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# Foreword

The Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions (Forde Inquiry) highlighted the importance of providing former residents of institutions with information about their time in care. This information gives people a better sense of their identity, by adding to the story of their past and aspects of their family history.

The Queensland Department of Families is committed to providing former residents with information about themselves. *Missing Pieces* is one of the strategies in place to meet this commitment.

Many former residents have been frustrated in their search for information about their past. Sometimes they are not aware of what records exist or who to contact to get access to records.

This publication is designed to assist former residents by providing information about the records of institutions that have been located to this date. It was first published in 2001 and due to ongoing demand, was updated and reprinted in 2002.

Many of the institutions listed in this guide no longer exist, and, in many cases, the historical records are no longer available. Some information has simply been destroyed or lost over time. While there will always be some missing pieces, this guide attempts to provide a comprehensive listing of the records of departmental institutions and those operated by church and community groups.

The information in this guide has been produced with the assistance of church and community groups and I thank those non-government organisations that have helped in the search for records.

I am pleased to present the second edition of *Missing Pieces* to former residents of Queensland institutions and sincerely hope that it assists them in putting the pieces of their life story together.

Frank Peach  
Director-General

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# USING THE INFORMATION IN **Missing Pieces**

*Missing Pieces* is divided into two main sections

**1**

Information about records relating to institutions operated by the State Children Department (later known as the Children's Services Department and now known as the Department of Families)

and

**2**

Information about records relating to institutions operated by the non-government sector such as churches and community groups



## Departmental Institutions

The material about the institutions operated by the Department focusses on the four types of records that may exist for each institution:

- client files
- institution files relating to clients
- administrative records and
- the institution's operational registers.

For each of these types of record, there is a description of the record, access conditions, location of the records and who to contact to access the records.

The departmental institutions are listed in alphabetical order. For each institution, there is a brief historical summary and an indication of what types of records are available. Where operational registers exist, there is a description of the information that is generally available in the registers.

Former residents should be aware that many record sets are incomplete.



## Non-government Institutions

This section of the report also lists the institutions in alphabetical order. Extensive cross-references have been included to assist in locating the information. A brief historical summary is provided for each institution.

Church and community groups have provided information on what types of records, if any, they still hold on former residents. Where records exist, there is also an indication of the age range of the material and who to contact.

Please note: Department of Families may have information on former residents of non-government institutions. See the contact details on page 6.



# Departmental Institutions



## RECORDS OF DEPARTMENTAL INSTITUTIONS

The Department has a significant collection of records relating to former clients.

Prior to the 1960s there were only three offices of the State Children Department – Brisbane, Rockhampton and Townsville. Each of those centres also had a Receiving Depot, and there was a youth detention centre in Westbrook. All offices kept their own records, and because decision making was centralised in Brisbane, that office had files on all departmental clients.

Over the last 10 years, regional and area offices have sent their old files to Brisbane for storage. Among these have been records of departmental institutions. All these records have been registered and departmental staff can now search the central office database to determine what records, if any, the Department holds.

The Department has a comprehensive index card system with details on all children who were in care prior to January 1989. A computerised index system was introduced at that time. In many cases, the index card is the only record of a person's admission to care and placements while in care.

When examining institutional records, it is evident that gaps exist in all record series. Circumstances contributing to this situation include:

- strict secrecy provisions in the *Children's Services Act 1965* which prevented disclosure of information
- a culture that did not recognise the importance of these records to former residents, their families, and the community at large
- inconsistencies in record keeping practices from site to site and over time, and
- the destruction of files over the years through factors such as the 1974 Australia Day weekend floods in Brisbane, a fire at Birralea in Rockhampton and, regrettably, unauthorised destruction.

The nature of record keeping has also changed over the years. In the past, most files were created for administrative purposes and did not contain many personal details.

At the present time, the Department maintains over 240,000 files on current and past children in care. The Department has transferred some of the older files to Queensland State Archives. These client records are closed to the public. However, any files at the Archives that relate to individuals who were in care are retrieved from the Archives and provided to them when they apply for their information.

The Queensland State Archives recently advised Department of Families that the Department's client files are to be kept indefinitely.

Departmental information concerning children in care is recorded on four categories of files which date from approx 1910 to the present:

- client files
- institution files relating to clients
- administrative records and
- the institution's operational registers.

## **1** Client Files

**Description:**

Client files relate to children and young people up to the time they were discharged from State care. These children and young people were placed in a variety of situations - some were cared for at home, others in institutions, in foster care or other alternative care arrangements.

A significant number of these records were destroyed in the 1974 Australia Day weekend floods.

The information on the existing files varies, and generally includes reasons why the children and young people came into care (e.g. information about their and their family's circumstances) and placement details. Very few medical details are included in these files.



Until the early 1990s, information about all members of the same family was placed on the same 'family' file. This often means that documents contain personal information about more than one child, or about their parents or other family members.

After the early 1990s, individual files have been kept on each child in care. Where more than one child in a family is placed in care, there is a separate file on each child. However, if a document refers to more than one child, a copy of the document will be placed on each child's file.

To provide an overview of each child's orders and placements, index cards were made for each individual admitted to care from the early 1900s to January 1989, when computerised indexes were introduced. The index cards include a 'family' card as well as a separate card for each individual child of that family who was admitted to care.

The 'family' card includes the names and dates of birth of each child admitted to care and the dates they were admitted and discharged from care. The cards usually also include the parents' names, occupations and religion.

The individual card for each child lists the child's name and date of birth, and date of each 'movement' to an institution or other placement. The cards do not include detailed information about the placements.

**Location:**

Client files are managed by Department of Families in Brisbane. Some earlier files - mostly predating the 1940s - are stored at Queensland State Archives. These client records are closed to the public. However, any files at the Archives that relate to individuals who were in care are retrieved from the Archives and provided to them when they apply for their information.

**Access:**

Although the files are confidential and access is therefore restricted, Department of Families supports the rights of former residents to obtain information about themselves.

The Department is aware that former residents often want the records of their family members and/or other people. This information is often sensitive and personal in nature. To safeguard the rights of privacy, clients are unable to obtain information about other people, including other family members, without the authority of the person/people concerned.

This protects the right to privacy of all individuals, as personal information on other people will be given out only with their permission.

**Contact:**

Former residents wishing to access records relating to their time in care can contact the Administrative Release Team within the Freedom of Information Branch.

Ph: (07) 3224 2242 or freecall 1800 809 078

Fax: (07) 3224 7050

The Administrative Release Team can also be contacted by writing to GPO Box 806, Brisbane QLD 4001.

The staff of the Administrative Release Team will search for all existing departmental files that relate to persons requesting their information – not just the records of their time in institutional care.

They will contact applicants to let them know what records have been located, and give an indication of how long it will take to process the request.

Requests are dealt with in the order they are received.

There is no charge for copies of a person's own information.

# 2

## Institution Files



**Description:**

Some institutions also kept individual client files on children who were placed there.

The information on these files includes details of placement of the child in the institution and when they left, as well as the reason for placement. In some cases detailed information about the child and his/her family is on the file. This can include information about health and family background, as well as educational reports and correspondence. Copies of many documents on the institution file are often included on the Family or Individual file.

**Location:**

These files are generally kept at the institution until after the child is discharged from care, when the file is transferred to Department of Families in Brisbane.

