

# Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street

1993? -

### **Details**

Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street continued what had been the government-run Kalgoorlie Hostel from around 1993. It has been used by child welfare authorities for short to medium term accommodation for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children aged from birth to over 18 years, some of whom have been involved in the youth justice system. It remained open as a government-run group home in 2014.

Government reports in 1995 (*Signposts*, 2004, p.255) described the Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street, writing that sixty percent of the children admitted were on remand. The children faced significantly difficult issues in their lives, including petrol-sniffing. The building at Graeme Street was criticised for having bedrooms arranged around a quadrangle and separated from the living and dining areas and as being unsuitable for the diversity of children accommodated. In the 1993-1994 year, 71 children were admitted. Their ages ranged from less than one year to over 18. Staff reporting on the group home in 1995 said that the children often came from 'volatile' family homes, and there was a great variety in the types of issues children, and staff, had to deal with.

The Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street, remained open in 2014.

# More info

#### **Related Entries**

#### Run by

- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 October 1992 1 July 1995)
- Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia (1 July 1995 1 July 2001)
- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 July 2001 30 June 2007)
- Department for Child Protection, State of Western Australia (1 July 2007 16 May 2013)
- Department for Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia (27 May 2013 July 2017)
- Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia (July 2017 current)

#### **Related Organisations**

Kalgoorlie Hostel (1976 - 1993?)
After Kalgoorlie Hostel closed, the building was used for the Kalgoorlie Group Home, Graeme Street.

#### Resources

• Information Services, Department for Community Development, <u>Signposts: A Guide for Children and Young</u> People in Care in WA from 1920, 2004. Relevance: pp.256-257

### Records

For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

## Records held by other organisations

• Department of Aboriginal Affairs [predecessors], Records (1886 - 2004)

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