

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).

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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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Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the information was accurate at the time of printing.

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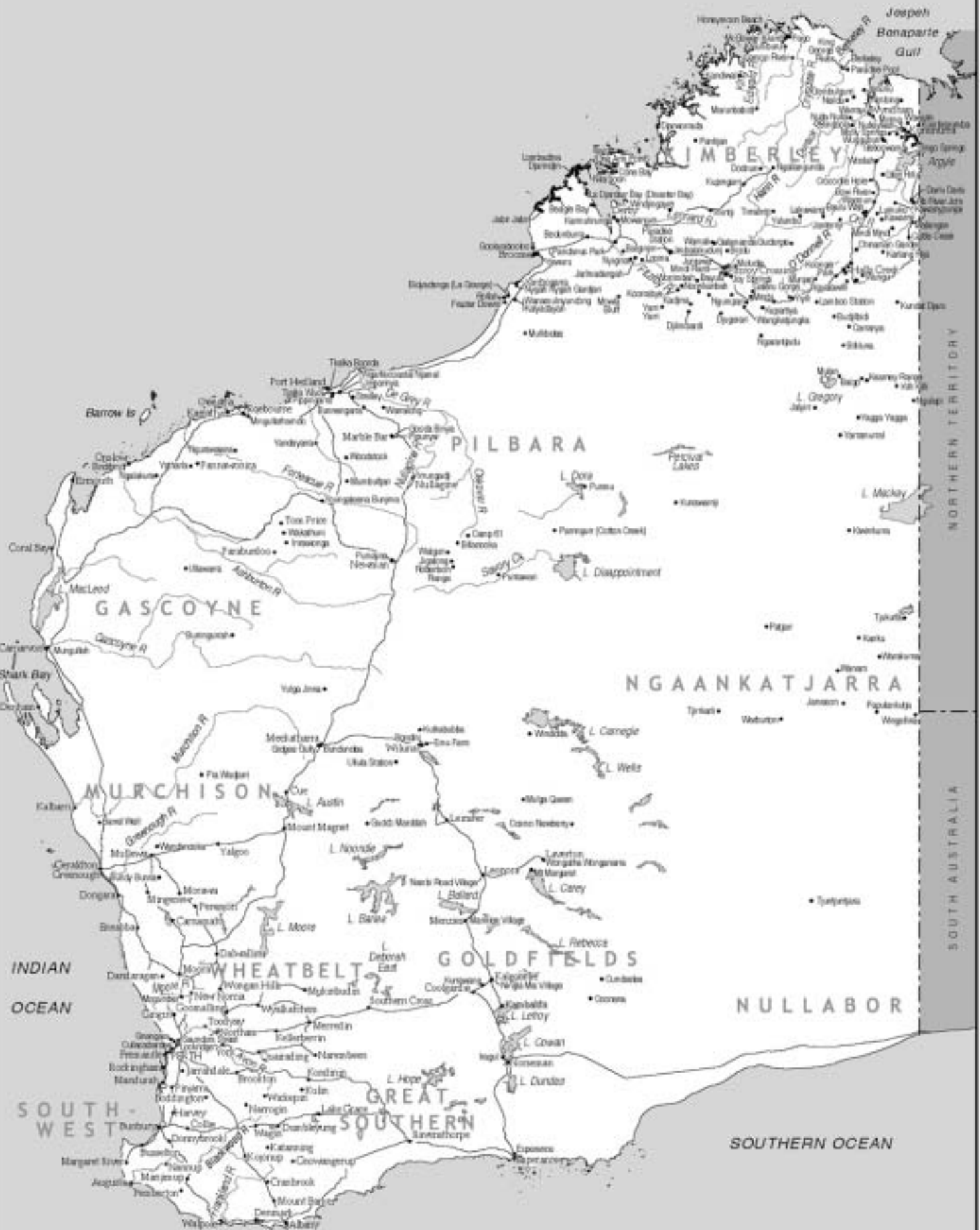
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Western Australia Aboriginal Communities



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.

Location:	Throughout Western Australia
Type of service:	State Government
Size of record collection:	.96 metres
Format of records:	Audio tapes
Information in records:	Information on land issues
Location of records:	State Records Office
Access:	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: 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
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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:

- Bamburra 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.

For photographs

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

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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.

