

# Department of Community Services, State Government of New South Wales

1992 – 2009

**Other Names:**

- Community Services
- DoCS

**URL:** <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au>

## Details

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The Department of Community Services was a New South Wales government department that was created in 1992 to manage child welfare and other social services. It had formerly been the Department of Health and Community Services. It was responsible for a number of institutions and establishments throughout New South Wales. In addition, the Department cared for children in hostels and group homes. The name of the Department of Community Services was changed to the Department of Human Services in 2009.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (1973 - 1975)
  - Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs, State Government of New South Wales (1975 - 1976)
    - Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (1976 - 1988)
      - Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (1988 - 1991)
        - Department of Health and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (1991 - 1992)
- **Department of Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (1992 – 2009)**
  - Department of Human Services, State Government of New South Wales (2009 - 2011)
    - Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales (2011 - 2019)
      - Department of Communities and Justice, State Government of New South Wales (2019 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Anglewood \(1943 - 1994\)](#)
- [Broken Hill Shelter \(1942 - c. 1994\)](#)
- [Clairvaux \(1969 - 1990s\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1990s
- [McCredie Cottage \(1970 - 1993\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1993
- [Minali Receiving and Assessment Centre \(1975 - 1998\)](#)

- [Renwick \(1976 - 1994\)](#)
- [Worimi Shelter \(1966 - 2000\)](#)
- [Ormond Regional Youth Centre \(1985 - 1998\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 1998
- [Montrose Child Protection Centre \(c. 1978 - c. 2009\)](#)
- [Grosvenor Centre \(1985 - 2009\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 2001
- [Peat Island Centre \(1989 - 2010\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 2001

### Related Legislation

- [Children \(Care and Protection\) Act 1987, New South Wales \(1987 - 2010\)](#)
- [Community Welfare Act 1987, New South Wales \(1987 - current\)](#)
- [Children and Young Persons \(Care and Protection\) Act 1998, New South Wales \(1998 - current\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [The Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God \(1947 - current\)](#)  
In 1999 the Department of Community Services [DoCS] requested that the Brothers of St John of God stop providing residential care at Kendall Grange, and instead transition to an early intervention service. This came into effect in 2001, and the new service, St John of God Family Services, was then funded by DoCS.
- [Kendall Grange \(1948 - 2000\)](#)  
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- [Cowra ACS \(1975 - 2008?\)](#)
- [Wagga Wagga ACS \(1975 - current\)](#)
- [St Marys ACS \(1975 - current\)](#)
- [Hunter ACS \(1984 - c. 2013\)](#)
- [Koolyangarra Fostering Agency \(Nowra\) \(1980? - 2008\)](#)
- [Great Lakes/Manning ACS \(1975 - current\)](#)
- [Nunya Aboriginal Foster Care Support \(1988 - current\)](#)
- [Taldree \(1974 - 1980\)](#)  
The Department of Community Services retained use of the Taldree/Kamballa site until 2009

## Resources

- Legislative Council of New South Wales, [Ormond And Minali Youth Centre Closures \[Questions without notice, Ryan The Hon John; Dyer The Hon Ron\]](#), Hansard, 18 November 1997
- Legislative Council of New South Wales, [Minali Child Sexual Assault Allegation \[Questions without notice, Forsythe The Hon Patricia; Dyer The Hon Ron\]](#), Hansard, 29 May 1996
- Armitage, Catherine, [Abuser who got away with it to be focus of hearings](#), The Sydney Morning Herald, 15 August 2013
- Callinan, Rory; Hall, Louise, [Bungle allowed paedophile to take care of children](#), 29 September 2012
- Kenneally, Christine, [The Forgotten Ones: half a million lost childhoods](#), The Monthly, August 2012
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, [Dept of Community Services](#), No date
- [Publications - Department of Community Services](#), OpenGov NSW, 2014

## Records

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### Records

- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
- [Depots, Homes And Hostel Files \[School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services\] \(1970 - 1973\)](#)

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