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## Administrative Records



**Description:**

This series of files provides information about the administration of the institution including its financial and human resources, buildings and equipment. In a number of cases, documents naming some children at the institution are included on the file. These are generally lists of children attending a particular school, or requiring clothing or dental care. The information relating to individual children on these files is rarely of a particularly personal nature.

**Location:**

These files are managed by Department of Families in Brisbane.

**Access:**

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## Operational Registers



**Description:**

These institutional registers record the day to day operation of the institution and cover a variety of routine activities, as well as specific matters such as disciplinary action, medical treatment and incident reports in relation to residents in the institution. Details of the types of records for each institution can be found in the section on departmental institutions under the name of the institution. For a number of institutions, these types of records are missing. There may also be gaps in the existing records.

**Location:**

This material is managed by Department of Families in Brisbane. Some records are held at Queensland State Archives. These are closed and can be accessed only by the Department.

**Access:**

Although the operational registers are confidential and access is therefore restricted, Department of Families supports the rights of former residents to obtain information about themselves.

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## DETAILS OF DEPARTMENTAL INSTITUTIONS



### **BIRRALEE**, 124 Quarry Street, Rockhampton

- . Rockhampton Orphanage established 1870
- . Government assumed control following the passing of *The Orphanages Act* 1879
- . renamed Rockhampton Receiving Depot 1894
- . renamed Birralelee Children's Home December 1964
- . renamed Birralelee Receiving & Assessment Centre 1967/68
- . Birralelee Hostel (replacing old buildings) opened 23 November 1981
- . closed 30 November 1982

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✓
The operational registers in relation to this institution include admission registers and registers of contracts of hiring. There are significant gaps in the information that is available.	

### **CARRAMAR**, 42 Warburton Street, North Ward, Townsville

- . Townsville Orphanage established 1878
- . Government assumed control following the passing of *The Orphanages Act* 1879
- . renamed Townsville Receiving Depot 1934
- . renamed Carramar Children's Home December 1964
- . renamed Carramar Receiving & Assessment Centre 1967/68
- . changed to therapeutic intervention model - transitional arrangements until Therapeutic Adolescent Residential Assessment programs commenced (see pg18) 1995

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✓
The operational registers include admission registers, cash books for State children, visitors book and illness register. There are significant gaps in the information that is available.	

**CLEVELAND YOUTH DETENTION CENTRE**, Old Common Road, Belgian Gardens, Townsville

- . opened June 1980
- . renamed Cleveland Youth Detention Centre 1993/94
- . *currently operating*

Type of Record	Availability	
Client Files	✓	
Institution Files	✓	
Administrative Records	✓	
<b>Operational Registers</b>	✓	<b>Description</b>
Absconding, escape books		These books record the names of children who absconded, the date of absconding and the date of their return.
Admission books		These books contain the name and age of the child, date and time of admission, referral information, court and remand dates and signature of youth worker admitting the child.
Bed lists		These lists provide information on the number of children resident in the institution, their names, dates of birth and age, gender, whether they were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, area of residence, area office and case worker that had contact with them, admission date, which section they were in, any outstanding court matters, and discharge date.
Discharge books		These books record the name of the child, date of departure, destination and signature of a staff member.
Escorts books		These books record who went outside the institution under escort e.g. to court, when and where they went and who escorted them.
Incidents reports books		Information about incidents includes the name of the child involved, details of the incident including date, time and description of what happened, comments and details of action taken by staff.



Isolation registers	These registers record the name of the child who was placed in isolation, the reason for the isolation, commencement and conclusion of the isolation period, and names of staff who supervised and authorised the isolation.
Medical books	These books record the name of the child, the nature of the illness and treatment provided.
Observation books	At the end of each shift, staff would record information in these books about each child in a section including medical issues and medication, injuries or incidents and a brief description of their behaviour and activities during that shift.
Punishment books	These books list the names of children who were punished for bad behaviour, the nature of their behaviour, the nature and time frame of the punishment and the names of staff who administered and witnessed the punishment, as well as the medical officer's signature.
Searches books	On occasions, children were searched. This register records the name of the child, the type of search, reason for search, who carried out the search and who authorised the search.
Visitors books	These record the name and address of visitors and who they came to see and when.

DIAMANTINA see under WARILDA

**JOHN OXLEY YOUTH DETENTION CENTRE, Wacol Station Road, Wacol**

- . opened February 1987
- . renamed John Oxley Youth Detention Centre September 1993/94
- . closed March 2001

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✓

Administrative Records	✓	
<b>Operational Registers</b>	✓	<b>Description</b>
Absconding, escape books		These books record the names of children who absconded, the date of absconding and the date of their return.
Admission books		These books record the name and age of the child, date and time of admission, information about who referred the child, where the child was previously in custody, court information and the forms that accompanied the child.
Advice of movement forms		Whenever a child was moved to or from an institution, a form recorded the child's name, date of admission or departure as well as reason for the movement and who authorised the child's admission.
Activities books		These books record the name of the child and the type of activity that the child was involved in.
Bed lists		These lists provide information on the number of children resident in the institution, their names, dates of birth and age, gender, whether they were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, area of residence, area office and case worker that had contact with them, admission date, which section they were in, any outstanding court matters, and discharge date.
Court reports		These are copies of the Report on Court Proceedings form which records name and birth date of the child, the reason for and the outcome of the court appearance.
Discharge books		These books record the name of the child, date of departure, destination and signature of a staff member.
Discipline books		These books list the names of children who were punished for bad behaviour, the nature of their behaviour, the nature and time frame of the punishment and the name of the staff member who authorised the punishment.
Escorts books		These books record who went outside the institution under escort e.g. to court, when and where they went and who escorted them.



Medical report books	These books record the name of the child, the nature of the illness and treatment provided.
Medication treatment books	These books record admissions and discharges, the number of patients, their names, a brief report on each child and what medication was given.
Occurrence books	Information about incidents includes the name of the child involved, details of the incident including date, time and the type of incident.
Searches books	On occasions, children were searched. This register records the name of the child, the type of search, reason for search, who carried out the search and who authorised the search.
Trust account records	These comprise trust account cards, deposit and receipt books and trust account ledger.
Visitors books	These record the names and addresses of visitors and who they came to see and when.
Weekly returns	Each institution was required to let the Brisbane office know who had been admitted to or discharged from the institution during each week. The forms that record this information list the number of children in the institution at the beginning of the week, the names of children that came or left, and the total number of children at the end of the week.