Location:	Battye Library, Perth
Type of service:	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
Size of collection:	More than 1 million items
Format of records:	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
Location of records:	Battye Library, Perth
Information in records:	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
Access:	Online catalogue at http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au
Contact:	J S Battye Library of West Australian History State Library of Western Australia Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 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

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.

Location:	Battye Library, Perth
Type of service:	Western Australian archival collection. It collects and preserves material from all over Western Australia and the world — if it relates to Western Australia
Size of collection:	2,900 metres
Format of records:	Records are held as originals and some as copies on microfilm. Manuscript Notes (MNs) are available for most of these collections
Location of records:	Battye Library, Perth
Information in records:	All information about Western Australian individuals, families, organisations, businesses and cultural groups
Access:	Online catalogue at http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au
Contact:	Private Archives Collection J S Battye Library of West Australian History State Library of Western Australia Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9427 3111

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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.

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

Location:	Carnarvon, 904 km north of Perth
Years of operation:	1945 to 1984
Type of service:	Accommodation/schooling
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

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Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898-1908

Index and Records – State Records Office

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.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Almost 1,500 files, containing approximately 14,000 pages relating to the administrative functions of the Aborigines Department between 1898 and 1908
Format of records:	Microfilm Index — electronic and hardcopy
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	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.
Access:	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: http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/community/aboriginalhistory-index.html

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

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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

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.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	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.
Information in records:	Records from the Colonial Secretary's Department include inward and outward correspondence, minutes, reports, indexes, registers and some personal Aboriginal files.
Location of records:	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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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
Department for Community Development
189 Royal Street
East Perth WA 6004

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Community and Welfare Records – State Records Office

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.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Approximately 55 metres of records
Format of records:	Original files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	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
Access:	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.
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Court Records – State Records Office

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>

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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)

Location:	Western Australia
Years of operation:	Personal history files from 1920 to 1948 Tindale records from 1926 to 1954 Mission records and station files 1886 to 1970s
Type of service:	Indigenous information
Location of records:	Department of Indigenous Affairs
Access:	An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. No charge applies. DIA Native Title Access Policy — restricted to Native Title representative bodies for purposes of Native Title litigation. 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

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

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Education and School – State Records Office

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.

Years of operation:	1847 to present day
Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of record collection:	Approximately 315 metres of general files and records for 730 schools are indexed
Format of records:	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.
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	<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>(Note: access restrictions apply to punishment books).</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>

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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

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)

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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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.

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

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.

Location:	Western Australia
Years of operation:	1940s to 1960s
Type of service:	Welfare
Format of records:	Paper files and electronic index
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Place of residence Certificate number Date citizenship granted
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

Health Records – State Records Office

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.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	More than 110 metres of general files with records from more than 18 hospitals
Format of records:	Original files and microfilm
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	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
Access:	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 http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/hospital.html

Health Records – State Records Office (cont.)

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

Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm

Monday to Friday

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

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.

Location:	Jigalong, approximately 165 km east of Newman in the Eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia
Church organisation:	Apostolic Church
Years of operation:	1946 to 1969
Type of service:	Information relating to people who resided at the mission
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Name Surname Parentage Date of birth
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.
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Kalumburu Mission

(associated with New Norcia Mission)

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.

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

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.

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

Location:	Western Australian Museum
Type of service:	The Western Australian Museum's gallery of Aboriginal culture and history
Size of collection:	Artefacts from the State's collection, supported by photos from a variety of sources, including the Batty Library and Western Australian Museum
Location of records:	Hellenic Gallery
Format of records:	On public display (from August 2004)
Information in records:	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.
Access:	The Western Australian Museum is open daily 9.30am to 5.00pm Admission is free of charge
Contact:	Hellenic Gallery Western Australian Museum Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 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 Tel (08) 9222 2777 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.

Location:	Kimberley region in the northwest of Western Australia
Years of operation:	Dates of birth range from early 1900 to 1970s
Format of records:	Handwritten register book and electronic index
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Place of birth Parents' names Date of registration Registration number
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

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.

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

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.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	Microfilm and original files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	Relevant records include: 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.
Access:	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.
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 Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm 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.

