

# Looking West

A Guide to Aboriginal Records in Western Australia



The Records Taskforce of  
Western Australia



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From 1991 to present day, Jeanette has had 10 major exhibitions and has been awarded four commissions Australia-wide. Jeanette was the recipient of the Dick Pascoe Memorial Shield. Bill Hayden was presented with one of her paintings on a Vice Regal tour of Queensland. In 1993 several of her paintings were sent to Iwaki in Japan (sister city of Townsville in Japan).

A recent major commission was to create a mural for the City of Armadale (working with Elders and students from the community) to depict the life of Aboriginal Elders from 1950 to 1980.

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Through her art, Jeanette assists Aboriginal women involved in domestic and traumatic situations, to express their feelings in order to commence their journey of healing.

Jeanette currently lives in Northam with her family and is actively working as an artist and art therapist in that region. Jeanette also lectures at the O'Connor College of TAFE.

Her dream is to have her work acknowledged and respected by her peers and the community.

# INTRODUCTION

*Bringing them home*, the report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children From Their Families (April 1997), showed how important it is that Aboriginal people affected by forcible removal receive information about their families and their origins. The lack of this knowledge has caused distress for many people over many years.

In response to Recommendation 23 of *Bringing them home*, the Western Australian Government established a Records Taskforce to identify, locate and preserve records associated with Aboriginal people. The members of the taskforce have worked together to locate government and non-government records relating to Aboriginal people in Western Australia. Extensive negotiations have occurred with church groups who hold relevant records of cultural significance. Indexes of these records have been obtained for use as reference points by the Department for Community Development's Family Information Records Bureau, which is a 'first stop shop' for Aboriginal people seeking this information.

*Looking West — A Guide to Aboriginal Records in Western Australia* is the culmination of this work. This guide details the location of records, type of service, years of operation, information in records and contact details.

The Government recognises the responsibilities of past policies and, in doing so, will continue to review and improve the way in which information is delivered as more becomes available. This guide will continue to grow as new collections are identified.

To ensure that the collection remains up-to-date the guide will be regularly updated by the Department for Community Development's Family Information Records Bureau.

The guide may be viewed on the Department for Community Development's website at <http://www.lookingwest.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au>.

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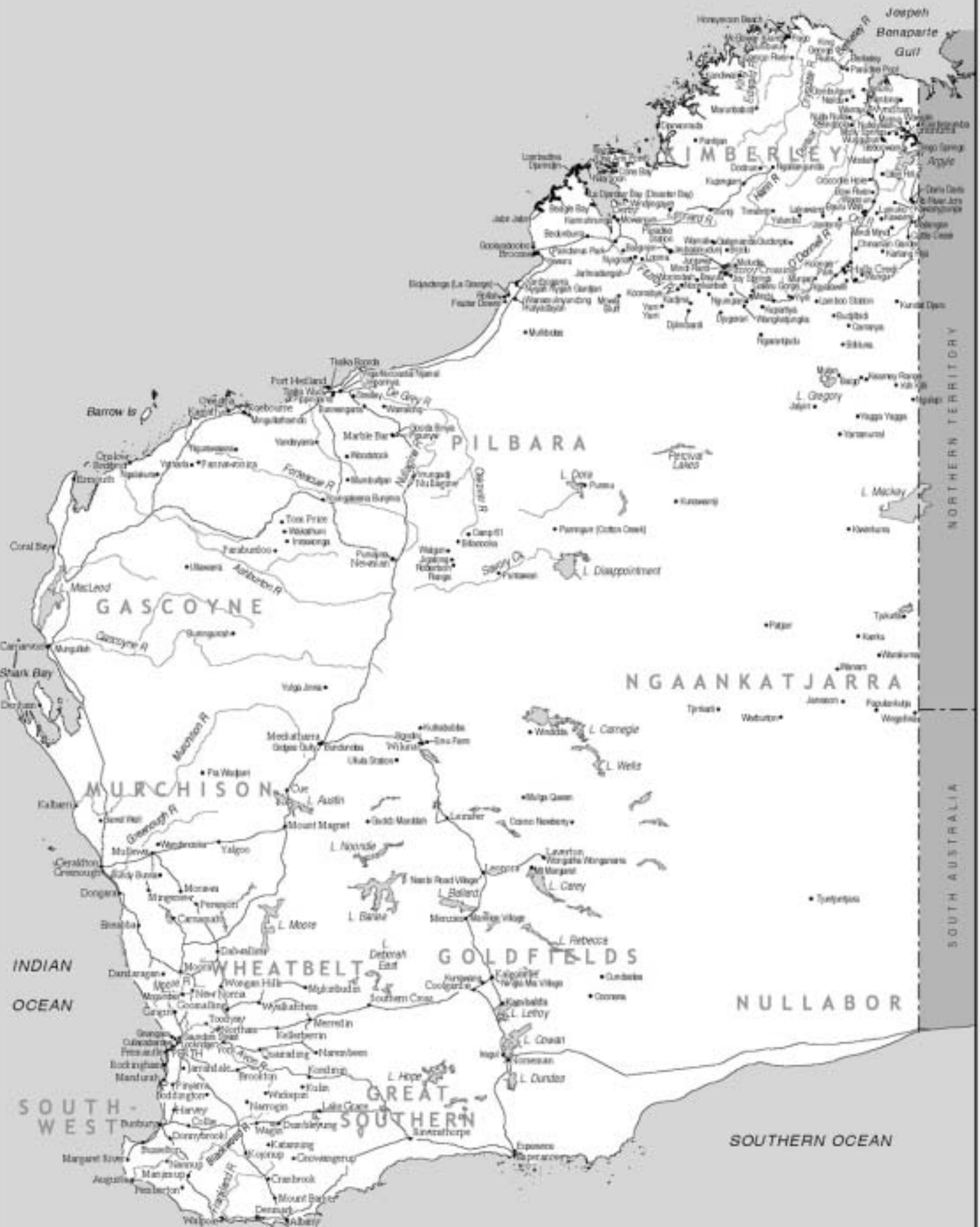
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# Western Australia Aboriginal Communities





# Aboriginal Land Inquiry

A collection of private tape recordings of hearings between Indigenous people and Mr Paul Seaman conducted as part of the Aboriginal Land Inquiry in 1984.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>                  | Throughout Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Type of service:</b>           | State Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Size of record collection:</b> | .96 metres                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Format of records:</b>         | Audio tapes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Information in records:</b>    | Information on land issues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Location of records:</b>       | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Access:</b>                    | DIA Native Title Access Policy — restricted to Native Title representative bodies for purposes of Native Title litigation. The information is not available to external researchers. For permission to access contact:<br><br>Department of Indigenous Affairs<br>Family History Unit<br>197 St Georges Terrace<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9235 8000<br>Fax (08) 9235 8125<br>Easy call line 1300 651 077 |
| <b>Contact:</b>                   | State Records Office of Western Australia<br>Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building<br>James Street West Entrance<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3360<br>Fax (08) 9427 3368<br>Email <a href="mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au">sro@sro.wa.gov.au</a><br><br>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm<br>Monday to Friday                                                                       |

# Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries (ACCIM)

The Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries (ACCIM) was formerly called the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board Inc (CCFAMBI). The Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board Inc officially became part of Churches of Christ in Australia in 1942. The WA Government authorised the CCFAMBI to conduct a mission at Norseman (Native Reserve number 22179) on 19 January 1943.

This index relates to the following five missions in Western Australia:

- Bamberra Hostel, Yokine
- Carnarvon Mission, Carnarvon
- Fairhaven, Esperance
- Norseman Mission, Norseman
- Roelands Mission, Collie

The index contains the following information:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Name of parents
- Dates of admission
- Reason for admission
- Notes

Thousands of photos and slides taken at the missions have been copied and identified where possible.

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Freecall 1800 000 277

# Bamburra Hostel

Bamburra Hostel operated in Yokine from 1971 to 1984 and provided a place for teenage girls from remote areas to stay during the school year so they could attend high school and other educational opportunities.

This information forms part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries' index.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>               | Yokine                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1971 to 1984                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Hostel accommodation                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Place of birth<br>Name of parents<br>Dates of admission<br>Reason for admission<br>Notes |

## **For photographs**

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# J S Battye Library of West Australian History

The Battye Library is the primary centre for the collection and storage of Western Australia's documentary heritage. Its purpose is to hold materials that provide a wide, representative sample of Western Australia's historical, developmental, cultural, economic and political life. The collections of original materials, published and unpublished works are of enduring cultural, informational and historical significance and capable of supporting in depth research into Western Australia.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Battye Library, Perth                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Western Australian Library and archival collections. It collects and preserves material from all over Western Australia and the world, if it relates to Western Australia                                                                   |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | More than 1 million items                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | The Battye Library holds printed works (government and private), maps, private archives which are original non-government records, pictorial material (including photographs and negatives), films, oral histories and ephemera collections |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Battye Library, Perth                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | All information about Western Australian individuals, families, organisations, businesses, and cultural groups. Contains printed records of the Western Australian Government and private (non-government) original records                 |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Online catalogue at <a href="http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au">http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au</a>                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | J S Battye Library of West Australian History<br>State Library of Western Australia<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br>Tel (08) 9427 3111                                                                                         |

Note: These records were correct at the time of printing, however, record collections are continually being updated and increased.

# J S Battye Library of West Australian History – Private Archives Collections

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The Private Archives Collection holds records that document the concerns and activities of Western Australia's private sector. The collection contains original papers, letters, diaries, journals, and manuscripts of individuals and families as well as records of political and social movements, non-government agencies, businesses, and community organisations. There is also a large collection of baptism, marriage, and burial registers from the Anglican and Uniting churches.

Through the Private Archives Collection, it's intended to build and preserve a wide ranging, representative and unique body of documents and related archival material. The Private Archives exists to help and encourage in depth research into Western Australia's history, its many cultures, business and industry activities, its social and recreational life, politics, and contemporary concerns.

Special emphasis is given to acquiring and preserving documentary materials from Western Australia's Aboriginal people and ethnic groups.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Battye Library, Perth                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Western Australian archival collection. It collects and preserves material from all over Western Australia and the world — if it relates to Western Australia                      |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | 2,900 metres                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Records are held as originals and some as copies on microfilm. Manuscript Notes (MNs) are available for most of these collections                                                  |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Battye Library, Perth                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | All information about Western Australian individuals, families, organisations, businesses and cultural groups                                                                      |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Online catalogue at <a href="http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au">http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au</a>                                                                                            |
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## Beagle Bay

Beagle Bay Mission was administered by the Diocese of Broome, which was known as the Vicariate of the Kimberley prior to 1967. It was staffed initially by the Trappist Order and then, from 1901, by the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines). The Sisters of St John of God joined them in 1907.