**KARRALA HOUSE, Ipswich**

- . opened 18 February 1963
- . second unit opened December 1968
- . closed (followed by opening of Remand & Assessment Centre for Girls at Wilson Youth Hospital) October 1971

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✗

### **KELVIN GROVE TRANSITION HOSTEL**

- . opened July 1973
- . closed 1976/77

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✗

ROCKHAMPTON ORPHANAGE and RECEIVING DEPOT see under BIRRALEE

SIR LESLIE WILSON YOUTH DETENTION CENTRE see under WILSON

### **STANTON LODGE, Townsville**

- . opened 10 May 1984
- . ceased operations 30 June 1985

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✗

### **TARA (Therapeutic Adolescent Residential Assessment) Unit**

- . established at Carramar site 1995
- . closed 11 May 2001

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✗



**TARINGA TRANSITION HOSTEL, Swann Road**

- . opened 1973
- . closed 1985/86

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✗

**THE OUTLOOK, Boonah**

- . officially opened 28 June 1976
- . ceased to operate as a residential facility July 1979
- . *currently operating as a Community Resource Centre*

Type of Record	Availability
Client Files	✓
Institution Files	✗
Administrative Records	✓
Operational Registers	✗

TOWNSVILLE ORPHANAGE see CARRAMAR

**WARILDA, 84 Kedron Park Road, Wooloowin**

- . Diamantina Orphanage established at Roma Street, Brisbane 1865
- . Government assumed control following the passing of *The Orphanages Act* 1879
- . moved to South Brisbane 1883
- . moved to Sandgate March 1893
- . moved to 84 Kedron Park Road, Wooloowin January 1910
- . renamed Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infants' Home 1910
- . renamed Diamantina Receiving Home 1962
- . renamed Warilda Children's Home & Warilda Infants' Home December 1964
- . renamed Warilda Receiving & Assessment Centre 1967/68
- . closed January 1989

Type of Record	Availability	
Client Files	✓	
Institution Files	✓	
Administrative Records	✓	
<b>Operational Registers</b>	✓	<b>Description</b>
Admission books		These books record the name and age of the child, date and time of admission, information about who referred the child, where the child was previously in custody, court information and the forms that accompanied the child.
Confinement/isolation/seclusion books		The name of the child who was placed in isolation, the reason for the isolation, commencement and conclusion of the isolation period, and names of staff who supervised and authorised the isolation are recorded.
Discharge books		These books record the name of the child, date of departure, destination and signature of a staff member.
Doctor/specialists books		These books record the names of the child and the doctor, and provide information on the type of injury/illness and treatment.
Immunisation books	1960 – 1964	
Medical report books		These books record the name of the child, the nature of the illness and treatment provided.
Medication treatment books		These books record admissions and discharges, the number of patients, their names, a brief report on the child and what medication was given.
Outfitting/clothing books		These books record the name of the child, the date and the items of clothing that were provided and whether they were returned.
Seclusion books		When children were placed in seclusion, staff for each shift would report on the child. The reports include the name of the child, the room they were in, reason for seclusion. Each report was signed and witnessed.



Section report books	At the end of each shift, staff would record information in these books about each child in a section including medical issues and medication, and a brief description of their behaviour and activities during that shift.
Treatment / injuries books	The name of the child, date and details of injury are recorded in these books.

## WESTBROOK

- . Reformatory School for Boys relocated from Lytton to Westbrook 5 May 1900
- . transferred to State Children Department following the passing of *The State Children Act* 31 December 1911
- . renamed Farm Home for Boys, Westbrook 30 October 1919
- . renamed Westbrook Training Centre 26 May 1966
- . renamed Westbrook Youth Centre 1987
- . renamed Westbrook Youth Detention Centre 1993/94
- . closed 30 June 1994

Type of Record	Availability	
Client Files	✓	
Institution Files	✓	
Administrative Records	✓	
<b>Operational Registers</b>	✓	<b>Description</b>
Absconding , escape books	The names of children who absconded, the date of absconding and the date of their return are recorded in these books.	
Appointment books	These list who had medical appointments, when and name of the hospital/doctor.	
Accident and injuries books	These books record the name of the child, the date and details of the injury/accident.	
Admission books	These books record the name and age of the child, date and time of admission, information about who referred the child, where the child was previously in custody, court information and the forms that accompanied the child.	

Discharge books	These books record the name of the child, date of departure, destination and signature of a staff member.
Doctor/specialists books	These books record the names of the child and the doctor, and provide information on the type of injury/illness and treatment.
Handcuffs registers	These registers record the name of each child who was escorted from the institution while wearing handcuffs. The date, time, name of escort as well as the time when the handcuffs were removed are also recorded. Each entry was required to be signed by a staff member.
Log books	These books provide a summary of what happened on each shift including the name of staff on duty, names of children and their movements, injuries or incidents.
Incidents reports books	Information about incidents includes the name of the child involved, details of the incident including date, time and description of what happened, comments and details of action taken by staff.
Isolation books	The name of the child who was placed in isolation, the reason for the isolation, commencement and conclusion of the isolation period, and names of staff who supervised and authorised the isolation are recorded.
Medical report books	These books record the name of the child, the nature of the illness and treatment provided.
Punishment books	These books list the names of children who were punished for bad behaviour, the nature of their behaviour, the nature and time frame of the punishment and the names of staff who administered and witnessed the punishment, as well as the medical officer's signature.
Remand books	These books name the children who were remanded in custody pending a court appearance, and provide a daily report on each child including medical condition and behaviour. Also recorded were the names of children who were admitted and discharged.



Visitors books	These record the names and addresses of visitors and who they came to see and when.
Escorts books	These books record who went outside the institution under escort e.g. to court, when and where they went and who escorted them.

### **WILSON, Tenth Avenue, Windsor**

- . Wilson Youth Hospital opened (administered by Youth Welfare & Guidance Division of Health Dept) July 1961
- . administration transferred to Dept of Children's Services 1 January 1966
- . full responsibility assumed by Dept of Children's Services 1 June 1983
- . renamed Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre 1983
- . function changed to a Remand Centre with opening of John Oxley February 1987
- . renamed Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Detention Centre 1993/94
- . closed 7 February 2001

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Client Files	✓	
Institution Files	✓	
Administrative Records	✓	
<b>Operational Registers</b>	✓	<b>Description</b>
Absconding, escape books		The names of children who absconded, the date of absconding and the date of return are recorded in this register.
Appointment books		These list the names of children who had medical appointments, the time and name of the hospital/doctor.
Accident and injuries books		The name of the child, date and details of accident or injury are recorded in these books.
Admission books		These books record the name and age of the child, date and time of admission, information about who referred the child, where the child was previously in custody, court information and the forms that accompanied the child.

Advice of movement forms	Whenever a child was moved to or from an institution, a form was completed, recording the child's name, date of admission or departure as well as reason for the movement and who authorised the child's admission.
Address books	These record the addresses of a child's parents, friends and relatives.
Activities books	These books record the name of the child and the type of activity that the child was involved in.
Bed lists	These lists provide information on the number of children resident in the institution, their names, dates of birth and age, gender, whether they were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, area of residence, area office and case worker that had contact with them, admission date, which section they were in, any outstanding court matters, and discharge date.
Bench and summons books	These are copies of the Report on Court Proceedings form which records name and birth date of the child, the reason and the outcome of the court appearance.
Clothing/clothes books	These books record the name of the child, the date and the items of clothing that were provided and whether they were returned.
Clinic reports	This book records the name of the child and the doctor, and the treatment/medicine provided.
Discharge books	These books record the name of the child, date of departure, destination and signature of a staff member.
Discipline books	These books list the names of children who were punished for bad behaviour, the nature of their behaviour, the nature and time frame of the punishment and the name of the staff member who authorised the punishment.
Doctor/specialists books	These books record the names of the child and doctor, and provide information on the type of injury/illness and treatment.
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Incidents reports books	Information about incidents includes the name of the child involved, details of the incident including date, time and description of what happened, comments and details of action taken by staff.
Isolation books	The name of the child who was placed in isolation, the reason for the isolation, commencement and conclusion of the isolation period, and names of staff who supervised and authorised the isolation are recorded.
Log books	These books provide a summary of what happened on each shift including the name of staff on duty, names of children and their movements, injuries or incidents.
Leave books	The name of the child and reason for leave are recorded in this register.
Medical report books	These books record the name of the child, the nature of the illness and treatment provided, medication that was prescribed for the child, and when the medication commenced and ceased.
Medication treatment books	These books record admissions and discharges, the number of patients, their names, a brief report on the child and what medication was given.
Non swimmers books	This book has the names of children who did not go swimming and the reason for not swimming.
Observation books	At the end of each shift, staff would record information in these books about each child in a section including medical issues and medication, and a brief description of their behaviour and activities during that shift.
Occurrence books	Information about incidents includes the name of the child involved, details of the incident including date, time and the type of incident.
Orderlies books	For each shift, a report on each child giving information about their behaviour etc. was recorded.
Outfitting books	These books record the name of the child, the date and the items of clothing that were provided and whether they were returned.

