

The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies (Inc) and Mothercraft Training School

1950 – 1956

Other Names: • Alexandra Home

Details

The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies (Inc) and Mothercraft Training School was the new name given in 1950 to the Alexandra Home for Women in Highgate. It was run by a private committee of management and continued as a maternity home for unmarried mothers while also becoming Western Australia's first training school for mothercraft nurses. In 1956 it was re-named Ngala Mothercraft Home and Training Centre Inc, remaining in the Highgate premises.

The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies (Inc) and Mothercraft Training School (also known as the Alexandra Home) was both a maternity home and a training facility for mothercraft nurses. It was located in Lincoln Street, Highgate, in the premises that had originally been acquired for the House of Mercy in 1901, and which had continued from 1916 as the Alexandra Home for Women.

Babies were born at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, and mothers and babies came to the Home afterwards. It was not uncommon for babies born to the mothers in the Home to be adopted either privately or through the government department in charge of child welfare.

In 1956, The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies (Inc) and Mothercraft Training School changed its name to Ngala Mothercraft Home and Training Centre Inc (Ngala). As Ngala, it continued in the Lincoln Street premises until 1959.

Gallery



Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies 1950s

Description: 'Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies 1950s' is a digital image published on the Ngala website, however it is no longer available there. The caption read, 'The Alexandra Home for Women as it was in Highgate in the 1950s'.

More info

Chronology

- Alexandra Home for Women (1916 - 1950)
 - **The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies (Inc) and Mothercraft Training School (1950 – 1956)**
 - Ngala Mothercraft Home and Training Centre Inc (1956 - 1989)

Related Entries

Related Organisations

- [King Edward Memorial Hospital \(1916 - current\)](#)
Mothers and babies could be transferred to The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies (Inc) and Mothercraft Training School from King Edward Memorial Hospital.
- [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)
The Child Welfare Department placed children at The Alexandra Home for Mothers and Babies (Inc) and Mothercraft Training School and arranged some adoptions from the Home.

Related Concepts

- [Adoption in Western Australia \(c. 1896 - current\)](#)

Resources

- [Beryl Grant interviewed by Christine Choo in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 20 October 2011
- [Interview with Helen Jean Duncan, by Chris Jeffery](#), 1977

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)

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