

# Pine Creek Home

1940 – 1941

## Details

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In 1939 the new Native Affairs Branch, on a recommendation from the then Chief Medical Officer and Protector of Aborigines, Dr Cecil Cook, began negotiations with various religious organisations to have each denomination take charge of their own so called 'half-caste' children. When the agreement was reached many children from The Bungalow and Myilly Point Home were moved out to the Missions.

The Pine Creek Home at Pine Creek, approximately 200km south east of Darwin, had originally operated between 1931 and 1933 to accommodate children from the over-crowded Myilly Point Home for Aboriginal children who were considered at that time to be 'half-caste'. In 1940 the government reopened the Home to accommodate the Aboriginal children who were on their way from the government institutions to the various Missions. According to newspaper reports there were 70 children in residence at the Home when it was damaged by a cyclone in November 1940.

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## Gallery

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Native Affairs Branch, Australian Government \(1939 - 1955\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [The Bungalow \(1914 - 1942\)](#)  
Children from The Bungalow were transferred to Pine Creek Home before being moved to various Missions in the Northern Territory
- [Myilly Point Home \(1924 - 1939\)](#)  
Children from Myilly Point Home were transferred to Pine Creek Home before being moved to various Missions in the Northern Territory
- [Pine Creek Home \(1931 - 1933\)](#)  
The Pine Creek Home that closed in 1933 was reopened in 1940 for temporary accommodation of Aboriginal children being moved out to various Missions

## Other Resources

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**Title:** Half-caste home - Pine Creek, NT (1931 - 1941)

**Type:** Image

**Date:** 1931 - 1941

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## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Garden Point \(Melville Island\). Review, reports etc - Northern Territory \(1940 - 1952\)](#)
  - [List of Northern Territory evacuees, World War II \(1942 - 1942\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, class 1 \(general, passports\) \(1892 - 1970\)](#)  
Correspondence files, class 1 (general, passports) contains a file on the Pine Creek Home
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