

Matthews Cottage, St Mary's

1973? – 1980s

Details

Matthews Cottage, St Mary's opened in Alice Springs in 1973 as one of three town based family group homes. The others were Leslie Cottage and Heath Cottage. Run by St Mary's Child and Family Welfare Service who also ran St Mary's Children's Village, Matthews Cottage provided cottage style accommodation for up to ten children under the supervision of cottage parents. Records suggest that Matthews Cottage closed in the 1980s.

Matthews Cottage, St Mary's was opened in 1973 by the Anglican organisation, St Mary's Child and Family Welfare Service, which also ran the St Mary's Children's Village. It was named after Bishop Matthews of the Anglican Church.

Located in Nichols Street, Alice Springs, Matthews Cottage was one of three town based cottages. The others were Leslie Cottage and Heath Cottage. The three cottages at St Mary's Children's Village and the three town cottages were together often referred to as St Mary's.

Each town cottage provided family style accommodation for between eight and ten Aboriginal children. The children were supervised by a cottage parent or parents who were assisted by a relief cottage parent when required. The cottage took in children who were wards of the State and siblings were often placed together. Most attended the Traeger Park Primary School and Alice Springs High School.

In the early 1980s Matthews Cottage accommodated children with disabilities. Records suggest that the Matthews Cottage closed in the 1980s.

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [St Mary's Child and Family Welfare Service \(1972 - 1980s\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [St Mary's Children's Village \(1972 - 1980s\)](#)
Matthews Cottage was one of three town-based cottages run by St Mary's in addition to the three cottages in the Village.
- [Leslie Cottage, St Mary's \(1973 - 1980s\)](#)
Leslie Cottage, Heath Cottage and Matthews Cottage were three town based cottages run by St Mary's Child and Family Welfare Service, which also ran the St Mary's Children's Village.
- [Heath Cottage, St Mary's \(1971 - 1980s\)](#)
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Records

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Records

- [Correspondence files relating to social development with "SD" prefix, Northern Territory Social Development Branch and successors \(1974 - 1980\)](#)
 - [Records of the Parish of the Ascension, Alice Springs, Anglican Church of Australia, Diocese of Northern Territory \(1933 - 1986\)](#)
 - [General Administration Files, Annual Single Number with "N" prefix \(1982 - 1984\)](#)
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