

Mt Lawley Reception Home

1973 – 1980

Other Names:

- Mt Lawley Children's Reception Centre
- CWRH
- Child Welfare Reception Home

Details

Mt Lawley Reception Home was the new name given in 1973 to the government-run Child Welfare Reception Home. It gave temporary accommodation to children and young people who were: awaiting placement with foster parents or institutions; staying in Perth for medical or dental treatment; and referred from, or awaiting appearances at, the Children's Court. In 1980 Mt Lawley Reception Home became the Walcott Centre.

The Mt Lawley Reception Home was run by the Department for Community Welfare. It had a number of functions. It was a temporary place for children coming into the child welfare system and who went on to placement in an institution or foster home. Children from the country who had no family in Perth might also stay there while they had medical or dental treatment in Perth. The Reception Home also took children who had been referred from the Children's Court, or who were awaiting a court appearance.

Mt Lawley Reception Home continued to be referred to by its previous name, Child Welfare Reception Home (or acronyms such as CWRH) in departmental files throughout the period 1974 to 1979.

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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.



Mt Lawley Reception Home, group

Description: 'Mt Lawley Reception Home, group' is a digital copy of an image included (p.45) in the *Annual Report 1975* of the Department for Community Welfare. The caption reads, 'Activities involve guidance and re-assurance'.



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Description: 'Mt Lawley Reception Home' is a digital copy of an image included (p.44) in the *Annual Report 1975* of the Department for Community Welfare.

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 \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Princess Margaret Hospital for Children \(1909 - 10 June 2018\)](#)
Children who had to come to Perth for treatment at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children , and who had no family to stay with, were often admitted to the Mt Lawley Reception Home.

Resources

- Western Australia. Department for Community Welfare, [Annual Report: Department for Community Welfare, 1973 - 1984](#). *Relevance:* 1973
- Hetherington, Penelope, [Reformatories](#), Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia, 2009
- 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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