**Location:** Beagle Bay, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

**Church organisation:** Catholic Church — Pallottines

**Years of operation:** 1897 to 1990

**Type of service:** Aboriginal community mission

**Location of records:** Diocesan Office, Broome

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Parentage  
Date and place of baptism  
Name of celebrant  
Name of sponsor  
Family information

**Contact:** The Archivist  
Diocesan Office  
PO Box 76  
Broome WA 6725  
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## Bungarun (also known as Derby Leprosarium)

This index contains significant family history information from 1936 to 1986. Some records span entire lives and some people lived there until the 1970s. A surveillance program was carried out on many of the people who lived there, once they left, to study how they integrated back into society. It's a small collection, including photographs, with some records held in Perth by the Department of Health. Each card has at least one, and often as many as 10 photographs.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Derby, 2643 km north of Perth in the Kimberley region of Western Australia                                                              |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Catholic Church — Sisters of St John of God                                                                                             |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1936 to 1986                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Aboriginal community/hospital                                                                                                           |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Kimberley Population Health, Broome                                                                                                     |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Name<br>Where they were living<br>With whom they were living<br>Name of parents<br>Medical history<br>Information on longer genealogies |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Kimberley Population Health<br>PO Box 525<br>Broome WA 6725<br><br>Tel (08) 9192 5333<br>Fax (08) 9192 5400                             |

Combined into and known as: Kimberley Population Health Index

# Carnarvon Mission

Carnarvon Mission was established in 1945 by Mr and Mrs David Hammer, pioneer missionaries to Carnarvon. This mission provided shelter and schooling to local children and adults. Childcare ceased in 1984.

This information forms part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries' index.

Thousands of photos and slides taken at the Missions have been copied and identified where possible.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Carnarvon, 904 km north of Perth                                                                                                       |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1945 to 1984                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Accommodation/schooling                                                                                                                |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and<br>Family Information Records Bureau                                           |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Place of birth<br>Name of parents<br>Dates of admission<br>Reason for admission<br>Notes |

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# Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898-1908 Index and Records – State Records Office

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In 1898 the Aborigines Protection Board was abolished and its functions taken over by the Aborigines Department, which acted under the direction of the Chief Protector of Aborigines, who was responsible to Parliament. The Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898–1908 Index contains a comprehensive listing of all the names of Aboriginal people mentioned within the Chief Protector of Aborigines files (Acc 255, AN 1/2). References to the names and designations of settlers and officials who were directly connected to the events detailed within the files have also been listed, as have references to non-Europeans. The files are arranged by subject and have been numbered consecutively, as they were created, with the numbering sequence starting at the beginning of each year.

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| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Almost 1,500 files, containing approximately 14,000 pages relating to the administrative functions of the Aborigines Department between 1898 and 1908                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Microfilm<br>Index — electronic and hardcopy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | The Chief Protector of Aborigines Files deal with a wide range of topics relating to the welfare of Aboriginals and the general administration of the <i>Aborigines Act 1897</i> (and later <i>1905 Act</i> ). It includes the admission of Aboriginal children to missions, the distribution of government rations to the old and infirm, and criminal investigations and court cases concerning Aboriginal people. |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | The files listed in the 'Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898–1908 Index' may contain sensitive information; however, they are not restricted and may be viewed on microfilm at the State Records Office or online via the State Records Office website:<br><a href="http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/community/aboriginalhistory-index.html">http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/community/aboriginalhistory-index.html</a>        |

# Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898-1908 Index and Records – State Records Office (cont.)

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Monday to Friday

Note: These records were correct at the time of printing, however, record collections are continually being updated and increased.

See also Native Welfare Index and Personal Client Files

# Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO) Records – State Records Office

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The Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO) originated with the appointment of Peter Brown Esq as Colonial Secretary of the Swan River Colony on 30 December 1828. As such, the records of the CSO hold a large quantity of information relating to Aboriginal people. Between 1828 and 1886 Aboriginal affairs in Western Australia were the administrative responsibility of the Colonial Secretary, who operated in accordance with policy dictated by the Colonial Office (UK). The CSO continued to manage Aboriginal affairs up until 1887, when the Aborigines Protection Board was established. After Federation, the Office of the Colonial Secretary continued, although with reduced functions, as many of the CSO's responsibilities passed over to various State and Commonwealth departments. In 1924 the CSO was renamed the Chief Secretary's Department.

Correspondence relating to Aboriginal people may be located by searching the indexes and registers to the Colonial Secretary's Office correspondence located in the SRO Search Room.

Dr Neville Green has compiled indexes of names of Aboriginal people found in the CSO records for the Murchison, Southwest, Pilbara, Gascoyne, and Kimberley regions. CSO records have also been partially indexed in *The Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians*, which includes four volumes devoted to Aboriginal people: Vol VI Albany Region 1821–1898; Vol VII New Norcia 1845–1914; Vol VIII Southwest Region 1829–1840; and Vol X Rottneest 1838–1931.

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| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | The CSO indexes and registers are available in microfilm and hardcopy. The majority of the material from 1828 to 1883 has been microfilmed, after this period you will need to request the original files for viewing in the State Records Office Search Room. |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Records from the Colonial Secretary's Department include inward and outward correspondence, minutes, reports, indexes, registers and some personal Aboriginal files.                                                                                           |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## **Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO) Records – State Records Office (cont.)**

**Access:**

The majority of Colonial Secretary Office records are on open access and may be viewed in the State Records Office Search Room. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be applied for through the Department of Indigenous Affairs. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office. Further information is also available in the Colonial Secretary's Office records collection guide on our website: <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/colonial.html>

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Monday to Friday

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# Community Welfare Index and Files

The Department for Community Welfare was established in 1972 when the *Community Welfare Act* came into being and through the amalgamation of the Child Welfare and the Native Welfare Departments. The Department has undergone several name changes since then and is now known as the Department for Community Development.

This index contains details held on the Department for Community Development's record information management system TRIMS, and complements the Native Welfare index and files held in the Family Information Research System.

The following is an example of the type of information that may be found in the Community Welfare files:

- Date of birth
- Copies of birth certificates
- Date of marriage
- Medical records
- School reports
- Family information

The index contains some of the following details:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- File number

**Years of operation:** 1972 to present

**Type of service:** Welfare

**Access:** An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only.  
There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

**Contact:** Family Information Records Bureau  
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189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004  
  
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Freecall 1800 000 277

# Community and Welfare Records – State Records Office

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The State Records Office holds archival material from various community and welfare-related State Government departments. These records may contain Aboriginal related records. Certain series of community and welfare records, including early adoption files, are held by the Department for Community Development and are not accessible through the State Records Office.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Approximately 55 metres of records                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Original files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Administration files — South West Division, general files (includes files on subjects such as missions, Aboriginal housing and Education, Children’s homes and living conditions), correspondence files, Homemaker Service Files, policy files (includes files on subjects such as Aboriginal poverty and land rights), submissions, review, hearing and special project files, correspondence files, minutes, statistics, Aboriginal health and nutrition files and Youthfest files |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Due to the sensitive nature of community and welfare records, access restrictions may apply. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be applied for through the Department for Community Development. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | State Records Office of Western Australia<br>Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building<br>James Street West Entrance<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3360<br>Fax (08) 9427 3368<br>Email <a href="mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au">sro@sro.wa.gov.au</a><br><br>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm<br>Monday to Friday                                                                                                                                            |

Note: These records were correct at the time of printing, however, record collections are continually being updated and increased.

## Court Records – State Records Office

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The SRO holds the records of the Supreme Court of Western Australia as well as records from lower courts located throughout the metropolitan and country areas of the State. These include the Children’s Court of Western Australia, Clerk of Courts, Police Courts, Local Courts, Licensing Courts, Warden’s Courts, and Coroner’s Courts. Indexes to these records are available in the Search Room of the State Records Office.

**Type of service:** State Archives Collection

**Format of records:** Microfilm and original files

**Location of records:** State Records Office

**Information in records:** Supreme Court records include criminal related records such as records of conviction, criminal record books, criminal registers, and criminal indictment files. Information relating to Aboriginal people may be found in these records. Other records include divorce records, bankruptcy records, and probate (wills) records. The lower court records may also include information relating to Aboriginal people. Some selected examples of lower court records are:

**Broome “Native Court”**, Evidence Book, 1947–1952, Acc 4108, WAS 564

**Busselton Courthouse**, Legal Memoranda, 1830–1834 & 1852–1854, Acc 594, Item 2, AN 17 includes records of marriage between Aborigines, names of Aborigines on charge, and Aborigines serving as constables.

**Derby Clerk of Courts**, Registers — Local Court, Applications for Citizenship Rights, 1946–1959, Cons 4706, WAS 564

**Access:** Due to the sensitive nature of information that can be found within court records, access restrictions apply. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office. Further information is available in the Court Records Collection Guide at <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/court.html>

## Court Records – State Records Office (cont.)

**Contact:**

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Perth WA 6000

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# Department of Indigenous Affairs

The Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) (previously known as the Aboriginal Affairs Department) has information relating to personal history cards. These cards contain information such as:

- Family name
- Given name
- Name of parents
- Date of birth
- Address
- With whom they lived
- Employment
- Names of children
- Dates of birth

They also have:

- Personal Files
- Mission Files
- Station Files
- Tindale Collection of photos, genealogies and journals (see listing under Tindale)

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| <b>Location:</b>            | Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>  | Personal history files from 1920 to 1948<br>Tindale records from 1926 to 1954<br>Mission records and station files 1886 to 1970s                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type of service:</b>     | Indigenous information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Location of records:</b> | Department of Indigenous Affairs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Access:</b>              | An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. No charge applies.<br>DIA Native Title Access Policy — restricted to Native Title representative bodies for purposes of Native Title litigation.<br>This information is not available to researchers. |
| <b>Contact:</b>             | Department of Indigenous Affairs<br>Family History Unit<br>197 St Georges Terrace<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9235 8000<br>Fax (08) 9235 8125<br>Easy call line 1300 651 077                                                                                                                                                          |

## Disaster Bay

This index of baptismal records was handed over by Bishop Saunders of the Broome Diocese as part of the Kimberley indexes.

**Location:** Kimberley region of Western Australia

**Church Organisation:** Catholic Church — Pallottines

**Years of operation:** 1897 to 1904

**Type of service:** Catholic Church

**Location of records:** Diocesan Office, Broome

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Parent's names  
Age at baptism  
Name of celebrant  
Name of sponsor  
Notes

**Contact:** The Archivist  
Diocesan Office  
PO Box 76  
Broome WA 6725  
  
Tel (08) 9192 1060  
Fax (08) 9192 2136

# Education and School – State Records Office

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The State Records Office holds archival material from the Education Department of Western Australia and its predecessors including records from individual government schools and colleges from around Western Australia. For individual school records refer to the index, arranged alphabetically by school name, held in the State Records Office Search Room. Not all school records held at the State Records Office are listed in this index and please note that many school records either have not survived or are still held by the individual schools.

