

# State Records Office of Western Australia

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**Other Names:**

- JS Battye Library of West Australian History
- State Archives of Western Australia
- Public Records Office of Western Australia
- Archives Branch

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## Details

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The State Records Office of Western Australia was established in 2001, following the passing of the State Records Act 2000. It is the key repository for government documents in Western Australia. The state archives collection includes records that might be of interest to people who were in out of home care as children. These records can be found throughout the collection, as many government agencies were involved in child welfare activities.

The State Records Office of Western Australia holds records created by the Colonial and State Governments, as well as Local Government authorities in Western Australia, which it retains permanently. State archives include files, maps, architectural drawings, documents, microforms, sound recordings and electronic records. The holdings of SROWA can be accessed in the reading room via appointment, with exception of those records with restricted access. Permission from the creating government agency, or its successor, must be granted before restricted records can be accessed.

The collection of SROWA includes records created by government departments responsible for child welfare and the welfare of Aboriginal people. Many of these records relate to children who were placed in all types of out of home 'care' in Western Australia. These records can include admission & discharge books/registers, individual 'client' files, records relating to adoption and foster placements, Children's Court registers, correspondence between the departments and children's homes, missions, and other institutions, and general administrative records.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Holds

- [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
- [Administration Files - South West District Office \[S.D. Sequence\] \(1949 - 1976\)](#)
- [Indentures \(Guardianship\) \(1947 - 1960\)](#)
- [Correspondence Files - Kalgoorlie Office \(1964 - 1970\)](#)
- [Files - General \[Health Department\] \(1899 - 1987\)](#)

- [Files \(Aboriginal matters\) - Chief Secretary's Department \(1916 - 1927\)](#)
- [School Journals \[Burnbrae Glen School\] \(1941 - 1958\)](#)
- [Correspondence Files, Colonial Secretary's Office, Chief Secretary's Department \(1883 - 1983\)](#)
- [Records of Whitby Falls Hospital \(1897 - 1972\)](#)
- [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
- [Committee of Inquiry into Residential Child Care \(21 March 1976 - 17 May 1979\)](#)
- [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
- [School Journals \[Parkerville Primary School\] \(1949 - 1991\)](#)
- [Files - Aborigines Departments \(1 January 1926 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
- [Administration Files - South West District Office \[annual single number sequence\] \(1 January 1950 - 1 January 1972\)](#)
- [Files - Department of Aborigines and Fisheries \(1909 - 1920\)](#)
- [Inspector's books - Werribee \(1930 - 1951\)](#)
- [Records of Greenplace Hostel \(1954 - 1978\)](#)
- [Records of Claremont Mental Hospital \(1903 - 1969\)](#)
- [Records of Fremantle Asylum \(1857 - 1961\)](#)
- [Records of Mogumber Agricultural School \(1952 - 1979\)](#)
- [Records of Wandering Mission School \(1959 - 1977\)](#)
- [Charge Books \(1908 - current\)](#)
- [Records of Forrest River Mission School \(1953 - 1968\)](#)
- [Records of Cundeelee Mission School \(1954 - 1984\)](#)
- [Personal Cards \(1920 - 1948\)](#)
- [Moore River Native Settlement Medical Officer Letters \(1927 - 1944\)](#)
- [Reports - Aboriginal Missions \(1906 - 1918\)](#)
- [Files \(Moola Bulla Station\) \(1914 - 1926\)](#)
- [Records of Sunday Island Primary School \(1955 - 1962\)](#)
- [Files - Chief Protector of Aborigines \(1898 - 1908\)](#)
- [Records of Nyandi Training Centre \(1970 - 1992\)](#)
- [Records of Princess Margaret Hospital for Children \(1909 - 2005\)](#)
- [Files - Aboriginal Affairs \(1908 - 1997\)](#)
- [Administration Files - Eastern District Office \[E.D.G. Sequence\] \(1945 - 1975\)](#)
- [Administration Files - Northern District Office \[N.D.G Sequence\] \(1950 - 1974\)](#)
- [Administration Files - Roebourne Office \[A.S.D. Sequence\] \(1951 - 1973\)](#)
- [Form Manual \(1955? - 1972?\)](#)
- [Heathcote Mental Reception Home - Monthly Returns of Patients \(1949 - 1969\)](#)
- [Records of Heathcote Mental Hospital \(1929 - 1994\)](#)
- [Patient Record Cards, Derby Leprosarium \(1935 - 1986\)](#)
- [Derby Leprosarium/ Hansens Disease/ Patients Monthly Return \(1976 - 1981\)](#)

## Resources

- [Hospitals and Health](#), State Records Office of Western Australia, 2021
- [Restricted State Archives](#), State Records Office of Western Australia, 2021
- [Searching for your family history](#), Department of Communities website, 2021
- [Research Using State Archives](#), State Records Office of Western Australia website, 2012
- [Education and School Records](#), State Records Office of Western Australia, No date
- Green, Neville, [WA Schools Records Index 1891-2005](#), 2013

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