

Elcho Island Mission

1921 – 1923

Details

The Elcho Island Mission was established in 1921 by the Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia at Elcho Island. The Island is 550 km north-east of Darwin and is a part of the Wessel Island Group. Two years later in 1923, when oil drilling began on the island, the Mission was closed.

The Elcho Island Mission was first established in 1921 by the Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia. It was situated at Elcho Island, 550 km north-east of Darwin, a part of the Wessel Island Group. In 1923 the Naphtha Petroleum Company began drilling for oil on the island and the Mission was closed. A new Mission was then established at Milingimbi Island.

Gallery



Eight Aboriginal children of the Yolngu language group, Elcho Island, Northern Territory, ca. 1923

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When Elcho Island Mission closed in 1923 the missionaries moved to Milingimbi Island and began the Milingimbi Mission.

- [Elcho Island Mission \(1942 - 1974?\)](#)

The original Elcho Island Mission was closed in 1923 and then re-opened in 1942.

Resources

- [East Arnhem Shire - Galiwin'ku](#), East Arnhem Shire Council, 2012

Records

Records held by other organisations

- [Records of the Uniting Church in Australia, Northern Synod \(1940 - 1986\)](#)
 - [Records of the Methodist Church of Australasia, Department of Overseas Missions \(1830 - 1980\)](#)
 - [Goulburn & Elcho Island Mission Review Reports - Northern Territory \(1923 - 1952\)](#)
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