

Geraldton Group Home

1977 – 1981

Details

Geraldton Group Home was established in 1977 as a government-run facility providing accommodation for children aged 0-17 years, including Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children who were wards of the State and those who were not wards. In 1981 it was replaced by Westview.

Government reports (*Signposts* 2004, pp.216-217) show that in 1977, the Department for Community Welfare (DCW) established a group home in Geraldton, on land they leased from the Aboriginal Lands Trust.

The premises were large enough to include the group home's residential accommodation as well as having space for local community groups. In its 1977 annual report (*Signposts* p.217), the DCW said that the 'Potters Club, Brownies and Guides, Adult Education, Homemakers and the Geraldton Community Forum' all used the facility. This may have led to the Home being referred to in some government reports as the Geraldton Community Centre.

In 1981 (*Signposts* p.217), the group home moved to new premises, and from then on it was known as Westview.

More info

Chronology

- **Geraldton Group Home (1977 – 1981)**
 - Westview (1981 - current)

Related Entries

Run by

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

Resources

- Information Services, Department for Community Development, [Signposts: A Guide for Children and Young People in Care in WA from 1920](#), 2004. *Relevance:* pp.217-218
- Western Australia. Department for Community Welfare, [Annual Report: Department for Community Welfare, 1973 - 1984](#). *Relevance:* Annual Report 1981-82, p.14