

Walcott Centre

1980 – 1984

Details

Walcott Centre was opened in 1980 and replaced the government-run Mount Lawley Reception Home. It was part of a system of support hostels that included Tudor Lodge and Stuart House. In 1983 two group Homes, Andrew House and Cawley House, were created on the Walcott Centre campus. Both these Homes closed in 1984 and were replaced by group Homes in the community, thus ending the residential program at Walcott Centre.

Walcott Centre was the new name given in 1980 to the government-run Mt Lawley Reception Home. Mt Lawley had offered temporary accommodation to children and young people prior to placement in foster care, group Homes or other institutions. It also accommodated children and young people awaiting Children's Court matters, or referred from the Court.

The Walcott Centre was part of system of support hostels that gave increasing emphasis to assessing children's needs and planning for their future. Two hostels were attached to the Walcott Centre, Tudor Lodge and Stuart House. Together, Walcott and these hostels had three main functions: temporary accommodation for those awaiting Children's Court matters; assessment of future placement and management needs; and 'stabilising and training' those whose behaviour at home, school or in another placement had been 'inappropriate'.

By 1983, Walcott was divided into two group Homes on the campus: Andrew House and Cawley House. These both closed in 1984, to be replaced by group Homes in the community. The Walcott Centre's residential program ceased at this time, but the Centre continued to offer alternative schooling programs for some time after 1984.

In July 1993, when the youth justice functions of the Department for Community Development were transferred to the Ministry of Justice, the Walcott Centre property was also transferred.

Gallery



Reception Home doors, 1921

Description: 'Reception Home doors' is a digital image of a set of interior doors and panels that were saved during the restoration of the government 'reception Home' on the corner of Walcott and Lord Streets, Mt Lawley. The doors are mounted on a wall in the office of the old building, which in 2013 was the Youth Justice Services Centre.



Reception Home front door, 1921

Description: 'Reception Home front door' is a digital image of the stained glass panels that were saved during the restoration of the government 'reception Home' on the corner of Walcott and Lord Streets, Mt Lawley. The building in 2013 was the Youth Justice Services Centre.



Walcott Centre, grounds

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Walcott Centre, recreation hall

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More info

Chronology

- Government Industrial School (1893 - 1907)
 - Government Receiving Depot (1907 - 1935)
 - Government Receiving Home (1935 - 1952)
 - Child Welfare Reception Home (1953 - 1972)
 - Mt Lawley Reception Home (1973 - 1980)
- **Walcott Centre (1980 – 1984)**

Related Entries

Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)
Date: 1980 - 1984

Related Organisations

- [Andrew House \(1983 - 1984\)](#)
The group home Andrew House was created on the Walcott Centre campus.

Date: 1983 - 1984

- [Stuart House \(1963 - 1988?\)](#)

Stuart House was a hostel attached to the Walcott Centre.

Date: 1980 - 1984

- [Tudor Lodge \(1952 - 2003\)](#)

Tudor Lodge was a hostel attached to the Walcott Centre.

Date: 1980 - 1984

- [Cawley House \(1983 - 1984\)](#)

The group home Cawley House was created on the Walcott Centre campus.

Date: 1983 - 1984

Resources

- Heritage Council of Western Australia, [Walcott Centre](#), inHerit: our heritage places, 8 February 2015

Records

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

Records

- [Admission Registers of the Government Receiving Home \[Walcott Street, Mt Lawley\] \(1894 - 1988\)](#)
 - [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
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