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'John Moss C.B.E. U.K. Child Welfare Expert. Visit to Australia. Part II' is a file held online by the National Archives of Australia. The file has drafts of reports made by Mr John Moss CBE a 'UK Child Expert' who worked for the Home Office in Britain. Moss visited Australia and New Zealand and examined the Homes and support systems for child migrants from Britain.

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## Records

Information in the file, 'John Moss C.B.E. U.K. Child Welfare Expert. Visit to Australia. Part II' documents Moss' impressions of Fairbridge Farm School Pinjarra, St Joseph's Girls' Orphanage, Clontarf, Castledare, Nazareth House Geraldton, Bindoon, Tardun, Swan Homes, Padbury Farm School, William A Saw Home, Coogee, and the Methodist Children's Home in Western Australia. Clarification about Moss' findings, through Minutes or correspondence, is given by authorities in Australia. In particular, the file refers to the following matters:

- Reports on institutions: general reports, type of institution (cottages, dormitories), education, ablution and sanitation, meals and other conditions, child labour in the Homes, employment and aftercare
- Age at migration and procedures for obtaining consent to emigrate
- Other children in the Homes, activities and contact with people outside the institutions
- Emigration and immigration legislation, and British, State and Commonwealth subsidies paid to the institutions

- General observations about the professionalism of the child welfare system in Western Australia

The John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II documents the reasoning behind child migration practices and policies including: reasons why British children were sent to institutions rather than foster care in Australia (pp.32-33); age of child migrants and matters of consent (pp.39, 45-48, 174-175); 'case histories' of children (pp.49-50); inspections (p.51) and administration (p.156) by the Child Welfare Department and the lack of child guidance and social work facilities in WA (p.55); employment and aftercare (pp.66-75); types of institutions (pp.105-114); ablutions, sanitation and meals in the institutions (pp.115-118); staffing and child labour (pp.119-124); education of children (pp.126-131) and policy regarding IQ tests (p.151); conditions and environment of the Homes (pp.132-134); pocket money (pp.135-136); outside contacts, visitors, camps and trips (pp.137-142); legislation and subsidies (pp.149, 154); and pre-emigration practices in the UK (pp.173-174).

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### Organisations in these records

#### Related Events

- [Visit of John Moss \(1951\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Clontarf \(8 September 1901 - 1983\)](#)  
There is information about Clontarf in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.28, 106, 116, 121, 128-129, 137
- [St Joseph's Girls' Orphanage \(1901 - 1971\)](#)  
There is information about the St Joseph's Girls' Orphanage in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.28-29, 127, 132, 140
- [Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra \(1913 - 1981\)](#)  
There is information about Fairbridge in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.18-19, 113, 118, 122, 129, 132, 139, 140, 141, 151
- [Methodist Children's Home \(1922 - 1959\)](#)  
There is information about the Methodist Children's Home in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.31, 112
- [Advisory Council of Empire Settlement, United Kingdom \(1925 - 1981\)](#)  
There is information about the Advisory Council of Empire Settlement in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.173-174
- [Tardun Farm School \(1928 - 2008\)](#)  
There is information about Tardun in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.29, 110, 138, 140
- [Seaside House, Coogee \(1931 - 1968\)](#)  
There is information about the William A Saw cottage in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see p.31
- [Castledare \(1934 - 1983\)](#)  
There is information about Castledare in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.29, 106, 121, 127, 137
- [Bindoon \(1936 - 1966\)](#)  
There is information about Bindoon in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.29, 110, 121, 128, 137, 140
- [Burnbrae Presbyterian Children's Home \(1938 - 1956\)](#)  
Burnbrae had applied to join the post-World War Two British child migration program but was not approved. Page 31 of the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II gives some insight into the reasons for this decision
- [Nazareth House, Geraldton \(1941 - 1979?\)](#)  
There is information about Nazareth House in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.29, 108, 109, 116, 127, 138
- [Swan Homes \(1943 - 1959\)](#)  
There is information about Swan Homes in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.30, 118,

130, 132, 139, 141

- [Padbury Boys' Farm School \(1946 - 1955\)](#)

There is information about the Padbury Farm School in the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II, please see pp.30-31, 114

- [Benmore Presbyterian Children's Home \(1947 - 1962?\)](#)

Benmore had applied to join the post-World War Two British child migration program but was not approved. Page 31 of the John Moss Visit to Australia file Part II gives some insight into the reasons for this decision

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### Related Contact Details

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