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| <b>Years of operation:</b>        | 1847 to present day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type of service:</b>           | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Size of record collection:</b> | Approximately 315 metres of general files and records for 730 schools are indexed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Format of records:</b>         | General files up to 1902 and the majority of admission registers and the teachers' record of service cards are on microfilm. Material not microfilmed will need to be requested for viewing in the State Records Office Search Room.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Location of records:</b>       | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Information in records:</b>    | <p>The following types of records may contain information relating to Aboriginal people. Attendance files provide statistics on the daily or weekly attendance or non-attendance of children at the school and may give the names of children attending a particular school.</p> <p>Student admission cards record the name of the student, the date of admission, the date of birth, the name and occupation of parent/guardian, and religious denomination.</p> <p>Student admission registers record the student's name, the date of admission, the date of birth, residence, place of birth, the school last attended, the standard last passed, the name of the parent/guardian, the date of withdrawal from school, the reason for withdrawal, the standard passed, and to what school the student was removed.</p> <p>Punishment books, which are a record of punishment (eg. reprimand, caning) meted out to students, record the name of the student, the date, the amount and instrument of punishment, by whom the punishment was administered, and additional remarks.</p> <p><b>(Note: access restrictions apply to punishment books).</b></p> |

## Education and School Records – State Records Office (cont'd)

Staff at the enquiry desk can provide additional information on the range of education and school related records available from within the SRO collection.

### **Access:**

The majority of school records may be viewed in the State Records Office Search Room. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be requested from the Education Department of Western Australia. For help in accessing restricted records, please contact the State Records Office.

Further information is also available in the Education and Schools Records Collection Guide on the website: <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/education.html>

### **Contact:**

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Perth Cultural Centre  
Perth WA 6000

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## Fairhaven

Fairhaven operated in Esperance from the 1960s to the mid 1980s and gave up to 25 teenage girls from Norseman Mission and from the Western Desert areas boarding accommodation while attending high school or employment.

This information forms part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries' index.

Thousands of photos and slides taken at the missions have been copied and identified where possible.

**Location:** Esperance, 721 km southeast of Perth

**Years of operation:** 1960 to 1980s

**Type of service:** Hostel accommodation

**Location of records:** Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and Family Information Records Bureau

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Name of parents  
Dates of admission  
Reason for admission  
Notes

### **For photographs**

**contact:** Deslee Moyle  
Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries  
PO Box 1199  
Wangara WA 6947

Tel (08) 9309 3922  
Fax (08) 9309 4101  
Email [cofcfab@msn.com.au](mailto:cofcfab@msn.com.au)

### **For personal record cards**

**contact:** Family Information Records Bureau  
Department for Community Development  
189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004

Tel (08) 9222 2777  
Fax (08) 9222 2776  
Freecall 1800 000 277

# Fitzroy Crossing Family Register

This index was created from the Fitzroy Crossing Family Register file of the Department for Community Development. It contains details of families living in the area. Some details contained in these records are available from the Family Information Records Bureau.

**Location:** Fitzroy Crossing, 2,686 km north of Perth in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

**Years of operation:** Dates of birth in this file range from the late 1890s to the mid 1970s

**Type of service:** Welfare

**Location of records:** Department for Community Development

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Family relationships  
Personal file number

**Access:** An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

**Contact:** Family Information Records Bureau  
Department for Community Development  
189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004

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# Forrest River Mission (also known as Oombulgurri and also known as Umbulgara)

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The Anglican Forrest River Mission in the Kimberley region near Wyndham, was founded in 1913, by the Bishop of the North West, the Rt. Rev. Gerard Trower. The mission closed in 1968. Some files from the Forrest River Mission are held at the Batty Library. The Family Information Records Bureau obtained permission from the Anglican Church Diocese of North West Australia, to access these files and an index of names has been created.

**Location:** Near Wyndham in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

**Church organisation:** Anglican Church

**Years of operation:** 1913 to 1968

**Type of service:** Aboriginal community

**Location of records:** J S Batty Library  
Department for Community Development

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Date of death  
Date of leaving the mission  
Parents' details  
Marriage details

**Contact:** For the index  
Family Information Records Bureau  
Department for Community Development  
189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004

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Fax (08) 9222 2776  
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# Geraldton/Carnarvon Catholic Records

In 2001 the Catholic Diocese of Murchison invited the Department for Community Development (DCD) to visit Cathedral House in Geraldton and Parish House in Carnarvon to view historical record collections relating to the 'stolen generations'. An index of Aboriginal baptisms has been created for the period 1900 to 2000.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Geraldton, 424 km north of Perth                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Catholic Church                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | Early 1900s to today                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Baptismal records relating to people who lived in the Diocese of Murchison (Geraldton and Carnarvon)                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Diocese of Geraldton, Geraldton                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Date of death<br>Location<br>Notes including parents' names                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Catholic Church<br>Diocese of Geraldton<br>7 Maitland Street<br>Geraldton WA 6530<br><br>Tel (08) 9921 3221<br>Fax (08) 9964 1097<br>Email <a href="mailto:dioger@diocese-geraldton.org">dioger@diocese-geraldton.org</a> |



# Grants of Certificate of Citizenship

This index was compiled from files containing Department of Native Welfare lists and correspondence. The files contain lists of some Aboriginal people who were granted citizenship from the 1940s to the 1960s throughout Western Australia.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1940s to 1960s                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Welfare                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Paper files and electronic index                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department for Community Development                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Place of residence<br>Certificate number<br>Date citizenship granted                                                                                         |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers. |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Family Information Records Bureau<br>Department for Community Development<br>189 Royal Street<br>East Perth WA 6004<br><br>Tel (08) 9222 2777<br>Fax (08) 9222 2776<br>Freecall 1800 000 277               |

## Health Records – State Records Office

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The State Records Office holds archival material from the Department of Health and its predecessors. Indexes to the records are available in the State Records Office Search Room. In addition to departmental records, the SRO holds several collections of records transferred from individual hospitals including Fremantle Asylum, Claremont Mental Hospital, Heathcote Mental Hospital, Derby Leprosarium, Woorloo Sanatorium, and the Children's Hospital which became Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in 1949. The number of hospital-related records held by the SRO is limited, with only sporadic coverage of admissions and discharge records and no patient files. Hospital and health records may contain information relating to Aboriginal people.

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| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | More than 110 metres of general files with records from more than 18 hospitals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Original files and microfilm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | The following types of records may contain information relating to Aboriginal people, general files relating to the accommodation of and treatment of Aboriginal people at various hospitals, general administrative files relating to community health programs, functional policy and administrative matters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Health records are restricted to the period from 1920 onwards unless otherwise specified. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be requested from the Department of Health, Western Australia. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office. For further information relating to health and hospital records please refer to the following collection guide on the website <a href="http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/hospital.html">http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/hospital.html</a> |

## Health Records – State Records Office (cont.)

**Contact:**

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## Jigalong Mission

In 1907 the Rabbit Proof Fence construction team established a maintenance and rations store at the location which later became Jigalong. It was also a camel-breeding depot, which closed in the 1930s with the introduction of motor vehicles. In 1946 the Apostolic Church was granted the land for missionary purposes and set up the community in its present location. The land was handed back to the government in 1969 and through efforts of the Martu people, Jigalong became an incorporated body in 1973.

This index was collected from the Department for Community Development office in Marble Bar. The Jigalong Mission Index contains information relating to people living there at the time. It is unknown by whom or when the information was recorded.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Jigalong, approximately 165 km east of Newman in the Eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia                                                                                                           |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Apostolic Church                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1946 to 1969                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Information relating to people who resided at the mission                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department for Community Development                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Name<br>Surname<br>Parentage<br>Date of birth                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers. |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Family Information Records Bureau<br>Department for Community Development<br>189 Royal Street<br>East Perth WA 6004<br><br>Tel (08) 9222 2777<br>Fax (08) 9222 2776<br>Freecall 1800 000 277               |

# Kalumburu Mission

## (associated with New Norcia Mission)

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The mission was established at Pago in 1908, and was called Drysdale River Mission. It moved to Kalumburu including the Church from Pago in the years 1932 to 1937. Benedictine monks and nuns administered the mission until it was handed over to the Diocese of Broome in 1981. Today, Kalumburu parish has Benedictine Sisters, lay missionaries and volunteers, a priest and parish council.

This index contains the names of Aboriginal people who resided at the Kalumburu Mission.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Kalumburu, in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Benedictine                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1908 to 1981                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Mission community                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | ID numbers<br>Surname<br>Christian name<br>Date of birth<br>Date of death<br>Place of birth<br>Admittance date<br>Discharge date                                                                                  |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Archives<br>Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc<br>New Norcia WA 6509<br><br>Tel (08) 9654 8018<br>Fax (08) 9654 8097<br>Email <a href="mailto:archives@newnorcia.wa.edu.au">archives@newnorcia.wa.edu.au</a> |

# Katitjin: A Guide to Indigenous Records in the Battye Library

Compiled by Heather Campbell and funded by the Friends of Battye Library (Inc.), *Katitjin* is presented as an online PDF document. It is arranged in two parts, the first being a guide containing overviews of the Battye Library's collections, research and finding aids and a section on family history. Part two is a researcher's kit comprising useful publications, a comprehensive select bibliography, search strategies, useful websites and contact numbers.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Battye Library Perth                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Western Australian archival collections. It collects and preserves material from all over Western Australia and the world — if it relates to Western Australia. |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | More than 1 million items                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Online as a PDF format document                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | All types and formats of information about Western Australia's Indigenous peoples that have been collected and preserved by the Battye Library                  |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | J S Battye Library of West Australian History                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Online PDF format document at<br><a href="http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/pdf/katitjinsep03.pdf">http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/pdf/katitjinsep03.pdf</a>                |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | J S Battye Library of West Australian History<br>State Library of Western Australia<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3111         |

Note: These records were correct at the time of printing, however, record collections are continually being updated and increased.

# Katta Djinoong – First Peoples of Western Australia

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Western Australian Museum                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | The Western Australian Museum's gallery of Aboriginal culture and history                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Artefacts from the State's collection, supported by photos from a variety of sources, including the Batty Library and Western Australian Museum                                                                                      |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Hellenic Gallery                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | On public display (from August 2004)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | An exhibition about the lives and stories of Aboriginal people throughout Western Australia. The gallery covers themes and issues such as the Stolen Generations, identity, kinship, survival, innovation and traditional knowledge. |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | The Western Australian Museum is open daily 9.30am to 5.00pm<br>Admission is free of charge                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Hellenic Gallery<br>Western Australian Museum<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 2700                                                                                                                    |

# Kimberley Births Register

A book containing some birth registrations in the Kimberley region of Western Australia was handed over to the Department for Community Development. The information contained in this book has been put into an electronic format to create this index.

