

St Anne's Maternity Home

c. 1958 – 1982

Other Names:

- St Anne's Maternity Hospital
- St Anne's Hospital

Details

St Anne's Maternity Home was run by the Sisters of Mercy from around 1958 in the Perth suburb of Mount Lawley. During this time St Anne's was referred to as both a Hospital and a Home, with the terms being used interchangeably. Many babies were adopted from St Anne's in this period. In 1982 the Home was officially renamed St Anne's Mercy Hospital.

St Anne's Maternity Home was mentioned in the *Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices* Report (2012) as an institution that was involved in forced adoption.

More info

Chronology

- St Anne's Nursing Home (1937 - c. 1958)
 - **St Anne's Maternity Home (c. 1958 – 1982)**
 - St Anne's Mercy Hospital (1982 - 1997)
 - Mercy Hospital (1997 - 2014)
 - St John of God Mount Lawley Hospital (2014 - current)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Sisters of Mercy, Perth Congregation \(1846 - 2011\)](#)

Related Events

- [Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, Commonwealth of Australia \(2011 - 2012\)](#)

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- [Inquiry into past forced adoptive policies and practices, Western Australian government \(2023 - 2024\)](#)

The WA inquiry into past forced adoptive policies and practices found that institutions operated by the Sisters of Mercy (now Institute of Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea) engaged in pressure and coercion practices which caused unmarried mothers to agree to the adoption of their children.

Resources

- Senate Community Affairs References Committee, [Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices](#), 29 February 2012
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- Western Australia. Department for Community Development, [ROADS. An index of locations and access to adoption records.](#), 2005
- Hendriksen, Judith, [Submission No 13 to the Senate Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices](#), 2012
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- Edwards, Catherine, [Submission No 234 to the Senate Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices](#), 2012
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- [Maternity Home Regulations](#), Government Gazette of Western Australia, 20 October 1944

Records

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

Records

- [St Anne's Hospital Records \(1937 - 1982\)](#)
- [Richard S. Haynes & Co Adoption Files \[Mr Bryant's client files\] \(1946 - 1980\)](#)

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