

Government Receiving Home

1935 – 1952

Other Names:

- Mt Lawley Reception Home
- Receiving Home
- Receiving Depot

Details

Government Receiving Home was the new name given in 1935 to the Government Receiving Depot in Mount Lawley, giving temporary accommodation to children awaiting placements with foster parents or institutions. In 1953 Government Receiving Home became the Child Welfare Reception Home.

The Government Receiving Home, Mount Lawley, continued the Government Receiving Depot from 1935. It gave temporary accommodation to children who were taken into 'care' as they awaited placement with foster parents or institutions. It also accommodated children who were awaiting medical or dental treatment in Perth, or who were scheduled for appearance at the Children's Court. Private admissions were also accommodated.

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.

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

- [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)

Related Events

- [Royal Commission appointed to Inquire into the Care and Reform of Youthful Delinquents, State of Western Australia \(1943\)](#)

The Government Receiving Home was inspected by members of the Royal Commission appointed to Inquire into the Care and Reform of Youthful Delinquents.

Date: 1943 -

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 Government Receiving Home.

Resources

- [John Walsh interviewed by Hamish Sewell in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 28 March 2011
- [Joy Milligan interviewed by Mary Hutchison for the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 17 April 2012 - 20 April 2012
- [John Alexander interviewed by John Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project \[sound recording\] \(1999\)](#), 8 June 1999 - 15 June 1999
- Western Australia. Child Welfare Department, [Annual Report of the Child Welfare Department](#), 1928 - 1972. *Relevance*: 1935
- Millicent, [Bringing them Home - Millicent story](#), Australian Human Rights Commission, Website, 2 December 2001
- Walsh, John, [Submission No 41 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 23 July 2003
- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia, [Submission No 55 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), July 2003
- Manning, Lorna, [Submission No 184 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 19 August 2003
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- Name withheld, [Submission No 319 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 17 March 2005
- Foster, Darren J, [Submission No 347 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), 3 April 2004
- Foster, Darren J, [She called her coral because it was 'a perfect pink day': The neglecting of Coral Suzanne Dickerson](#), Journal of Australian Studies, 1998
- 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

- [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)

- [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
 - [Admission Registers of the Government Receiving Home \[Walcott Street, Mt Lawley\] \(1894 - 1988\)](#)
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