**Location:** Kimberley region in the northwest of Western Australia

**Years of operation:** Late 1960s to early 1970s

**Location of records:** Department for Community Development

**Format of records:** Handwritten register book and electronic index

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Parents' names

**Access:** An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

**Contact:** Family Information Records Bureau  
Department for Community Development  
189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004

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Fax (08) 9222 2776  
Freecall 1800 000 277



# Kimberley Family Register

This book was given to the Department for Community Development and contains information on some families living in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. The handwritten details have been transferred into an electronic format to form this index.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Kimberley region in the northwest of Western Australia                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | Dates of birth range from early 1900 to 1970s                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Handwritten register book and electronic index                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department for Community Development                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Place of birth<br>Parents' names<br>Date of registration<br>Registration number                                                                         |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers. |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Family Information Records Bureau<br>Department for Community Development<br>189 Royal Street<br>East Perth WA 6004<br><br>Tel (08) 9222 2777<br>Fax (08) 9222 2776<br>Freecall 1800 000 277          |

# Kimberley Population Health Unit

The Kimberley Population Health Unit holds index cards with information relating to Aboriginal people who accessed community health services across the Kimberley.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Broome, 2,200 km north of Perth                                                                                  |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Sisters of St John of God                                                                                        |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | Dates of birth range from 1870 to 1966                                                                           |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Community health                                                                                                 |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Kimberley Population Health Unit, Broome                                                                         |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Surname<br>Christian name<br>Date of birth<br>Alias                                                              |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Kimberley Population Health Unit<br>PO Box 525<br>Broome WA 6725<br><br>Tel (08) 9192 5333<br>Fax (08) 9192 5400 |

## La Grange Mission (also known as Bidyadanga)

In 1956 La Grange Mission, which had been a government ration depot, was transferred into the Catholic Church. Situated approximately 200 kilometres south of Broome, it was operated by the Diocese of Broome and staffed by the priests and brothers of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines), with additional assistance provided by the lay missionaries.

**Location:** Approximately 200 km south of Broome in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

**Church organisation:** Catholic Church — Pallottines

**Years of operation:** 1956 to 1981

**Type of service:** Mission

**Location of records:** Diocesan Office, Broome

**Information in records:** Name  
Surname  
Date of birth  
Parentage  
Date and place of baptism  
Name of celebrant  
Name of sponsor  
Family information

**Contact:** The Archivist  
Diocesan Office  
Diocese of Broome  
PO Box 76  
Broome WA 6725

Tel (08) 9192 1060  
Fax (08) 9192 2136

## Land Records – State Records Office

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The State Records Office holds a wide range of land related records from the Department of Land Information and its predecessors, covering the period 1829 to the present day. Within these records information relating to Aboriginal people may be found. The records have particular value for parties to Native Title claim. A number of finding aids and indexes to land records are held in the State Records Office Search Room.

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| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Microfilm and original files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Relevant records include:<br>Pastoral station files, reserve files, pastoral lease applications; general functional files which may contain information on various topics such as lease applications for land, reports on reserves, native missions, Aborigines and the <i>Land Act</i> , surveyors' field books and maps with Aboriginal place names. An example: exploration notes of Frederick Mackie Roe, second in command on C.C. Hunt's expedition to the eastern interior. Includes a glossary of Aboriginal words and place names and the story of dead Europeans seen by Aborigines before 1866. <i>Lands and Surveys Department, Fieldbook</i> , 1866, Cons 5000, Item 337, Series 32. |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | The majority of land records may be viewed in our Search Room. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be requested from the Department of Land Information. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | State Records Office of Western Australia<br>Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building<br>James Street West Entrance<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3360<br>Fax (08) 9427 3368<br>Email <a href="mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au">sro@sro.wa.gov.au</a><br><br>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm<br>Monday to Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Note: These records were correct at the time of printing, however, record collections are continually being updated and increased.

# Lombadina Baptismal Records

The Lombadina Mission was administered by the Diocese of Broome and staffed by the priests and brothers of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines). They were joined in 1913 by the Sisters of St John of God. This index contains relevant information on Aboriginal people at the time of their baptism.

**Location:** Lombadina, approximately 189 km north of Broome in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

**Church organisation:** Catholic Church — Pallottines

**Years of operation:** 1909 to 1975  
The Sisters of St John of God (1913 to 1969)

**Type of service:** Mission

**Location of records:** Diocesan Office, Broome

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Name of parents  
Date and place of baptism  
Name of celebrant  
Name of sponsor  
Notes

**Contact:** The Archivist  
Diocesan Office  
PO Box 76  
Broome WA 6725  
  
Tel (08) 9192 1060  
Fax (08) 9192 2136

# Lost Lands Report

The *Lost Lands Report* was drafted by the former Aboriginal Affairs Department in 1997 in response to the recommendations of the 1996 Aboriginal Lands Trust Review.

The report contains information about lands set apart for the use of the Aboriginal community in Western Australia until December 1996. The report's principal source of historical land information is the Crown Reserves Register, which is maintained by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (formerly the Department of Land Administration).

The report also lists most of the land contained in the estate of the Aboriginal Lands Trust as at December 1996.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Reserved land located throughout Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Department of Indigenous Affairs Land Branch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Paper and PDF download from the internet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Size of records:</b>        | Published report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department of Indigenous Affairs and Department of Planning and Infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | The report includes information about lands that were reserved for the purpose of Aboriginal occupation and use, and lands which were reserved for Aboriginal people for purposes other than occupation. The information was obtained from government records and includes references to Aboriginal people who cooperated and contributed to the report.                                                  |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Original records held by<br>Department for Planning and Infrastructure<br>Asset Management Services<br>PO Box 1575 Midland 6936<br><br>Department of Indigenous Affairs<br>Land Branch<br>197 St Georges Terrace<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9235 8000<br>Fax (08) 9235 8088<br>Easy call line 1300 651 077<br><br>Refer also front pages of the <i>Lost Lands Report</i> for other contact details. |

# Mt Margaret Mission

Mt Margaret Mission was established in 1921 by Rodolphe Schenk and his wife Isobel May (Mysie) who was a missionary with the United Aborigines Mission. The book *Mt Margaret: A Drop in a Bucket*, is written entirely about the Mission. The Mt Margaret Mission records were donated to the Battye Library by Mt Margaret Mission nurse, Sadie Canning. The records contain information relating to people who resided at the Mission at the time.

**Location:** Mt Margaret in the eastern Goldfields region of Western Australia

**Church Organisation:** Baptist mission

**Years of operation:** 1922 to 1953

**Type of Service:** Mission/community

**Location of records:** Battye Library, Perth

**Information in records:** Name  
Surname  
Parentage  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Name of spouse  
Address  
Admission date  
Place received from  
Discharge date  
Destination after discharge

**Contact:** J S Battye Library of West Australian History  
State Library of WA  
Alexander Library Building  
Perth Cultural Centre  
Perth WA 6000  
  
Tel (08) 9427 3111  
Fax (08) 9427 3256  
Toll Free 1800 198 107  
  
Email [info@liswa.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@liswa.wa.gov.au)  
Website <http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au>

## Marribank Mission (also known as Carrolup)

Established as a government settlement in 1915, Carrolup was closed in 1922 and all residents were transferred to Moore River Native Settlement. Carrolup was reopened in 1940 as a farm training school for Aboriginal boys. In 1952 it was handed over to the Baptist Church and became known as Marribank.

**Location:** Katanning, Great Southern of Western Australia

**Years of operation:** 1915 to 1922 and 1940 to 1952

**Type of service:** Residential/training school

**Format of records:** 20 paper files from 1952 onwards

**Information in records:** Registers of inmates  
Departmental administration files

**Location of records:** State Records Office

**Access:** Department of Indigenous Affairs  
Family History Unit  
197 St Georges Terrace  
Perth WA 6000

Tel (08) 9235 8000  
Fax (08) 9235 8125  
Easy call line 1300 651 077

**Contact:** State Records Office of Western Australia  
Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building  
James Street West Entrance  
Perth Cultural Centre  
Perth WA 6000

Tel (08) 9427 3360  
Fax (08) 9427 3368  
Email [sro@sro.wa.gov.au](mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au)

Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm  
Monday to Friday



## **'Mission Files Index' – State Records Office**

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The Mission Files Index was produced by the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority (now the Department of Indigenous Affairs) in 1988. It lists files relating to missions within Western Australia which were created by the various Aboriginal departments from 1909 to the 1970s and which are now held by the State Records Office. The index includes a list of general files relating to missions as well as listing files held for the following missions:

Aboriginal Mobile Mission of Australia  
Applecross Methodist Children's Cottage  
Australian Aborigines Mission (AAM)  
Australian Inland Mission  
Badjaling Mission  
Bayswater Mission Hostel  
Balgo Mission  
Bassendean Mission  
Beagle Bay Mission  
Bindoon Boy's Town  
Broome Convent and Holy Child Orphanage  
Collie Salvation Army Home  
Cosmo Newberry Mission  
Cundeelee Mission  
Derby Mission (UAM)  
Disaster Bay Mission  
Drysdale River Mission  
Dulhi Gunyah Orphanage  
Ellensbrook Home  
Fitzroy Crossing Australian Inland Mission  
Fairhaven Mission  
Fitzroy Crossing (UAM)  
Forrest River Mission  
Geraldton Girl's Home  
Geralling (AAM)  
Gnowangerup Mission (UAM)  
Holy Child Orphanage, Broome  
Jigalong Mission  
Kalgoorlie Girl's Home (Salvation Army)  
Kalumburu Mission  
Karatundi Mission  
Katakutu Mission  
Katanning Mission

## **'Mission Files Index' – State Records Office (cont.)**

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Kellerberrin Mission  
Kunmunya Mission (Port George IV)  
Kurrawang Mission  
Lake Grace  
La Grange Bay Mission  
Lombadina Mission  
Marribank Baptist Aborigines Mission  
Methodist Inland Mission  
Mogumber Methodist Mission  
Moore River Native Settlement  
Morgans Gospel Mission  
Mt Barnett Mission  
Mt Magnet Mission  
Mt Margaret Mission  
Mowanjum Mission  
Norseman Mission  
New Norcia Mission  
Quairading Mission  
Riverton Hostel  
Roelands Mission  
Rossmoyne Mission  
Sister Kate's Children's Home  
St Joseph Boy's Town, Bindoon  
St Joseph's Hostel, Derby  
St Michael's Anglican Mission Farm, Newdegate  
St Vincent's Foundling Home  
Sunday Island Mission  
Swan Native and Half Caste Mission, Middle Swan  
Swan Boy's Home  
Tardun Farm School  
Turkey Creek Mission  
Victoria Park (AAM)  
Walcott Inlet  
Wandering Mission  
Warburton Ranges Mission  
Western Desert Mission  
White Springs Mission  
Wiluna Mission  
Wongutha Mission Farm  
Wotjulum Mission  
Yarrabah Mission

## 'Mission Files Index' – State Records Office (cont.)

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Missions information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | The index includes references to approximately 1,050 files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Original files<br>Index — paper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Records include files relating to establishment of missions, annual reports from missions, register of inmates, general correspondence, accounts records, subsidies for and grants in aid for various missions, health and medical treatment of inmates, rations, education and training of inmates, punishments of inmates, deaths, inspections, admission files and personal details                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | <p>Due to the sensitive nature of records of the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) access restrictions apply for files from 1909 onwards. To view restricted files listed in the Mission Files Index, clients will need to apply to DIA for access. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.</p> <p>Department of Indigenous Affairs<br/>Family History Unit<br/>197 St Georges Terrace<br/>Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Tel (08) 9235 8000<br/>Fax (08) 9235 8125<br/>Easy call line 1300 651 077</p> |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | <p>State Records Office of Western Australia<br/>Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building<br/>James Street West Entrance<br/>Perth Cultural Centre<br/>Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Tel (08) 9427 3360<br/>Fax (08) 9427 3368<br/>Email <a href="mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au">sro@sro.wa.gov.au</a></p> <p>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm<br/>Monday to Friday</p>                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Note: These records were correct at the time of printing, however, record collections are continually being updated and increased.

