

# Strelley Station

1981? – 1983?

**Other Names:** • Strelley Community

## Details

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Strelley Station, in the Pilbara, was run by a local Aboriginal community. From at least 1981 to 1983, the Department for Community Welfare sent male and female Aboriginal teenagers who had been convicted of offences to Strelley so that they could receive practical training and guidance.

Strelley Station was one of a number of pastoral stations that the Department for Community Welfare utilised to provide teenage, Aboriginal males and females who had been convicted of offences with an alternative to detention in Perth. In the 1981 annual report (*Signposts* 2004, p.505) the department explained what it saw as the benefits of this approach. Strelley: 'offers care, supervision, training and employment in a relevant cultural setting where the vocational skills learned and the lifestyle is appropriate and attractive to youths and girls from the town where they face a more uncertain future'.

The span of years that young people were placed at Strelley is not known.

Government records sometimes refer to an alternative spelling, Strelly.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)  
Department for Community Welfare placed male and female Aboriginal teenagers at Strelley Station.

### Resources

- 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](#)

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