Privilege books	These books record the name of a child, and the date and nature of privileges that were given.
Punishment books	These books list the names of children who were punished for bad behaviour, the nature of their behaviour, the nature and time frame of the punishment and the names of staff who administered and witnessed the punishment, as well as the medical officer's signature.
Remand books	This book names the children who were remanded in custody pending a court appearance, and provides a daily report on each child including medical condition and behaviour. Also recorded were the names of children who were admitted and discharged.
Review Books - Serious Offenders Review Panel	The Serious Offenders Review Panel reviewed progress of institution residents who had been found guilty in court of a serious offence. For each young person, there was an initial review, a full case review, progress reviews and a final review.
Rooms 13 and 14 misbehaviour rooms	These 'time out' rooms were used as punishment for misbehaviour. This book records the name of the child, remarks about their misbehaviour, when they went in and came out, and a signature of a staff member.
School roll books	These books record the number of children attending the school at the institution each day. No children's names are recorded.
Searches books	On occasions, children were searched. This register records the name of the child, the type of search, reason for search, who carried out the search and who authorised the search.
Seclusion books	When children were placed in seclusion, staff would report on the child for each shift. The reports include the name of the child, the room they were in, reason for seclusion. Each report was signed and witnessed, and was also signed by a doctor.
Section report/ Sisters report books	At the end of each shift, staff would record information in these books about each child in a section including medical issues and medication, and a brief description of their behaviour and activities during that shift.
Self injuries	This provides a record of self injuries inflicted by residents.



Tantrum books	These books list the names of children who were punished for misbehaviour, the nature of their behaviour, the nature and time frame of the punishment and the name of the staff members who administered and witnessed the punishment.
Time out books	Young people were placed in 'time out' situations when they had misbehaved. These books record the name of the child and the time in and out, and a signature of a staff member.
Treatment/injuries books	The name of the child, date and details of injury are recorded in these books.
Visitors books	These record the name and address of visitors and who they came to see and when.
Weekly returns	Each institution was required to let the Brisbane office know who had been admitted to or discharged from the institution during each week. The forms that record this information list the number of children in the institution at the beginning of the week, the names of children that came or left, and the total number of children at the end of the week.
Youth workers, training workers logs, books	These log books record the name of the child and the date and time of the activity/event.

# Non-Government Institutions

## RECORDS OF NON-GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

When examining the records kept by the institutions run by the non-government sector, it is important to remember that there were very few legislative requirements or guidelines for the types of records that should be kept. Legislation required all institutions to keep an admission register and punishment books. But there was no requirement that they be kept indefinitely.

It is not possible to say what records were routinely maintained by institutions or what variations there were in record keeping practices between different institutions. However, it is known that not many records have survived.

The Department has been advised by non-government service providers that few records have been systematically retained. The majority of records that do exist are summary records such as admission registers. Where client files do exist, they relate to more recent residents. For many institutions, there are no client records at all.

There has never been any legislative requirement for the non-government sector to keep records indefinitely. In many cases, once a certain period of time had elapsed following a child's stay in the institution, their records were destroyed. Regrettably, it is very evident that not many records have been kept.

The non-government institutions are listed below in alphabetical order. An index at the end of this guide indicates the institutions operated by each church or community group.

## DETAILS OF NON-GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

### **ALBION LODGE**, Bridge Street, Albion

Operated by the De La Salle Brothers (in conjunction with BoysTown)

- officially opened 22 July 1965
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 7 August 1965
- first boys moved in 24 August 1965
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- closed (boys transferred to Tarragindi Lodge) 28 November 1974

The following information about records of BoysTown is reprinted from *A Piece of the Story, a National Directory of Records of Catholic Organisations Caring for Children Separated from Families*, published in 1999:

- Records:** A register of all boys has been maintained and these include basic personal details. Most recent records are more extensive and include copies of education certificates and other information.
- Access:** Information is available to the person to whom it relates. It is requested that applications be made in writing. Due to the need to protect the privacy of all living persons mentioned in the records, physical access is not permitted.
- Contact:** The Director  
BoysTown  
PO Box 4  
Beaudesert QLD 4284  
Ph: (07) 5541 1511  
Fax: (07) 5541 3015



Alexander Cottage, Manly *see under Silky Oaks*

**ALEXANDRA COTTAGE Family Group Home**, 50 Lorward Street, Bardon

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened September 1960
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 27 October 1960
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed as a Family Group Home 1993

The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

**ALKIRA Salvation Army Home for Boys**, Indooroopilly

also known as Industrial School for Boys, Indooroopilly

Operated by the Salvation Army

- Industrial School for Boys officially opened 20 November 1922
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 27 November 1922
- ceased as Industrial School 1946/47
- renamed Boys' Home, Indooroopilly 1946/47
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- renamed Coinda Salvation Army Home for Boys 1968/69
- renamed Alkira Salvation Army Home for Boys  
(hostel aspect & sheltered workshop function transferred  
to Salvation Army Training Farm at Riverview) September 1969
- funding ceased 1982/83

All surviving records in relation to Salvation Army homes are now located in Sydney. This material is not indexed, so it is not yet possible to say whether records relating to this institution still exist.

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Anyone interested in obtaining information should write to:

The Social Program Secretary  
Salvation Army  
PO Box A435  
Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277 1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)

### **ANGLICAN CHILDREN'S HOME, Gympie**

Operated by Tufnell Residential and Community Care (TRACC)

- opened and licensed 13 February 1983
- *currently licensed*

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following records exist in relation to TRACC:

<b>Type of record</b>	<b>Years</b>
List of children in care	1993
Case records	1990s
Advice of movement of children in care	1996 – 1997
Diaries	1990s
Correspondence	1994 – 1996

Persons seeking information from these records should write to

The General Manager  
Anglican Registry  
Brisbane Diocese  
GPO Box 421  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Ark Transition Hostel, Windsor *see under The Ark*



Ascot Family Group Home *see under St Vincent's*

Ashgrove *see under Granada Hostel*

Aspley Family Group Home, Jethro Street *see under Treacher*

Aspley Family Group Homes, Robinson Road *see under Nicklin and Harrison Cottages*

## **AURALA**

Operated by Save the Children Fund Queensland

- opened at 18 Bunker Road, Victoria Point  
(following closure of Ben White House) 6 January 1992
- moved to 141 Wellington Street, Ormiston 23 March 1993
- moved to 5 Colette Street, Wakerley December 1993
- moved to 30 George St, Ormiston 24 August 1994
- moved to 4 Cooina St, Wellington Point 28 May 1998
- moved to Birkdale 28 September 1998
- *currently licensed*