# Moore River Index

Mogumber Heritage has undertaken research relating to Aboriginal people who were institutionalised at the Moore River Native Settlement between 1918 and 1951.

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| <b>Location:</b>                  | Mogumber approximately 100 km north of Perth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Type of service:</b>           | Community based program now run by the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Corporation                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>        | 1918 to 1951                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Size of record collection:</b> | The Moore River Index contains approximately 3,000 names of Aboriginal people, including over 400 photographs taken between 1920 and 1960                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Format of records:</b>         | Electronic database and paper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Location of records:</b>       | Mogumber Heritage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type of information:</b>       | Surname<br>Given name<br>Aliases<br>Date of birth<br>Parents<br>Age<br>Sex<br>Removal information<br>Photograph references<br>Family information                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Access:</b>                    | Contact Jenny Mogridge at Mogumber Heritage on (08) 9651 9010                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Contact:</b>                   | Mogumber Heritage<br>PO Box 70<br>Mogumber WA 6506<br><br>Tel (08) 9651 9010<br>Fax (08) 9651 9028<br><br>Index available at the<br>Department of Indigenous Affairs<br>Family History Unit<br>1st Floor 197 St Georges Terrace<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9235 8000<br>Fax (08) 9235 8125 |

# National Archives of Australia Collection

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The National Archives of Australia's collection documents mainly Commonwealth Government activities since Federation in 1901. The collection also includes some material transferred to the Commonwealth by colonial and state governments.

Records include information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their history, particularly of Northern Territory and Victorian people. The records cover:

- Administration of the Northern Territory (including Aboriginal affairs from 1911 to 1978)
- Administration of Aboriginal affairs in Victoria from 1860 to about 1970
- Commonwealth Government activities affecting the general community including Aboriginal people, eg employment, social security, education
- Commonwealth Aboriginal affairs from the early 1970s (after the 1967 constitutional referendum).

**Location:** Australia-wide, but mainly relating to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory and Victoria

**Type of Service:** Commonwealth Government Departmental records (1901 to present); Victorian Government Aboriginal affairs records (1860 to c1970); Northern Territory administration records, including Aboriginal welfare records (1911 to 1978).

**Format of records:** Mainly files, but also includes photographs, maps, plans, films and sound recordings

**Location of records:** The National Archives holds records about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in its National Office in Canberra and in regional offices in each state and mainland territory capital. The most extensive holdings are located in Canberra, Melbourne and Darwin.

**Information in records:** Information about Northern Territory and Victorian Aboriginal people, places and events, social welfare activities, missions, children's institutions, reserves, and stations. There is some information about people in other States. Information about some Western Australian people is included in records relating to the Northern Territory and South Australia.

## National Archives of Australia Collection (cont.)

### **Access:**

Researchers can apply for access to records more than 30 years old under the *Commonwealth Archives Act 1983*. Sensitive information about personal affairs is withheld from general public access. However, if the information is about the individual requesting information or if the information is required to assist people separated by former government policies to link up with family and community, access may be given.

Access to records less than 30 years old needs to be arranged through the agency that controls the records or, where appropriate, by use of the *Commonwealth Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

### **Contact:**

Visit the Perth reading room:  
National Archives of Australia Perth Office  
Public and Reader Services  
384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park

Tel (08) 9470 7500  
Fax (08) 9470 2787

Opening hours 9.00am to 4.30pm  
Monday to Friday, except public holidays

Or contact the National Reference Service:  
Tel 1300 886 881  
Fax 1300 886 882  
TTY (02) 6212 3689  
Email [ref@naa.gov.au](mailto:ref@naa.gov.au)  
Website <http://www.naa.gov.au>

PO Box 7425  
Canberra BC ACT 2610

# National Archives of Australia – Bringing Them Home Name Index

The National Archives of Australia's *Bringing Them Home* Name Index was created as part of the Commonwealth Government's response to Recommendation 22 of the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families.

Archives staff have indexed many of the major groups of records referring to Aboriginal people from the records relating to:

- Administration of the Northern Territory from 1911 to early 1970s
- Administration of Aboriginal affairs in Victoria from 1860 to about 1970

In addition, Aboriginal names in a small number of records more than 30 years old relating to general Commonwealth Government activities have been indexed.

**Location:** Australia-wide, but mainly about Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory and Victoria

**Type of service:** The index includes Northern Territory administration records including Aboriginal welfare records (1911 to early 1970s); Victorian Government Aboriginal affairs records (1860 to c1970); and Commonwealth Government Departmental records (1901 to early 1970s).

**Size of collection:** The index includes more than 330,000 name index entries and entries are being added

**Location of records:** National Archives of Australia

**Format of records:** Mainly files and photographs

**Information in the index:** Names of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Names of non-Indigenous people related to or associated with Indigenous people.

Names of missions, stations and institutions where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived.

The index itself does not contain the information about the people named — the index entries refer the researcher to the original file or photograph. The researcher then needs to request access to the original item (see next page).

## National Archives of Australia – *Bringing Them Home* Name Index (cont.)

### **Access:**

The index is searched by Archives staff on behalf of researchers. Most of the index entries refer to records held in the National Archives offices in Darwin, Melbourne and Canberra, with some entries referring to records held in Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney.

Researchers seeking access to enable them to link up with Aboriginal families and communities can request a search be made of the *Bringing Them Home* Name Index.

If relevant entries are identified then researchers can apply for access to the records referred to in the index entries under the Commonwealth *Archives Act 1983*. Sensitive information about personal affairs is withheld from general public access. However, if the information is about the individual requesting information or if the information is required to assist people separated by former government policies to link up with family and community, access may be given.

### **Contact:**

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Public and Reader Services  
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Or contact the National Reference Service:  
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TTY (02) 6212 3689  
Email [ref@naa.gov.au](mailto:ref@naa.gov.au)

PO Box 7425  
Canberra BC ACT 2610



# Native Welfare Index and Personal Client Files

This index was created from index cards from the Department of Native Welfare and previous departments dealing with Aboriginal affairs. These cards list surnames and given names of family members, often date of birth and the client file number. Most of these personal client files were transferred onto microfilm in the mid 1970s. These files have now been transferred from microfilm to CD and have been downloaded into the Family Information Research System (FIRS) database.

The following is an example of the type of information that may be found in the Native Welfare files:

- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Date of marriage
- Employment permits
- Employment records, ie wages
- Medical expense records

This index includes some of the following information:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Place of birth/locality
- File number
- Notes such as parent's name, spouse's name and children's names

**Years of operation:** 1921 to 1972

**Type of service:** Welfare

**Location of records:** Department for Community Development

**Access:** An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

**Contact:** Family Information Records Bureau  
Department for Community Development  
189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004  
  
Tel (08) 9222 2777  
Fax (08) 9222 2776  
Freecall 1800 000 277

# Native Welfare Administrative Records

Administrative records of various WA State Aborigines departments dating from 1886 to 1992. Records dating from 1909 are classed as 'restricted'. The files mainly contain administrative information but may include some personal information.

Type of records:

- Departmental
- Missions
- Stations
- Royal commissions
- Aboriginal Land Inquiry
- Reserves
- Staff personnel files
- Minister of Native Affairs

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| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Welfare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Approximately 18,000 records                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Paper and microfilm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department of Indigenous Affairs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Departmental administration information; Indigenous family names; personal information including dates of birth and deaths, mission lists, names of people in missions, movement of families, various royal commissions, pastoral station files and ongoing policies of Aboriginal Affairs departments |
| <b>Location:</b>               | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | By completion of application form and approval by DIA Assistant Director Information Management.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Department of Indigenous Affairs<br>Family History Unit<br>197 St Georges Terrace<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9235 8000<br>Fax (08) 9235 8125<br>Easy call line 1300 651 077                                                                                                                      |

## New Norcia – Benedictine

The Benedictine Community of New Norcia was originally founded as a monastery in 1846 and provided education and community care for Aboriginal people.

This index contains the names of Aboriginal people who resided at the Benedictine Community of New Norcia from the mid 1800s to the early 1970s.

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>               | New Norcia, 132 km north of Perth                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Benedictine                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | Mid 1800s to early 1970s                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Mission community                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | ID numbers<br>Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Date of death<br>Place of birth<br>Admittance date<br>Discharge date                                                                                  |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Via the Archives at New Norcia                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Archives<br>Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc<br>New Norcia WA 6509<br><br>Tel (08) 9654 8018<br>Fax (08) 9654 8097<br>Email <a href="mailto:archives@newnorcia.wa.edu.au">archives@newnorcia.wa.edu.au</a> |

**Note:** 740 names recorded by Bishop Salvado in 1858 and more than 2,000 names of New Norcia residents (1853 to 1914) are also listed in *The Aborigines of New Norcia 1845–1914* by Neville Green and Lois Tilbrook. See listing under 'West Australian Publications of Interest'.

## Norseman Mission

The Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Board Inc officially became part of the Churches of Christ in Australia in 1942. The Norseman Mission was officially established in 1943. It provided childcare until 1984. In 1987 the Mission property was handed over to the local Erragul Community.

This information forms part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries' index.

Thousands of photos and slides taken at the missions have been copied and identified where possible.

**Location:** Norseman approximately 850 km east of Perth

**Years of operation:** 1942 to 1987

**Type of service:** Family accommodation

**Location of records:** Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and the Department for Community Development

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Name of parents  
Dates of admission  
Reason for admission  
Notes

### **For photographs**

**contact:** Deslee Moyle  
Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries  
PO Box 1199  
Wangara WA 6947  
Tel (08) 9309 3922  
Fax (08) 9309 4101  
Email [cofcfab@msn.com.au](mailto:cofcfab@msn.com.au)

### **For personal record cards**

**contact:** Family Information Records Bureau  
Department for Community Development  
189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004  
Tel (08) 9222 2777  
Fax (08) 9222 2776  
Freecall 1800 000 277

# Personal History Cards and Files

In the period from 1920 to 1948, the Native Welfare Department or its predecessor departments compiled a collection of personal files with information about Aboriginal people and their families, which was often highly intrusive.

