

# Fremantle Cottage

1978? –

**Other Names:** • Whitegum Cottage

## Details

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Fremantle Cottage was established around 1978 in White Gum Valley by Parkerville Children's Home to provide short to medium-term accommodation for boys and girls in a home-like setting. It remained open in 2014.

Parkerville Children's Home established Fremantle Cottage in the southern Perth suburb of White Gum Valley from 1978, with a mission grant in aid to assist in the construction. This suggests that Aboriginal children were placed at Fremantle Cottage. The Parkerville Children's Home had accommodated children since 1903 on its property in the hills east of Perth, so this was a venture at some considerable distance from the main site.

A description from government reports in 1987 (*Signposts* 2004, p.214) show that Fremantle Cottage was staffed by live-in cottage parents and the intention was to provide temporary accommodation and 'care' for children until they were able to return home to their own relatives, to move out to independent living (in the case of older children) or to be found a more permanent placement, such as adoption.

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## Gallery

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**Description:** 'Fremantle Cottage' is an image of the White Gum Valley home run by Parkerville Children's Home and then by Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Parkerville Children and Youth Care \(Inc\) \(2005 - current\)](#)
- [Parkerville Children's Home Incorporated \(1925 - 2005\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Parkerville Children's Home \(1909 - 2005\)](#)

## Resources

- State Records Taskforce, Government of Western Australia, [Looking West: A Guide to Aboriginal Sources in Western Australia](#), 2004

## Records

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

### Records

- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
  - [Parkerville Children's Home, Records \(1903? - current\)](#)
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