Location:	Reserved land located throughout Western Australia
Type of service:	Department of Indigenous Affairs Land Branch
Format of records:	Paper and PDF download from the internet
Size of records:	Published report
Location of records:	Department of Indigenous Affairs and Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Information in records:	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.
Location of records:	Original records held by Department for Planning and Infrastructure Asset Management Services PO Box 1575 Midland 6936 Department of Indigenous Affairs Land Branch 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9235 8000 Fax (08) 9235 8088 Easy call line 1300 651 077 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
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
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'Mission Files Index' – State Records Office

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.)

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.)

Location:	Western Australia
Type of service:	Missions information
Size of collection:	The index includes references to approximately 1,050 files
Format of records:	Original files Index — paper
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	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
Access:	<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 Family History Unit 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Tel (08) 9235 8000 Fax (08) 9235 8125 Easy call line 1300 651 077</p>
Contact:	<p>State Records Office of Western Australia Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building James Street West Entrance Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Tel (08) 9427 3360 Fax (08) 9427 3368 Email sro@sro.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm 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.

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

National Archives of Australia Collection

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
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.

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Public and Reader Services
384 Berwick St
East Victoria Park
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Monday to Friday, except public holidays

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

Or contact the National Reference Service:
Tel 1300 886 881
Fax 1300 886 882
TTY (02) 6212 3689
Email 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

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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

Type of service:	Welfare
Size of collection:	Approximately 18,000 records
Format of records:	Paper and microfilm
Location of records:	Department of Indigenous Affairs
Information in records:	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
Location:	State Records Office
Access:	By completion of application form and approval by DIA Assistant Director Information Management.
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

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.

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

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

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.

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

Location:	The Pilbara, 1,600 km north of Perth
Years of operation:	Dates of birth range from the late 1800s to 1970s
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Parents' names Family relationships Religion Location
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

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.

Location:	Western Australia
Years of operation:	1861 to present
Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	Microfilm and original paper files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	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.
Access:	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
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

Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm

Monday to Friday

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

Prison Records – State Records Office

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 Rottne Native Prison. Indexes to these collections are available in the Search Room of the State Records Office.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	Microfilm and original files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	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.
Access:	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: http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/prison.html
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 Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm 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.

Location:	30 km north of Bunbury
Type of service:	Residential and schooling
Years of operation:	Established in 1932
Location of records:	Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and 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
For personal records 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

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

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.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	Original files and microfilm
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	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.
Access:	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.
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 Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

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Sister Kate's Home

(also known as Children's Cottage Home)

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.

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

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.

Location:	South of Perth to Albany
Years of operation:	Unknown
Format of records:	Typewritten registers and electronic index
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Family name Given name Parents' names Date of birth Date of death Religion Marital status Place of birth 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 Tel (08) 9222 2777 Fax (08) 9222 2776 Freecall 1800 000 277

State Records Office of Western Australia

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.

Location:	Western Australia
Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	14 shelf kilometres of records
Format of records:	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
Location of records:	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/>

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

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Email sro@sro.wa.gov.au

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

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.

Location:	Western Australia
Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Volume 1 lists 418 files from 222 stations Volume 2 lists 405 files from 348 stations
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	Station files held in the State Records Office may contain personal information relating to Aboriginal people
Access:	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.
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 Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

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Station Index – Department for Community Development – Native Welfare Station 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 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	Boodarie Station	Boogardie Station
Boolarly 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

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

Ida Valley Station	Indee Station
Iona Station	Innouendy Station

J

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
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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

Quanbun Downs Station	Quobba Station	Red Hill Station
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R

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

Uaroo Station	Udialla Station	Ullawarra Station
Urala Station		

W

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.)

Size of collection:	The information covers individuals and families of 120 tribal groups of Western Australia
Location of records:	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.
Information in records:	<p>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.</p> <p>Photographs taken by Norman B. Tindale, Dorothy Tindale and Associates. All photographs are identified by Tindale and cross-referenced to the genealogies and journals.</p>
Format of records:	<p>Database (copyright owned by South Australian Museum) — gives access to names of Aboriginal people throughout Australia</p> <p>Microfiche — genealogies relevant only to Western Australian families</p> <p>Hardcopy — journals contain information relating to Western Australian tribal groups</p> <p>CD-Rom — photographs relating to the Aboriginal people of Western Australia</p>
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. 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.
Contact:	<p>Department of Indigenous Affairs Family History Unit 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Tel (08) 9235 8000 Fax (08) 9235 8125 Easy call line 1300 651 077</p>

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.

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

West Australian Publications of Interest

The following publications are held at the Battye 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 Battye 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 Battye 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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