The personal history cards are extracts from the personal files and contain information relating to individuals and families, particularly those who had been sent to the Moore River Native Settlement.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Moore River Native Settlement, Mogumber — approximately 100 km north of Perth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1917 to 1965                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Welfare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | 5,500 cards and files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department of Indigenous Affairs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Name (alias)<br>Age<br>Date of birth<br>Sex<br>Caste<br>Marital status<br>Parentage<br>Health<br>Employment details<br>Location<br>Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Database 'In-Magic' gives access to the name and number of the card pertaining to individual Aboriginal people and their families<br><br>Microfiche — the entire collection of personal history cards<br><br>Paper — personal files<br><br>Excel spreadsheet — index to individual and family names corresponding to the personal history cards numbers and personal files |

## Personal History Cards and Files (cont.)

**Access:** An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

**Contact:** Department of Indigenous Affairs  
Family History Unit  
197 St Georges Terrace  
Perth WA 6000

Tel (08) 9235 8000  
Fax (08) 9235 8125  
Easy call line 1300 651 077

Note: Copies of this index are also held at the State Records Office of Western Australia.

# Pilbara Census Book

These handwritten books, originally from the Department of Native Welfare district offices, were given to the Family Information Records Bureau. The details have been transferred into an electronic format to form the Pilbara Census Book Index.

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>               | The Pilbara, 1,600 km north of Perth                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | Dates of birth range from the late 1800s to 1970s                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department for Community Development                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Parents' names<br>Family relationships<br>Religion<br>Location                                                                                               |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers. |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Family Information Records Bureau<br>Department for Community Development<br>189 Royal Street<br>East Perth WA 6004<br><br>Tel (08) 9222 2777<br>Fax (08) 9222 2776<br>Freecall 1800 000 277               |

## Police Records – State Records Office

The State Records Office holds archival records from the Western Australia Police Service local police stations in Western Australia. Indexes to these records are available in the Search Room of the State Records Office. Please note that many police station records either have not survived or are still held by the individual stations.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>               | Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1861 to present                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Microfilm and original paper files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Police records held include early Police Service records, general files, administration files, Circular Orders, photographs, occurrence books, correspondence / letterbooks, police reports, charge books, Police Court returns, duty books and police journals. Information contained in police records is wide and varied and can include information on rationing of Aboriginal people at local stations, gathering of witnesses for trials, records relating to Aboriginal trackers, as well as various criminal matters pursued by the police. |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Police records generally have a restricted access period of 50 years. Permission to access these records may need to be obtained from the Western Australia Police Service. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

Further information is also available in the Police Records Collection Guide on the website:

<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/police.html>



## Police Records – State Records Office (cont.)

**Contact:**

State Records Office of Western Australia  
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Perth Cultural Centre  
Perth WA 6000

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Fax (08) 9427 3368

Email [sro@sro.wa.gov.au](mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au)

Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm

Monday to Friday

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## Prison Records – State Records Office

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The State Records Office holds records from the Gaols Department, its successor agencies and other related agencies. General information on prisons and gaols (some of which dates back to 1830) from throughout the State can be located through the records of these departments. The SRO also holds collections of records that relate specifically to individual prisons — the largest collection being that of Fremantle Prison. Records are also held for Albany Prison, Coolgardie Gaol, Geraldton Prison, Perth Gaol and Rottneest Native Prison. Indexes to these collections are available in the Search Room of the State Records Office.

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| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Microfilm and original files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Photographs of prisoners are held for Fremantle Prison. Other examples of records held include indexes to prisoners, reports and occurrence books and Prison Registers. Registers of prison inmates may contain such information as name, nationality, place of birth, age, physical details, marital status, religion, trade and whether they can read and write. Particulars of conviction may also be shown including date, place, before whom, offence, sentence, and remarks. |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Various access restrictions may apply to prison records. For assistance with accessing restricted records please consult with the staff of the State Records Office. Further information is available in the Prison Records Collection Guide on the website:<br><a href="http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/prison.html">http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/prison.html</a>                                                                                                      |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | State Records Office of Western Australia<br>Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building<br>James Street West Entrance<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3360<br>Fax (08) 9427 3368<br>Email <a href="mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au">sro@sro.wa.gov.au</a><br><br>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm<br>Monday to Friday                                                                                                                                          |

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# Roelands Mission

Roelands Mission, originally known as Roelands Native Mission, was on land donated by Albany Bell. At any one time, it provided residential care for up to 60 children who lived there to attend school in the area. In 1975 the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Board bought the property and the name changed to Roelands Village. Childcare ceased at Roelands at the end of 1984. The property continues to be an integral part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries. This information forms part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries' index. There are also thousands of photos and slides taken at the missions which are currently being copied and identified where possible.

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|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>                               | 30 km north of Bunbury                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type of service:</b>                        | Residential and schooling                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>                     | Established in 1932                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Location of records:</b>                    | Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and<br>Department for Community Development                                                                                              |
| <b>Information in records:</b>                 | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Place of birth<br>Name of parents<br>Dates of admission<br>Reason for admission<br>Notes                                                       |
| <b>For photographs<br/>contact:</b>            | Deslee Moyle<br>Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries<br>PO Box 1199<br>Wangara WA 6947<br><br>Tel (08) 9309 3922<br>Fax (08) 9309 4101<br>Email cofcfab@msn.com.au            |
| <b>For personal records cards<br/>contact:</b> | Family Information Records Bureau<br>Department for Community Development<br>189 Royal Street<br>East Perth WA 6004<br><br>Tel (08) 9222 2777<br>Fax (08) 9222 2776<br>Freecall 1800 000 277 |

## Rossmoyne

Rossmoyne was operated by the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines) and used as a boarding residence for students from the Kimberley and other country regions of WA who attended secondary schools in the Perth metropolitan area. During its years of operation from 1959 to 1991, approximately 900 students were boarders.

**Location:** Rossmoyne, Perth Western Australia

**Church organisation:** Catholic Church — Pallottines

**Years of operation:** 1959 to 1991

**Type of service:** Student accommodation

**Location of records:** Pallottines Centre, Rossmoyne

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Alias  
Date of birth  
ID number

**Contact:** The Archivist  
Pallottines Centre  
50–60 Fifth Avenue  
Rossmoyne WA 6148

Tel (08) 9457 7096  
Fax (08) 9457 0532

# Royal Commissions and Committees of Inquiry – State Records Office

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The State Records Office holds records relating to a number of royal commissions and committees of inquiry that have been conducted in relation to Aboriginal people in Western Australia. These investigations have covered topics such as the treatment of Aboriginal people by the Canning Exploration Party (1908), the administration of the Aborigines Department (1904), and the condition and treatment of Aborigines (1934). Royal commission and committee of inquiry records can be located through the indexes held in the State Records Office Search Room.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Original files and microfilm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Royal commission and committee of inquiry records include reports of the commission. They may also include transcripts of evidence, tape recordings, exhibits and correspondence relating to the commission.                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Royal commissions and committees of inquiry are restricted for 30 years. Permission to access these records must be requested from the Department of Premier and Cabinet. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.                                                                               |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | State Records Office of Western Australia<br>Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building<br>James Street West Entrance<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3360<br>Fax (08) 9427 3368<br>Email <a href="mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au">sro@sro.wa.gov.au</a><br><br>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm<br>Monday to Friday |

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# Sister Kate's Home

## (also known as Children's Cottage Home)

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Sister Kate's in Queens Park was established for quarter-caste children in 1934. June Lefroy donated her five acre block of land to be used to build homes for underprivileged children. Most of the children were received from the Moore River Native Settlement. Sister Kate opened the home in 1934 and ran the home until she passed away in 1946. The legal change of name for the Children's Cottage Home to Sister Kate's Home took place in 1948 after her death as a memorial to her work. In 1977 the Uniting Church took over management of the home. In 1989 the name changed to Manguri.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Queens Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Uniting Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | 1934 to 1980s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Battye Library, Perth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Alias<br>Date of birth<br>Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Paper files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Receiving home                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Synod of Western Australia<br>UCA Archives Research Centre<br>1st Floor, 10 Pier Street<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9221 6911<br>Fax (08) 9221 6911<br>Email <a href="mailto:archiveswa@uniting.com.au">archiveswa@uniting.com.au</a><br><br>Opening hours 10.00am to 2.00pm<br>Monday and Friday          |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | J S Battye Library of West Australian History<br>State Library of Western Australia<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3111<br><br>Online PDF format document at<br><a href="http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/pdf/katitjinsep03.pdf">http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au/pdf/katitjinsep03.pdf</a> |

## South West Census Books

These books originated from the Department of Native Welfare district offices and were recently handed over to the Family Information Records Bureau. The information has been transferred into an electronic format to form the Index.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Location:</b>               | South of Perth to Albany                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Years of operation:</b>     | Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Typewritten registers and electronic index                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Department for Community Development                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Parents' names<br>Date of birth<br>Date of death<br>Religion<br>Marital status<br>Place of birth<br>File number                                                               |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers. |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Family Information Records Bureau<br>Department for Community Development<br>189 Royal Street<br>East Perth WA 6004<br><br>Tel (08) 9222 2777<br>Fax (08) 9222 2776<br>Freecall 1800 000 277               |

# State Records Office of Western Australia

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The State Records Office (SRO) of Western Australia is the government body responsible for identifying, storing and providing access to State and Local government records of historical importance.

In Western Australia, successive State Government agencies controlled the lives of Aboriginal people from 1905 until they were granted citizenship rights in the 1960s. The official records that document this control are of vital significance, particularly for those people who were removed from their families and resettled elsewhere in the State. Many of these records are now held at the State Records Office. The records generally have subject or locality based titles; ie they concern places where Aboriginal people lived such as missions, pastoral properties, town reserves and institutions (such as Moola Bulla and Moore River). However, very few of the records are personal or family files.

The records from the various departments that managed Aboriginal affairs are restricted from 1908 onwards. Permission must be obtained from the Department of Indigenous Affairs to access records that were created after 1908. Staff at the SRO can assist you in completing applications to access these records.

Other State Government records created by government schools, police stations, courts of law, prisons and various other agencies are also important sources of family history information for all people with Western Australian ancestry. Please refer to the additional State Records Office entries in this guide for further information on such government records.

The SRO has a number of finding aids and indexes that can provide short cuts to information contained in the archives. Staff can help you locate and use these indexes and researchers are welcome to ask for further assistance at the Search Room enquiry desk.

