

Swanleigh Council

1959 – 1961

Details

Swanleigh Council was the body formed in 1959 to develop and govern the largest Anglican institution, Swanleigh, which replaced Swan Homes in 1960. In 1962 Swanleigh Council was replaced by The Swanleigh Hostel Council.

In *The Noisy Mansions* (1986, pp.210-214), former Director of Swan Homes and Swanleigh, Roy Peterkin gave an overview of the role of the Swanleigh Council and other boards and committees of the Anglican Diocese of Perth which governed Anglican children's homes.

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In 1960, to facilitate the establishment of Swanleigh as a hostel, Swanleigh Council proposed that the objects of the original Perth Girls' Orphanage (or 'Protestant Orphanage') be amended to include 'hostel accommodation of any children whom the Council in its absolute discretion saw fit to enroll to enable them to further their education' (Peterkin, p.188). This amendment became contingent upon an amalgamation of Swanleigh and Parkerville that never occurred, and so lapsed. According to Peterkin, this meant that Swanleigh, in order to obtain money from endowments held by the Diocesan Trustees, had to ensure that those monies were expended on 'needy' children, rather than fee-paying boarders.

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Chronology

- **Swanleigh Council (1959 – 1961)**
 - The Swanleigh Hostel Council (1962 - 1970)

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Swanleigh Council included senior members of the Anglican Diocese of Perth
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Swanleigh Council took a more direct role in the governance of Anglican children's Homes than The Anglican Homes Board from 1960.

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