

Worimi Shelter

1966 – 2000

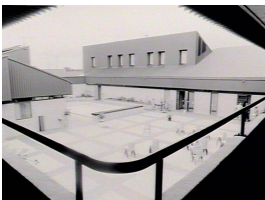
Other Names:

- Worimi Remand Centre
- Worimi Youth Centre
- Worimi Juvenile Justice Centre

Details

Worimi Shelter was established at Broadmeadow, near Newcastle, by the Child Welfare Department in July 1966, replacing the former Newcastle Shelter. It was for the reception of children awaiting court hearings or on remand. At the time of its opening Worimi had capacity for 13 boys and girls up to the age of 18 years. Renovations and expansions saw its capacity expand to provide accommodation 23 children by 1977, and 44 by 1979. In 1979 the name of the shelter was changed to Worimi Remand Centre, and from 1985 it was known as the Worimi Youth Centre. Children typically stayed at the centre for only a few days at a time, so no formal education programs were run there, with the focus placed more on recreation activities or community service work. During the 1970s an average of 700 children passed through the centre per year, however by the 1980s this had declined to approximate 350 children per year. Worimi Remand Centre was officially closed on 3 July 2000.

Gallery



Official opening and general views of Worimi Centre at Wollongong [sic]

Description: This series of pictures is captioned as being of the Worimi Centre at Wollongong, but there has never been such an organisation. This is thought to refer to the Worimi Centre at Newcastle.



"Worimi" - opened on 30th June, 1966 at Newcastle

Description: This is a copy of an image that appeared in the Child Welfare Department of New South Wales Annual Report of 1966.



"Worimi" - rooms for inmates. There are boy boys and girls at "Worimi" [original caption]

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More info

Chronology

- Newcastle Shelter (1906 - 1966)
 - **Worimi Shelter (1966 – 2000)**

Related Entries

Run by

- [Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare, State Government of New South Wales \(1970 - 1973\)](#)
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1973 - 1975\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1923 - 1970\)](#)
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1976 - 1988\)](#)
- [Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs, State Government of New South Wales \(1975 - 1976\)](#)
- [Department of Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1992 - 2009\)](#)
- [Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1988 - 1991\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Children's Court of New South Wales \(October 1905 - current\)](#)

Records

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Records

- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
 - [Detainee files, Department of Juvenile Justice \(1985 - 1992\)](#)
 - [Detainee files, Department of Juvenile Justice \(1992 - current\)](#)
 - [Children's Court information, Department of Juvenile Justice \(c. 1980 - current\)](#)
 - [Worimi Detention Centre, Broadmeadow Institutional files \(\[I\] "B" files\) \(1979 - 1982\)](#)
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