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| <b>Location:</b>            | Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type of service:</b>     | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>  | 14 shelf kilometres of records                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Format of records:</b>   | Records are held in original formats including files, cards, volumes, maps, plans, charts, computer printouts, film, microform, and photographs with copies of some available on microfilm and on computer discs |
| <b>Location of records:</b> | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                             |



## State Records Office of Western Australia (cont.)

**Information in records:** A wide and varied range of information is held in the State Records Office from State Government agencies that have been in existence since the colonisation of Western Australia

**Access:** Records held at the SRO must be viewed in the SRO Search Room. The Search Room is open from Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm. Staff are available at the enquiry desk during these hours to assist researchers with accessing records.

The State Records Office also has a website which gives further information about the services available to researchers:  
<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/>

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# **'Station Files Index' – Department of Indigenous Affairs – State Records Office**

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The Stations Index lists the records in the general file series of the Department of Indigenous Affairs and its predecessors that pertain to particular stations throughout the State (eg Clifton Downs, Minderoo, etc).

The index is made of two volumes. Volume 1 covers 1898 to 1925 and Volume 2 1951 to 1972. Both Volumes are arranged alphabetically by station name and list the file number, year, and accession number in which the file is located.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | State Archives Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | Volume 1 lists 418 files from 222 stations<br>Volume 2 lists 405 files from 348 stations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | State Records Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Station files held in the State Records Office may contain personal information relating to Aboriginal people                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) records are restricted from 1909 onwards. To view restricted files listed in the 'Station Files Index' clients will need to apply for access with DIA. For assistance with accessing restricted records please consult with the staff of the State Records Office.                                 |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | State Records Office of Western Australia<br>Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building<br>James Street West Entrance<br>Perth Cultural Centre<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9427 3360<br>Fax (08) 9427 3368<br>Email <a href="mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au">sro@sro.wa.gov.au</a><br><br>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm<br>Monday to Friday |

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# Station Index – Department for Community Development – Native Welfare Station Files

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The Department for Community Welfare was established in 1972 when the *Community Welfare Act* came into being, and through the amalgamation of the Child Welfare and the Native Welfare Departments. The Department has undergone several name changes since then and is now known as the Department for Community Development.

This index was created from details held on old Native Welfare files relating to the stations listed below. These details were gathered by officers who regularly visited the stations to check on the conditions and welfare of Aboriginal people living and working at these stations. These microfilm files have now been imaged onto CD and have been downloaded into the Family Information Research Systems (FIRS) database.

The following is an example of the type of information that may be contained in the Native Welfare station files:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Place of birth
- Parents' names
- Siblings names

**Location:** Kimberley, Goldfields, Murchison, Pilbara and Gascoyne regions

**Type of service:** Welfare

**Format of records:** Microfilm and electronic

**Location of records:** Department for Community Development

**Information in records:** Family information

**Access:** An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

**Contact:** Family Information Records Bureau  
Department for Community Development  
189 Royal Street  
East Perth WA 6004

Tel (08) 9222 2777  
Fax (08) 9222 2776  
Freecall 1800 000 277

# STATION LIST

## A

|                 |                      |                         |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Adelong Station | Albion Downs Station | Alice Downs Station     |
| Altona Station  | Ankatell Station     | Anna Plains Station     |
| Annean Station  | Arjorie Station      | Ashburton Downs Station |
| Atley Station   | Austin Downs Station | Avoca Downs Station     |

## B

|                         |                          |                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Badja Station           | Balfour Station          | Balladonia Station   |
| Bandya Station          | Banjawarne               | Barnong Station      |
| Barrambie Station       | Barwidgee Station        | Beebyn Station       |
| Berringarra Station     | Beverley Springs Station | Bidgemia Station     |
| Billabalong Station     | Billibura Station        | Billinooka Station   |
| Binthalya Station       | Black Flag Station       | Black Hill Station   |
| Blina Station           | Blue Hills Station       | Bonney Downs Station |
| Boodanoo Station        | Boodarrie Station        | Boogardie Station    |
| Boolarady Station       | Boolathana Station       | Boologooroe Station  |
| Booylgoo Spring Station | Bow River Station        | Braemore Station     |
| Brickhouse Station      | Bulardoo Station         | Bulga Downs Station  |
| Bullara Station         | Bulloo Station           | Bunawarra Station    |
| Bundarra Station        | Burnerbinmah Station     | Byro Station         |

## C

|                       |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Callagiddy Station    | Callatharra Station   | Callawa Station        |
| Calwynyardah Station  | Camballin Station     | Camelia Station        |
| Cane River Station    | Carbine Station       | Carbla Station         |
| Cardabia Station      | Carey Downs Station   | Carlaminda Station     |
| Carlindie Station     | Carnegie Station      | Cashmere Downs Station |
| Challa Station        | Cherrabun Station     | Chirita Station        |
| Clover Station        | Cobra Station         | Coburn Station         |
| Cocklebiddy Station   | Cogla Downs Station   | Coodardy Station       |
| Coolawanyah Station   | Coonana Downs Station | Coongan Station        |
| Cooralya Station      | Cooya Pooya Station   | Corunna Downs Station  |
| Cowarna Downs Station | Creedo Station        | Croydon Station        |
| Culculli Station      | Cunyu Station         | Curbur Station         |

## D

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dairy Creek Station   | Dalgaranga Station    | Dalgety Downs Station |
| Dampier Downs Station | Dandaraga Station     | De Grey Station       |
| Debessa Station       | Depot Springs Station | Diamond Wells Station |
| Dooley Downs Station  | Doolgunna Station     |                       |

## STATION LIST (cont.)

### E

|                   |                    |                      |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Edmund Station    | Eginbah Station    | El Questro Station   |
| Ellavalla Station | Ellendale Station  | Elvire Station       |
| Erliston Station  | Erong Station      | Errabiddy Station    |
| Eucla Station     | Eudamullah Station | Exmouth Gulf Station |

### F

|                       |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Fairfield Station     | Flora Valley Station  | Fossil Downs Station |
| Frazers Range Station | Frazier Downs Station |                      |

### G

|                       |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Gabyon Station        | Gibb River Station   | Gidgee Station       |
| Gifford Creek Station | Gindalbie Station    | Giralia Station      |
| Glen Florrie Station  | Glen Station         | Glenayle Station     |
| Glenburgh Station     | Glenorn Station      | Glenroy Station      |
| Gneraloo Station      | Gogo Station         | Goongardie Station   |
| Goordewandy Station   | Gordon Downs Station | Granite Peak Station |

### H

|                                      |                   |                      |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Hamelin Pool Station                 | Hamersley Station | Hampton Hill Station |
| Hill Station (now Waterbank Station) | Hillside Station  | Hillview Station     |
| Hooley Station                       | Hy Brazil Station |                      |

### I

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| Ida Valley Station | Indee Station     |
| Iona Station       | Innouendy Station |

### J

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| Jaudi Station       | Jeedamya Station   |
| Jimba Jimba Station | Jingemarra Station |
| Juno Downs Station  | Jubilee Station    |

### K

|                      |                   |                    |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kadji Kadji Station  | Kaluwiri Station  | Kalyeeda Station   |
| Kangan Station       | Kanowna Station   | Karara Station     |
| Karbar Station       | Karratha Station  | Karungie Station   |
| Kimberley Downs      | Kimbolton Station | Kirkalocka Station |
| Koodarrie Station    | Kookynie Station  | Kooline Station    |
| Koongie Park Station | Korong Station    |                    |

## STATION LIST (cont.)

### L

|                       |                     |                        |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Lake Mason Station    | Lake Violet Station | Lakeside Station       |
| Lakeway Station       | Lalla Rookh Station | Lamboos Station        |
| Lansdowne Station     | Laverton Downs      | Leinster Downs Station |
| Leopold Downs Station | Limestone Station   | Lissadell Station      |
| Lochada Station       | Lorna Glen Station  | Louisa Downs Station   |
| Luluigui Station      | Lyndon Station      | Lynton Station         |
| Lyons River Station   |                     |                        |

### M

|                        |                         |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mabel Downs Station    | Madoonga Station        | Madura Station          |
| Mallina Station        | Manberry Station        | Mandorah Station        |
| Manfred Station        | Mangaroon Station       | Manguel Creek Station   |
| Maranalgo Station      | Mardathuna Station      | Mardie Station          |
| Margaret Downs Station | Marilla Station         | Marillana Station       |
| Maroonah Station       | Marron Station          | Meadows Station         |
| Meda Station           | Meeberrie Station       | Meedo Station           |
| Meeline Station        | Meeragoolia Station     | Meka Station            |
| Melengatta Station     | Melita Station          | Mellenbye Station       |
| Melrose Station        | Menangino Station       | Meriola Station         |
| Mertondale Station     | Mia Mia Station         | Middalya Station        |
| Mileura Station        | Milgun Station          | Millbillillie Station   |
| Millrose Station       | Millstream Station      | Milly Milly Station     |
| Minara Station         | Minderoo Station        | Mingah Springs Station  |
| Minilya Station        | Minnie Creek Station    | Moogoorie Station       |
| Mooka Station          | Moola Bulla Station     | Mooloo Downs Station    |
| Mooloogool Station     | Moonera Station         | Morapoi Station         |
| Mornington Station     | Mowla Bluff Station     | Mt Amherst Station      |
| Mt Augustus Station    | Mt Barnett Station      | Mt Brockman Station     |
| Mt Burgess Station     | Mt Carnage Station      | Mt Clere Station        |
| Mt Crawford Station    | Mt Edgar Station        | Mt Elizabeth Station    |
| Mt Farmer Station      | Mt Florence Station     | Mt Gibson Station       |
| Mt Hart Station        | Mt House Station        | Mt Keith Station        |
| Mt Monger Station      | Mt Narrier Station      | Mt Padbury Station      |
| Mt Phillip Station     | Mt Remarkable Station   | Mt Sandiman Station     |
| Mt Stuart Station      | Mt Vernon Station       | Mt Veters Station       |
| Mt Weld Station        | Mt Wittenoom Station    | Muccan Station          |
| Muggon Station         | Mulga Downs Station     | Mulgul Station          |
| Mulyie Station         | Mundabullangana Station | Mundrabilla Station     |
| Muralgarra Station     | Murchison Downs Station | Murchison House Station |
| Myroodah Station       |                         |                         |

## STATION LIST (cont.)

### N

|                       |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Nallan Station        | Nambi Station         | Nanambinia Station       |
| Nanga Station         | Nanutarra Station     | Napier Downs             |
| Narloo Station        | Narndee Station       | Neds Creek Station       |
| Nerren Nerren Station | Nerrima Station       | New Springs Station      |
| Nicholson Station     | Ningaloo Station      | Ninghan Station          |
| Nookawarra Station    | Noondoonia Station    | Noongal Station          |
| Noonkanbah Station    | Noreena Downs Station | Norie (Hillside) Station |
| Nyang Station         |                       |                          |

