Wotjulum \(1951 - 1956\)](#)
- [Marribank Farm Training School \(1951 - 1952\)](#)
- [Cosmo Newbery Native Settlement \(1951 - 1953\)](#)
- [Bennett House \(1952 - 1981\)](#)
- [Fitzroy Crossing Mission \(1952 - 1987\)](#)
- [Kurrawang Mission \(1952 - 1984\)](#)
- [Marribank \(1952 - 1988\)](#)
- [McDonald House \(1952 - 1985?\)](#)
- [Cosmo Newbery Mission \(1953 - 1973?\)](#)
- [Karalundi Mission \(1954 - 1974\)](#)
- [Wongutha Mission Training Farm \(1954 - 1993\)](#)
- [La Grange Mission \(1955 - 1984\)](#)
- [Pallottine Mission Centre \(1955 - 1991\)](#)
- [Wiluna Mission \(1955 - 1975\)](#)
- [Derby Hostel \(1956 - 1994\)](#)
- [Mowanjum \(1956 - 1972\)](#)
- [Ngal-a Mothercraft Home and Training Centre Inc \(1956 - 1989\)](#)
- [St Joseph's Hostel \(1959 - 1986\)](#)
- [Gilliamia Hostel \(1961 - 1990\)](#)
- [Kyarra Hostel \(1961 - 1984\)](#)
- [Warramboos Hostel \(1961 - 1980\)](#)
- [Charles Perkins Hostel \(1962 - 2000?\)](#)
- [Fairhaven Hostel \(1965 - 1987\)](#)
- [Cooinda \(1966 - current\)](#)
- [Kyewong Hostel \(1967? - 2002?\)](#)
- [Nabberu Hostel \(1967? - 1988\)](#)
- [Carnarvon Teens Hostel \(1968 - 1984?\)](#)
- [Warminda Hostel \(1968 - 1984\)](#)
- [Ebenezer Home \(1968 - current\)](#)
- [Rangeview Hostel \(1969 - 1973?\)](#)
- [Applecross Cottage \(1970 - 1986?\)](#)
- [Oceanview \(1970 - 1995?\)](#)
- [Nindeebai Education Hostel \(1971? - 1984\)](#)
- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

Personal files from this series were transferred to the Department for Community Welfare in 1972 when it assumed 'control' of Aboriginal children from the Department of Native Welfare. The person files would be closed for up to 100 years.

Records

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