

# Tambling House Family Home

1976 – 1978

## Details

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Tambling House Family Home was opened by the government in Darwin in 1976. It replaced Tambling House which closed in 1975. Tambling House Family Home provided accommodation for a smaller number of children in a family style setting under the supervision of a cottage parents. The Home took in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children. Tambling House Family Home closed in 1978 and the building became the Darwin Youth Refuge.

Tambling House Family Home was opened in Darwin by the Community Welfare Section of the Northern Territory Administration in 1976. It replaced the original Tambling House which had closed in 1975.

While Tambling House had provided dormitory style residential care, the new Tambling House Family Home accommodated a smaller number of children in a family style setting. Both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal were placed in the Home and in some cases family groups were kept together. Children in the Home were under the supervision of cottage parents who received rent-free accommodation and were paid a subsidy for each child under their care as well as a supervisory allowance.

Tambling House Family Home often took in children who were regarded as 'not suitable' for foster care or adoption.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Tambling House (1970? - 1975)
  - **Tambling House Family Home (1976 – 1978)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Community Welfare Section, Department of the Northern Territory, Australian Government \(1974 - 1977\)](#)  
Date: 1977 -
- [Department of Community and Social Development, Northern Territory Government \(1977 - 1978\)](#)  
Date: 1977 - 1978
- [Department of Community Development, Northern Territory Government \(1978 - 1987\)](#)  
Date: 1978 - ?

#### Related Organisations

- [Darwin Youth Refuge \(1978 - 1980s\)](#)

The Darwin Youth Refuge was located in the building that was the Tambling House Family Home.

## Records

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

### Records

- [Correspondence files, annual single number series, Northern Territory Administration \(1915 - 1978\)](#)
  - [Fostering files with 'F' prefix, Northern Territory Welfare Branch and successors \(1950 - 1999\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, Welfare Branch, Northern Territory Administration \(1959 - 1978\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files relating to children with "C" prefix, Northern Territory Welfare Branch and successors \(1958 - 1982\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files relating to State Children with "SC" prefix, Northern Territory Welfare Branch and successors \(1958 - 1980\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files relating to social development with "SD" prefix, Northern Territory Social Development Branch and successors \(1974 - 1980\)](#)
  - [Records relating to child care, Somerville Homes, Darwin \(1964 - 1979\)](#)
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