### O

|                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Oobagooma Station | Ord River Station | Oudabunna Station |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

### P

|                       |                         |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Palm Springs Station  | Panta Downs Station     | Pardoo Station          |
| Paroo Station         | Peedamullah Station     | Pentecost Downs Station |
| Perkolili Station     | Peron Peninsula Station | Perrin Vale Station     |
| Pimbee Station        | Pindabunna Station      | Pinegrove Station       |
| Pinjin Station        | Pinnacles Station       | Polele Station          |
| Prairie Downs Station | Pullagaroo Station      | Pyramid Station         |

### Q

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|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Quanbun Downs Station | Quobba Station | Red Hill Station |
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### R

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|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Riverina Station       | Robertson Range Station | Rocklea Station     |
| Roebuck Plains Station | Roy Hill Station        | Ruby Plains Station |

### S

|                      |                      |                        |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Shaw River Station   | Sherlock Station     | Sherwood Station       |
| Silent Grove Station | Sophie Downs Station | Southern Hills Station |
| Spring Creek Station | Spring Park Station  | Springvale Station     |
| Strelley Station     | Sturt Creek Station  | Sturt Meadows Station  |
| Sylvania Station     |                      |                        |

## STATION LIST (cont.)

### T

|                      |                      |                     |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Tabba Tabba Station  | Tablelands Station   | Taincrow Station    |
| Tallering Station    | Tamala Station       | Tangadee Station    |
| Tardie Station       | Tarmoola Station     | Texas Downs Station |
| Thangoo Station      | The Range Station    | Theda Station       |
| Three Rivers Station | Thunderlarra Station | Towera Station      |
| Towrana Station      | Turee Station        | Turner Station      |
| Twin Peaks Station   |                      |                     |

### U

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Uaroo Station | Udialla Station | Ullawarra Station |
| Urala Station |                 |                   |

### W

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|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Wagga Wagga Station  | Wahroonga Station   | Walgun Station       |
| Wallal Downs Station | Wallareenya Station | Wandagee Station     |
| Wandarrie Station    | Wanna Station       | Warambie Station     |
| Warminda Hostel      | Warralong Station   | Warrawagine          |
| Warriedar Station    | Warroora Station    | Waterbank Station    |
| Weebo Station        | Weedarra Station    | Weelarrana Station   |
| White Cliffs Station | Wilbah Station      | Wildarra Station     |
| Williambury Station  | Winderie Station    | Windidda Station     |
| Windimurra Station   | Windsor Station     | Winning Pool Station |
| Wogarno Station      | Wondinong Station   | Wonganoo Station     |
| Woodbrook Station    | Woodlands Station   | Woodleigh Station    |
| Woogalong Station    | Wooleen Station     | Woolibar Station     |
| Wooramel Station     | Wydgee Station      | Wyloo Station        |
| Wynyangoo Station    |                     |                      |

### Y

|                       |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Yackabinda Station    | Yalbalgo Station     | Yalbra Station       |
| Yallalong Station     | Yalleen Station      | Yandal Station       |
| Yandil Station        | Yanrey Station       | Yardie Creek Station |
| Yaringa North Station | Yarlarweelor Station | Yarrabubba Station   |
| Yarraloola Station    | Yarraquin Station    | Yeeda Station        |
| Yeelirrie Station     | Yerilla Station      | Yerrie Station       |
| Yinki Station         | Yinnietharra Station | Youanmi Station      |
| Youinmery Station     | Young Downs Station  | Yoweragabbie Station |
| Yuin Station          | Yundagga Station     | Yundramindra Station |



# Tardun

The home at Tardun commenced operation in 1948 when disused RAAF buildings used in World War Two were purchased by the Catholic Church and transported from Moonyounooka (near Geraldton) to the mission. The facility is still operational today.

**Location:** Tardun, 200 km east of Geraldton Western Australia

**Church organisation:** Pallottines

**Type of service:** Residential care for students

**Years of operation:** 1948 to current

**Location of records:** Pallottines Centre, Rossmoyne

**Information in records:** Family name  
Given name  
Alias  
Date of birth

**Contact:** The Archivist  
Pallottines Centre  
50–60 Fifth Avenue  
Rossmoyne WA 6148

Tel (08) 9457 7906  
Fax (08) 9457 0532

# Tindale

The Board for Anthropological Research at the University of Adelaide was formed in 1926. A series of expeditions to study the Australian Aboriginal tribe's terrain, environmental controls, distribution, limits, and proper names was organised by the Board and was undertaken over a period of time. The expedition party included Norman and Dorothy Tindale, Joseph and Esther Birdsell (Associate Professor of Anthropology, UCLA) and Phillip Jud Epling (student, University of California).

During field trips to Western Australia, commencing 1935 through to 1939 and again in 1953, Tindale and his associates compiled a comprehensive collection of journals, genealogies and photographs, including maps and drawings relating to Aboriginal people.

These records are currently in the Museum of South Australia, however, the Department of Indigenous Affairs holds a complete copy of these records. This index contains information on Aboriginal people of Western Australia in the following categories:

- Family name
- Given name
- Parentage
- Date of birth
- Where they lived
- With whom they lived
- Employment
- Names of children and their date of birth
- Caste
- Photographs
- Skin

**Locations:**

2 Mile Camp, Albany, Anna Plains, Balgo Mission, Borden, Brooking Springs, Brooking Station, Broome, Christmas Creek, Collie, Derby, Derby Leprosarium, Fitzroy Crossing, Fitzroy Mission, Flora Valley, Forrest River, Gnowangerup, Go-Go Station, Gordon Downs, Halls Creek, Inverway Station, Jigalong, Kunmunya, La Grange, Leopold Downs, Liveringa Station, Mandora Station, Marble Bar, Meda Station, Meekatharra, Mogumber, Moola Boola Station, Moore River, Mt Barker, Mt Florence, Mt Margaret Mission, Mt Margaret Station, Narrogin, Noonkanbah, Pilangoora, Port Hedland Hospital, Quanban, Roebourne, Southern Cross, Sturt Creek, Thangoo Station, The Nullabor, Warburton Ranges, Warupuju, Wiluna, Wotjulum Mission, Yandeyarra, and Yeeda Station

**Years of operation:**

1926 to 1954

**Type of service:**

Anthropological research

## Tindale (cont.)

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| <b>Size of collection:</b>     | The information covers individuals and families of 120 tribal groups of Western Australia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | The Museum of South Australia and the Department of Indigenous Affairs, Perth. The Department for Community Development, Perth holds an index of Western Australian names in the Tindale collection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Genealogies including date recorded, family ancestors, sex, age, skin and language groups, and reference to photographs. Journals including tribal language and skin groups, totems, boundaries, landmarks, and reference to photographs. The journals form the core of Tindale's life work.<br>Photographs taken by Norman B. Tindale, Dorothy Tindale and Associates. All photographs are identified by Tindale and cross-referenced to the genealogies and journals. |
| <b>Format of records:</b>      | Database (copyright owned by South Australian Museum) — gives access to names of Aboriginal people throughout Australia<br><br>Microfiche — genealogies relevant only to Western Australian families<br><br>Hardcopy — journals contain information relating to Western Australian tribal groups<br><br>CD-Rom — photographs relating to the Aboriginal people of Western Australia                                                                                     |
| <b>Access:</b>                 | An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct-line family descendants only. There is no charge. Department of Indigenous Affairs Native Title Access Policy — restricted to Native Title representative bodies for purposes of Native Title litigation. The information is not available to external researchers.                                                                                              |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | Department of Indigenous Affairs<br>Family History Unit<br>197 St Georges Terrace<br>Perth WA 6000<br><br>Tel (08) 9235 8000<br>Fax (08) 9235 8125<br>Easy call line 1300 651 077                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

# Wyndham

This index of baptismal records was given to the Department for Community Development by Bishop Saunders of the Broome Diocese as part of the other Kimberley indexes.

Wyndham is located on the Cambridge Gulf. It lies at the end of the Great Northern Highway and the Durack Range of the arid Kimberley region. Wyndham was established as a port in 1885 to serve the Kimberley goldfields.

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| <b>Location:</b>               | Wyndham, 3,355 km northeast of Perth in the Kimberley region of Western Australia                                                    |
| <b>Church organisation:</b>    | Catholic Church — Pallottines                                                                                                        |
| <b>Type of service:</b>        | Baptismal information                                                                                                                |
| <b>Years of records:</b>       | Dates of birth range from late 1800s to 1990s                                                                                        |
| <b>Location of records:</b>    | Diocesan Office, Broome                                                                                                              |
| <b>Information in records:</b> | Family name<br>Given name<br>Date of birth<br>Home<br>Parentage<br>Date and place of baptism<br>Name of celebrant<br>Name of sponsor |
| <b>Contact:</b>                | The Archivist<br>Diocesan Office<br>PO Box 76<br>Broome WA 6725<br><br>Tel (08) 9192 1060<br>Fax (08) 9192 2136                      |

## **West Australian Publications of Interest**

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The following publications are held at the Batty Library and can also be requested through your local library.

### ***Far From Home***

***Aboriginal Prisoners of Rottnest Island 1838–1931***

***Dictionary of Western Australians Volume X***

**By Neville Green and Susan Moon**

Available from University of Western Australia (UWA) Bookshop

<http://www.coop-bookshop.com.au>

### ***'Mt Margaret: A Drop in a Bucket'***

**A history of the Aboriginal people of the WA Goldfields and**

**Mt Margaret Mission 1921 to 1953**

**By Margaret Morgan**

Currently out of print.

### ***'For their own good' Aborigines and Government in the South West of Western Australia 1900–1940***

**By Anna Haebich**

Available from University of Western Australia (UWA) Bookshop

<http://www.coop-bookshop.com.au>

### ***Sister Kate — A life dedicated to children in need of care***

**By Vera Whittington**

Available from University of Western Australia (UWA) Bookshop

<http://www.coop-bookshop.com.au>

### ***Aboriginal Names of the Murchison District c 1848–1890***

**By Neville Green and Susan Moon (typescript at Batty Library)**

### ***Aboriginal Names of the Pilbara c1870-1890, the Gascoyne c 1880-1890, the Kimberley c1880-1890***

**By Neville Green and Susan Moon (typescript at Batty Library)**

***Aboriginal names of the South West c1841–1890***

**By Neville Green and Susan Moon (typescript at Battye Library)**

***Aborigines of New Norcia 1845–1914***

**By Neville Green and Lois Tilbrook**

***Aborigines of the Albany Region, 1821–1898***

**By Neville Green**

***Aborigines of the South West; 1829–1840***

**By Sylvia Hallam and Lois Tilbrook**

***Nyungar Tradition — Glimpses of Aborigines of South-Western Australia 1829–1914***

**By Lois Tilbrook**

Currently out of print.





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