Save the Children Fund Queensland has advised that records exist in relation to residents of Birkdale only (i.e. since September 1998). For information about these records contact:

Save the Children Fund Queensland  
GPO Box 2090  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Avila Family Group Home, Wavell Heights *see under St Vincent's*

Ayr Family Group Home *see under Glen Loeman*

Back House *see under Bethel Home*

Balmoral Cottage, Hawthorne *see under Silky Oaks*

Bardon Family Group Homes *see under Alexandra, Kingsbury or Robgill*

Bay Cottage, Manly *see under Silky Oaks*

Beaudesert Family Group Home *see under Illoura*

## **BEEMAR YUMBA** Maud Phillips Memorial Children's Shelter, Cherbourg

Operated by Beemar Yumba

- licensed 1985/86
- *currently licensed*

Beemar Yumba have records from the time the shelter opened. These include occupancy reports (which include names of children) and information forms completed by parents at the time children went to the home. Anyone seeking their own information should contact:

The Coordinator  
Beemar Yumba Maud Phillips Memorial Children's Shelter  
PO Box 177  
Murgon QLD 4605  
Ph: (07) 4168 2921

## **BEN WHITE HOUSE**

Operated by Save the Children Fund Queensland

- licensed at 144 Middle Street, Cleveland 19 February 1980
- moved to 8 Biggs Street, East Brisbane October 1980
- moved to 112 Belgrave Street, Morningside early 1985
- became a specialist residential care program December 1985
- at 458 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne April 1991
- closed May 1991

Save the Children Fund Queensland has advised that the following records exist in relation to former residents:

<b>Type of record</b>	<b>Years</b>
Register of children	1985 – 1987
Placement forms	1985-1987
Resident Meeting Minutes	20 Jan 1991 – 21 Apr 1991
Day Books	Jan 1987 – Dec 1987 June 1988 – Dec 1988 Jan 1989 – April 1989 June 1989 – October 1989 Jan 1990 –Jan 1991 April 1991 – May 1991
Some client related files	



For information about these records contact:

Save the Children Fund Queensland  
GPO Box 2090  
Brisbane QLD 4001

### **BETHEL HOME, Dalby**

Operated by the Association of Bethel Home

- established 1952
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 15 March 1954
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 25 June 1964
- functioned as a boarding facility for children from country areas attending school or sheltered workshop facilities in Dalby from 1982 (individual cottages known as Back House, Morris Cottage, Bethesda and Westaway House)
- closed May 1982

The Secretary of the Bethel Home Committee has advised that they have not been able to locate any client records.

Bethesda, Dalby *see under Bethel Home*

Bethesda, Rockhampton *see under Salvation Army Home, Talford Street*

### **BETHESDA Family Group Home, 12 Kirkwood Avenue, Mt Isa**

Operated by the Bethesda Children's Centre Committee

- licensed 14 March 1980
- funding ceased 1981/82
- reopened 1982/83
- closed 1992

Type of record	Years
Admission and discharge sheets	n/a
Weekly reports	n/a
Some miscellaneous records but no client files	n/a



For information about these records, contact:

Mr Leon House  
PO Box 566  
Mt Isa QLD 4825

### **BEULAH HOME, 18 Ruthven Street, Corinda**

Operated by the United Protestant Association of Queensland (Incorporated)

- opened
- licensed as a foster home
- licensed as an institution 4 June 1971
- licence cancelled 7 September 1974

No records in relation to this institution have been located.

### **BINDARI LODGE, Kangaroo Point / Tarragindi**

Operated by the Baptist Church

- opened at Kangaroo Point 1971
- licensed 6 January 1975
- relocated to 112 Prior Street, Tarragindi
- changed from hostel to shared house model  
(and no longer a licensed residential facility) 1995

Queensland Baptist Community Service has advised that a search of the archives of The Baptist Union of Queensland has failed to find any client records of children who were residents of this institution.

### **W.R. BLACK HOME, 7 Laurel Avenue, Chelmer**

Operated by the Presbyterian Church

- officially opened 1928
- licensed as a private institution under *The State Children Act* 21 March 1929
- approval for children in State care to be admitted July 1938
- State children first admitted 24 September 1938
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 27 September 1938
- children of both sexes admitted following closure of Blackheath May 1963
- closed (some children transferred to Family Group Home Jethro St Aspley) 31 July 1965
- opened as Chelmer Children's Home as a special care centre for babies and toddlers & a family group wing 29 November 1969



- converted to three Family Group Home Units 19 January 1970
- converted to a centre for children with disabilities 1971

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland has advised that they do not have any records relating to WR Black. Some old records relating to this institution are held in the Fryer Library at the University of Queensland. The Church is attempting to borrow these records so that they can be copied and the information made available to former residents. The Fryer Library holds the following:

Type of record	Years
Applications for Admission	1924 to 1936 and 1948 to 1949
Register	1937(?) to 1949

Some Presbyterian Church of Queensland records are in the John Oxley Library at the State Library in Brisbane.

While not specifically relevant to WR Black, the Church does hold some records in relation to Presbyterian Homes. These are:

Type of record	Years
Minutes of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Children's Homes. (The Women's Auxiliary raised funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the homes.)	October 1922 to March 1933; March 1933 to September 1941
Minutes of the Committee on Orphan Homes	July 1924 to October 1932
Minutes of the Family Welfare and Child Welfare Committee. (The minutes make reference to the Reports of the Matrons of the various homes. These reports would have been filed with the other correspondence received by the committee, but the correspondence files no longer exist.)	June 1963 to May 1977

For information about these records, contact:

The Archivist  
 Presbyterian Church of Queensland  
 PO Box 1508  
 Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

## BLACKHEATH HOME, Oxley

Operated by the Presbyterian Church

- opened 1926/27
- licensed as a private institution under *The State Children Act* 5 April 1927
- State children first admitted 24 September 1938
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 27 September 1938
- closed 9 May 1963

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland has advised that they do not have any records relating to Blackheath. Some old records relating to this institution are held in the Fryer Library at the University of Queensland. The Church is attempting to borrow these records so that they can be copied and the information made available to former residents.

The Fryer Library holds the following:

Type of record	Years
Register	1924 to 1950

Some Presbyterian Church of Queensland records are in the John Oxley Library at the State Library in Brisbane.

While not specifically relevant to Blackheath, the Church does hold some records in relation to Presbyterian Homes. These are:

Type of record	Years
Minutes of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Children's Homes. (The Women's Auxiliary raised funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the homes.)	October 1922 to September 1941
Minutes of the Committee on Orphan Homes	July 1924 to October 1932
Minutes of the Family Welfare and Child Welfare Committee. (The minutes make reference to the Reports of the Matrons of the various homes. These reports would have been filed with the other correspondence received by the committee, but the correspondence files no longer exist.)	June 1963 to May 1977



For information about these records, contact

The Archivist  
Presbyterian Church of Queensland  
PO Box 1508  
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

### **BOYSTOWN, Telemon Road, Beaudesert**

Operated by the De La Salle Brothers

- opened and licensed under *The State Children Act* 27 May 1961
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- licensed as Registered Premises 18 August 1966
- closed 3 December 2001

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BoysTown  
PO Box 4  
Beaudesert QLD 4284  
Ph: (07) 5541 1511  
Fax: (07) 5541 3015

BoysTown Lodge *see under Logan Reserve Lodge*

Brackenridge *see under St Vincent's*

Brassall Family Group Home *see under Marsden*

Brighton Family Group Home *see under Rowellyn*

Brookfield *see under The Friary*

Bundaberg Family Group Home, Payne Street *see under John Thompson House*

Bundaberg Family Group Home, Avoca Street *see under Peirson Memorial Homes*

#### **BUNDAMBA LODGE, Bundamba**

Operated by the Churches of Christ

- opened 6 August 1983
- *currently licensed*

It is not known what records are held. Contact:

The Director  
Alternative Care Program  
Churches of Christ  
PO Box 977  
Spring Hill QLD 4000

#### **BUXTON LODGE, Redcliffe**

Operated by Save the Children Fund Queensland

- opened at 1A Irene Street 16 February 1980
- license approved 4 July 1980
- funded from 1 July 1980
- license issued 3 September 1980
- moved to 58 John Street, Redcliffe 29 August 1982
- closed 31 January 1983

Save the Children Fund Queensland has advised that there are no personal records relating to former residents of Buxton Lodge.



Caboolture *see under Hackwood*

Cairns Family Group Home, Draper Street *see under Yuddika*

Cairns Family Group Home, Whiterock *see under Peim Metta*

**CAIRNS Family Group Home**, 19 Valley Street, Freshwater

Operated by the Uniting Church

- opened 1 August 1980
- funding ceased 1981/82
- reopened 1982/83
- closed 1997

For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

Cavendish Park Family Group Home *see under Holland Park*

Chelmer *see under W.R. Black Home or Industrial School for Girls*

Cherbourg *see under Beemar Yumba*

**CHESTER HOUSE**, 23A Murphy Street, Ipswich

Operated by the Uniting Church

- opened 1980/81
- funding ceased temporarily 4 August 1984
- closed 1996

For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

## **CHRISTIAN CENTRE Family Group Homes, Moreton Street, Eidsvold**

Operated by the Federal Aborigines Mission Board of the Churches of Christ

- opened and licensed 1976/77
- no longer a licensed residential facility

It is not known what records are held. Contact:

The Director  
Alternative Care Program  
Churches of Christ  
PO Box 977  
Spring Hill QLD 4000

Church of England Boys' Home, Enoggera *see under Enoggera*

Clayfield *see under Industrial School for Girls, Clayfield*

Cooinda *see under Alkira*

Corinda *see under Beulah Girls' Home*

## **CROSSROADS, 254 Flinders Parade, Sandgate**

Operated by Crossroads Community Youth Organisation

- opened 15 March 1980
- Fairhaven Hostel closed 16 November 1984
- funding suspended 1 January 1985
- license surrendered November 1985

Members of the former committee have advised that no files are held relating to the children who were resident in this home.

## **DAHLER Family Group Home, Drayton, Toowoomba**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- officially opened 27 September 1975
- licensed 1975
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed 30 June 1988
- opened as a Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy residential August 1995
- *currently licensed*



For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

### **DAVID HENRY TRANSITIONAL LODGE, 458 Rode Road, Chermside**

Operated by the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches

- licensed 25 March 1975
- first girls moved in 7 May 1975
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- ceased operating as a licensed institution 30 June 1978

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The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

### **DOWDLE Family Group Home**

Operated by the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches

- opened at 119 Ashby Street, Fairfield and licensed under *The State Children Act* 1963/64
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- moved to Salisbury
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- known as "Dowdle" from March 1985
- moved to Bellevue Avenue, Salisbury October 1986
- closed 1993

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The Uniting Church Archivist  
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Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777



Drayton Family Group Home *see under Dahler*

Durack Cottage *see under Silky Oaks*

Eidsvold *see under Christian Centre*

### **ENDEAVOUR TRAINING FARM, Riverview**

also known as Industrial School for Boys, Riverview and Salvation Army Home for Boys, Riverview

Operated by the Salvation Army

- established under *The Reformatories and Industrial Schools Act* 1898
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 31 December 1911
- closed 1926
- reopened 1935
- ceased as Industrial School and renamed Home for Boys, Riverview 1956/57
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- renamed Training Farm for Boys 1966/67
- renamed Endeavour Training Farm 1969/70
- ceased to operate - licence cancelled 12 January 1977

All surviving records in relation to Salvation Army homes are now located in Sydney. This material is not indexed, so it is not yet possible to say whether records relating to this institution still exist.

Anyone interested in seeking information should write to the address below, enclosing a copy of current ID plus a copy of their birth certificate (if the name is different). A search will be conducted and a copy of whatever is found will be provided.

Anyone interested in obtaining information should write to:

The Social Program Secretary  
Salvation Army  
PO Box A435  
Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277 1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)



## ENOGGERA BOYS' HOME

also known as Church of England Boys' Home, Enoggera

Operated by private committee and the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane

- established at Enoggera by private committee (previously located at Woolloowin and known as Brisbane Boys' Home) June 1906
- governed by the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane from approx 1925
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 27 June 1940
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- closed 6 October 1978

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following records exist in relation to Enoggera Boys' Home:

Type of Record	Years
Baptism Register and Confirmation Lists	1955-1965
Personal client files	1973-1977
Housekeeping Book	May 1939 - Feb 1942
Weekly Returns (Government forms)	July 1977 - October 1978
Minute Book	11 Nov 1938 - 3 May 1950
Admission Book	1928 - 1962
Advice of admission and discharge of a child at an Institution - Child Endowment forms	1974 - 1976
General Correspondence	
History of the Institution - in Diocesan publications	

Anyone seeking information from these records should write to

The General Manager  
Anglican Registry  
Brisbane Diocese  
GPO Box 421  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Fairfield Family Group Home *see under Dowdle*

Fairhaven *see under Crossroads*

Farm Cottage, Manly *see under Silky Oaks*

**FATIMA HOME FOR CHILDREN, 104 South Street, Toowoomba**

Operated by the Order of the Sisters of Mercy

- licensed 5 September 1974
- Loretta Cottage established 1981/82
- Loretta Cottage closed 11 May 1984
- Fatima ceased to operate as a residential facility December 1995
- currently operates as a family support service

The Sisters of Mercy, Brisbane Congregation, have advised that the following records exist in relation to Fatima Home, Toowoomba:

Type of record	Years
Admission Register	1974 to present day
Files (Note: these are sometimes Family files and information would not be readily available to any particular member of that family.)	1974 to present day
Medical Cards	1974 to 1995

Anyone seeking information should contact:

Sr Loretta Lewis  
Fatima Home for Children  
104 South Street  
Toowoomba QLD 4350  
Ph: (07) 4635 8600  
Fax: (07) 4635 1550

**FIRST CONTACT, 450 Main Street, Kangaroo Point**

Operated by First Contact Aboriginal Corporation for Youth

- opened 16 December 1994
- closed November 1999

First Contact has advised that some records relating to former residents exist. For information about the records contact:

First Contact  
450 Main Street  
Kangaroo Point QLD 4169  
Ph: (07) 3895 8177

Friary, Brookfield *see under The Friary*

**FRANK GILSON HOUSE**, Maryborough

Operated by the Churches of Christ

- opened and licensed 27 November 1970
- *currently licensed*

It is not known what records are held. Contact:

The Director  
Alternative Care Program  
Churches of Christ  
PO Box 977  
Spring Hill QLD 4000

Freshwater Family Group Home *see under Cairns*

Gladstone Family Group Home *see under Gundamah*

**GLEN LOEMAN Family Group Home**, Methodist Lane, Ayr

Operated by the Uniting Church

- opened 1 November 1981
- funding ceased 1989/90
- no longer a licensed residential facility

For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

Goodwood Homes *see under Peirson Memorial Homes*

## **GRANADA HOSTEL, 49 Stewart Road, Ashgrove**

Operated by the Hospitaller Order of St John of God

- opened and licensed 18 August 1979
- closed 1 December 1985

The Hospitaller Order of St John of God has advised that the following records exist in relation to this hostel:

Type of record	Years
Admission Register (containing names, dates of admission and discharge)	1979 to 1985
Personal files (which contain only basic information) exist for most of the clients	

Former clients or other authorised relevant persons seeking information should apply in writing to:

The Brother Provincial  
Hospitaller Order of St John of God  
PO Box BN 1055  
Burwood North NSW 2134  
Ph: (02) 9747 1699  
Fax: (02) 9744 3262  
email: provincial@stjohnofgod.org.au

Greenslopes *see under Talera Lodge*

Grey Cottage, Manly *see under Silky Oaks*

## **GUNDANAH GROUP HOME, Vista Court, Gladstone**

Operated by the Salvation Army

- licensed 3 September 1979
- funding ceased February 1987

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Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277      1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)

Gympie Anglican Children's Home *see under Anglican Children's Home*

**HACKWOOD**, 344 King Street, Caboolture

Operated by the Uniting Church

- opened under Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy Program      1993
- closed      1996

For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

**HARRISON COTTAGE Family Group Home**, 734 Robinson Road, Aspley

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened      1 September 1960
- licensed under *The State Children Act*      27 October 1960
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act*      4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church      22 June 1977
- closed      16 January 1981
- licence surrendered      11 August 1981

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Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

## **HARRISON HOUSE, Southport**

Operated by the Uniting Church

- opened 1 May 1986
- *currently licensed*

For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

Hawthorne *see Balmoral Cottage under Silky Oaks*

## **HEBRON HOUSE, Kelvin Grove Road, Kelvin Grove**

Operated by Teen Challenge

- opened at Frasers Road, Ashgrove 19 February 1979
- licensed 11 September 1979
- moved to Milton Road, Torwood and then to Kelvin Grove Road (Frasers Road property became known as Ashgrove Lodge)
- funded as supported accommodation from 1 January 1985
- *currently funded*

Teen Challenge has advised that some personal records exist in relation to former residents of Hebron House. For information about these records contact:

The Housing Coordinator  
Teen Challenge / Hebron House  
300 Kelvin Grove Road  
Kelvin Grove QLD 4059  
Ph: 3356 6824

Hervey Bay *see under Luther Lodge*

Heytesbury, Goodwood *see under Peirson Memorial Homes*



## **HILLDALE VILLAGE FOR BOYS, Laidley**

Operated by the Salvation Army

- opened 1973/74
- no longer a licensed residential facility

All surviving records in relation to Salvation Army homes are now located in Sydney. This material is not indexed, so it is not yet possible to say whether records relating to this institution still exist.

Anyone interested in seeking information should write to the address below, enclosing a copy of current ID plus a copy of their birth certificate (if the name is different). A search will be conducted and a copy of whatever is found will be provided.

Anyone interested in obtaining information should write to:

The Social Program Secretary  
Salvation Army  
PO Box A435  
Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277 1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)

## **HOLLAND PARK Family Group Home, 2 O'Callaghan Street (Cavendish Park)**

Operated by the Presbyterian Church

- opened April 1964
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- closed July 1978
- reopened 2 April 1980
- no longer a licensed residential facility

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland has advised that there are very few surviving records. There is no information on any of the family group homes from the time prior to the creation of the Uniting Church in 1977. After that time, there exist some registration forms, Children's Services/Family Services admission forms and some information of children referred there (some information on their background, some medical information, list of movements). To access this information contact

The Chief Executive Officer  
Presbyterian Church  
80 Albert Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000.



## HOLY CROSS HOME, Chalk Street, Woolloowin

also known as Industrial School for Girls, Woolloowin

Operated by the Order of the Sisters of Mercy

- Industrial School established & licensed under *The Reformatories and Industrial Schools Act* 1904
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 31 December 1911
- renamed Holy Cross Home 1965/66
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- discontinued accepting girls in care and control from 1 April 1973
- funding ceased 1974/75

see *Holy Cross Retreat* details below for records relating to this institution.

## HOLY CROSS RETREAT, Chalk Street, Woolloowin

also known as Mercy Centre

Operated by the Order of the Sisters of Mercy

- established - co-located with Magdalen Asylum for unmarried mothers 1888
- licensed separately under *The Orphanages Act of 1879* 1895
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 31 December 1911
- ceased as home for very young children 1959/60
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- no longer for children in care (unless pregnant) - continuing care for physically and intellectually disabled persons and single mothers who were private admissions 1974
- changed to become a centre for intellectually and physically disabled and renamed Mercy Centre 1978

The Sisters of Mercy, Brisbane Congregation, have advised that the following records exist in relation to these institutions:

Type of record	Years
Admission Registers	1895 – 1960 (children); 1929 – 1974 (girls/women); (not necessarily totally available)
Admission cards	1964 – 1968
Files	1969 – 1974 approx; 1974 – 1984 approx (State admissions who were pregnant)



Anyone seeking information should contact

The Congregational Leader  
PO Box 299  
Ashgrove QLD 4060  
Ph: (07) 3368 5629  
Fax: (07) 3368 2396

Home of the Good Shepherd, Mitchelton *see under Mt Maria*

### **HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, Eton House, Nundah**

Operated by the Anglican Society of the Sacred Advent

- formally opened and named Home of the Good Shepherd June 1893
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1912
- State wards not admitted for training after circa 1913

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following record exists in relation to the Home of the Good Shepherd, Nundah:

<b>Type of Record</b>	<b>Years</b>
Record of Admissions Book (Home of the Good Shepherd and Tufnell Home)	22 May 1893 to 18 Aug 1933

Anyone seeking information from this record is requested to contact

The Society of the Sacred Advent  
Community House  
34 Lapraik Street  
Albion QLD 4010  
Ph: (07) 3262 5511

### **HORTON HOUSE, Toowoomba**

Operated by the Salvation Army

- Salvation Army Home for Girls and Industrial School for Girls officially transferred from Yeronga and Girls' Home licensed under *The State Children Act* 1945
- known as James Horton Industrial School for Girls from 1947/48
- known as James Horton Memorial Home for Girls from 1953/54
- known as James Horton School for Girls from 1954/55

- known as Horton House from 1963/64
- two family group units opened (third to follow) April 1966
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- third cottage "Ray Powell Cottage" officially opened 30 August 1969
- funding ceased 1 November 1985
- subsequently operated as a home for disabled

All surviving records in relation to Salvation Army homes are now located in Sydney. This material is not indexed, so it is not yet possible to say whether records relating to this institution still exist.

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Anyone interested in obtaining information should write to:

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 Salvation Army  
 PO Box A435  
 Sydney South NSW 1232  
 Ph: (02) 9211 0277 1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)

**ILLOURA Family Group Home, 31 Duckett Street, Beaudesert**

Operated by the Baptist Church

- opened & licensed 1975
- temporary closure May 1990
- subsequently a family counselling centre

Queensland Baptist Community Service has advised that a search of the archives of The Baptist Union of Queensland has failed to find any client records of children who were residents of this home.

Industrial School for Boys, Indooroopilly *see under Alkira*

Industrial School for Boys, Riverview *see under Endeavour Training Farm*

## **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Chelmer**

Operated by the Salvation Army

- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1923
- no State girls placed after 1941

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Salvation Army  
PO Box A435  
Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277 1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)

## **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Clayfield**

Operated by the Anglican Society of the Sacred Advent

- established under *The Reformatories and Industrial Schools Act* 1903
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 31 December 1911
- closed 21 October 1920

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that they do not have any records in relation to the Industrial School for Girls, Clayfield.

Industrial School for Girls, Mitchelton *see under Mt Maria*

## **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Nudgee**

Operated by the Order of the Sisters of Mercy

- established & licensed under *The Reformatories and Industrial Schools Act* 1903
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 31 December 1911
- no girls placed after 1953

Industrial School for Girls, Talford Street, Rockhampton *see under Salvation Army Home*

Industrial School for Girls, Toowong *see under Kalimna*

Industrial School for Girls, Toowoomba *see under Horton House*

Industrial School for Girls, Woollowin *see under Holy Cross Home*

Industrial School for Girls, Yeronga *see under Salvation Army Home, Yeronga*

### **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, Mapoon Mission Station**

Operated by the Presbyterian Church

- licensed 1937
- no information has been located about when this institution closed

No records in relation to this Industrial School have been located.

### **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, Purga Mission Station**

Operated by the Salvation Army

- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1937
- State children first admitted 1941
- closed and the nine State children transferred to the custody of the Director of Native Affairs and placed in homes under his Department 1948

All surviving records in relation to Salvation Army homes are now located in Sydney. This material is not indexed, so it is not yet possible to say whether records relating to this institution still exist.

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Salvation Army  
PO Box A435  
Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277      1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)



## **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, Yarrabah Mission Station**

Operated by the Anglican Church

- licensed under *The State Children Act* 2 April 1914
- no information has been located about when this institution closed

No records in relation to this Industrial School have been located.

Ipswich Family Group Home *see under Chester House*

## **IRWIN BLOWERS HOUSE, 26 Sigatoka Place, Merrimac, Southport**

Operated by the Churches of Christ

- opened 25 February 1980
- change of model approved 21 April 1998

It is not known what records are held. Contact:

The Director,  
Alternative Care Program  
Churches of Christ  
PO Box 977  
Spring Hill QLD 4000

James Horton Home, Toowoomba *see under Horton House*

## **JELlicoe STREET Family Group Home, 76 Jellicoe Street, Toowoomba**

Operated by the Presbyterian Church

- opened & licensed April 1967
- closed December 1994

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland has advised that there are very few surviving records. There is no information on any of the family group homes from the time prior to the creation of the Uniting Church in 1977. After that time, there exist some registration forms, Children's Services/Family Services admission forms and some information of children referred there (some information on their background, some medical information, list of movements). To access this information contact

The Chief Executive Officer  
Presbyterian Church  
80 Albert Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000.

Jessie Street Family Group Home *see under St Joseph's Home, Neerkol*

**JOHN THOMPSON HOUSE**, 50 Payne Street, Bundaberg

Operated by the Churches of Christ

- opened 25 February 1980
- change of function approved 19 May 1998

It is not known what records are held. Contact:

The Director  
Alternative Care Program  
Churches of Christ  
PO Box 977  
Spring Hill QLD 4000

Joyce Wilding Home, Eight Mile Plains *see under OPAL*

**KALIMNA VOCATIONAL CENTRE**, Salvation Army Home for Girls, Toowong

also known as Industrial School for Girls, Toowong

Operated by the Salvation Army

- Industrial School for Girls licensed under *The State Children Act* 1917
- known as Salvation Army Girls' Home, Toowong 1957/58
- closed (old building demolished and Kalimna built) 1961/62
- Kalimna Vocational Centre for Girls, Toowong opened December 1962
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- closed 29 October 1977

All surviving records in relation to Salvation Army homes are now located in Sydney. This material is not indexed, so it is not yet possible to say whether records relating to this institution still exist.

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PO Box A435  
Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277 1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)



NON-GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

Kangaroo Point - 450 Main Road *see under First Contact*

Kangaroo Point – 31 Collins Street *see under Loreto (St Vincent's) or Bindari*

### **KIAH HOSTEL, Norman Park**

Operated by the Aboriginal and Islanders' Catholic Council

- opened 1978/79
- *currently licensed*

Type of record	Years
File on each resident (amount of information varies)	1978/79 to present

To access information, contact

The Director  
Centacare Catholic Family and Community Services  
P.O. Box 289  
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006  
Ph: (07) 3252 4371  
Fax: (07) 3854 1246

### **KINGSBURY COTTAGE Family Group Home, Bardon**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened August/September 1960
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 27 October 1960
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- *currently licensed as a Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy residential*

The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777



## **KINGSWOOD LODGE, Woodridge/Berrinba**

Operated by the Churches of Christ

- opened June 1989
- *currently licensed*

It is not known what records are held. Contact:

The Director  
Alternative Care Program  
Churches of Christ  
PO Box 977  
Spring Hill QLD 4000

## **KUNARA Family Group Home, Hampton Terrace, Toombul**

Operated by the Baptist Church

- opened & licensed 1969/70
- closed 16 December 1989

Queensland Baptist Community Service has advised that a search of the archives of The Baptist Union of Queensland has failed to find any client records of children who were residents of this home.

## **LAHEY COTTAGE Family Group Home, 509 Tingal Road, Wynnum North**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened & licensed 6 July 1973
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed 1985

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The Uniting Church Archivist  
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Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777



### **LAYTON HOUSE, 27 Prince Street, Paddington**

Operated by Save the Children Fund Queensland

- opened 19 February 1980
- closed March 1981

Save the Children Fund Queensland has advised that no personal records exist in relation to former residents of Layton House.

### **LESLIE TOOTH HOME, Manly**

Operated by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

- license under *The State Children Act* gazetted 25 January 1923  
(not the intention of the Dept or the governing body that  
State children be placed in the home)
- closed 1931

The Department has been unable to identify who may have records from this home. However information from the Annual Reports of the State Children Department is that no State wards were ever placed in the home.

### **LEWIS COTTAGE Family Group Home, Peterson Street, Wynnum North**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened 14 October 1967
- licensed 7 December 1967
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- funding ceased 21 December 1988

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The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

## **LOGAN RESERVE LODGE** aka BoysTown Lodge, Logan Reserve

Operated by the De La Salle Brothers (in conjunction with BoysTown)

- funded from June 1991
- closed 3 December 2001

The following information about records of BoysTown is reprinted from *A Piece of the Story, a National Directory of Records of Catholic Organisations Caring for Children Separated from Families*, published in 1999:

- Records:** A register of all boys has been maintained and these include basic personal details. