

# Cooinda

1966 –

**Other Names:**

- Cooinda Education and Employment Hostel
- Cooinda House
- Cooinda Hostel

## Details

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Cooinda, in Mt Lawley, was established in 1966 by Methodist Homes for Children at the request of the Department of Native Welfare to accommodate Aboriginal schoolgirls attending high school in Perth. After 1977 it was run by the agencies of the Uniting Church and in 1987 it was transferred to the Department for Community Services. Cooinda remained a departmental facility for Aboriginal student accommodation in 2014.

In government records, Cooinda is named and spelled various ways including Coindra, Coowinda and Coowindra. It was an Aboriginal education and employment hostel.

## Gallery

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**Cooinda**

**Description:** This is a picture of a new hostel in Mt Lawley which came to be known as Cooinda. It comes from the December 1966 edition of the Methodist Homes for Children's newsletter, *The 'Homes' Herald*.

Hostel at 24 Queens Crescent, Mt. Lawley

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Methodist Homes for Children \(1922 - 1977\)](#)  
Date: 1966 - 1977
- [Department for Child Protection, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2007 - 16 May 2013\)](#)
- [Uniting Church Child and Family Care Services \(1977 - 1984?\)](#)  
Date: 1977 - 1984
- [Mofflyn Child and Family Care Services \(1984 - 30 June 2006\)](#)  
Date: 1984 - 1987
- [Department for Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(27 May 2013 - July 2017\)](#)
- [Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(July 2017 - current\)](#)
- [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 October 1992 - 1 July 1995\)](#)
- [Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia \(1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001\)](#)
- [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007\)](#)

- [Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992\)](#)  
Date: 1987 - 1992

## Resources

- Wilson, Katrin and Michael V. Robinson., *Aboriginal Hostels in Perth : A Comparative Survey*, 1971
- State Records Taskforce, Government of Western Australia, [Looking West: A Guide to Aboriginal Sources in Western Australia](#), 2004
- Western Australia. Department for Community Welfare, [Annual Report: Department for Community Welfare](#), 1973 - 1984
- Western Australia. Department of Native Welfare, *Annual Report: Department of Native Welfare*, 1955 - 1972
- Uniting Church in Australia (WA Synod), Department of Media, *Western Impact*, 1977 - 2007
- Mofflyn, [Submission No 160 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), August 2003

## Records

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

### Records

- [Uniting WA Records \(1920s - current\)](#)
  - [Uniting Church \(Synod of Western Australia\) Archives, Records \(1918 - 1980s\)](#)
  - [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
  - [Files - Aborigines Departments \(1 January 1926 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
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