

# Catholic Family Welfare Bureau (Perth)

1970 – 1977

**Other Names:** • CFWB

## Details

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- Assessing private (non-ward) applications and offering alternatives to placement if relevant
- Arranging Social Worker contact with families of children who were not placed
- Arranging Social Worker contact with families of children who were placed
- Arranging Social Worker consultation with the staff at institutions where children were placed
- Integrating the work of volunteer groups at institutions, including after-care groups
- Consultative work with institution staff around policies and operations

According to Coldrey in his history of Clontarf (*The Scheme* p.174), the CFWB had an immediate impact on Clontarf's admission policies with 'ordinary country boarders and local day boys' no longer being admitted.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Catholic Episcopal Migration and Welfare Association (1947? - 1970)
  - **Catholic Family Welfare Bureau (Perth) (1970 – 1977)**
    - Centrecare (1977 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Clontarf \(8 September 1901 - 1983\)](#)

It has been claimed in a history of Clontarf that the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau was a factor in a decline of country boarders and day students being enrolled at Clontarf.

- [Catholic Archdiocese of Perth \(1913 - current\)](#)

The Catholic Family Welfare Bureau was an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth.

## Resources

- [\*Maria Harries interviewed by Christine Choo in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project\*](#), 23 November 2011 - 28 November 2011. *Relevance*: Maria Harries was one of the first group of Social Workers employed by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau on a part-time basis to set up the new service
  - *Annual report Centrecare, Catholic Counselling and Welfare Services of the Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia, 1976 - 1985*
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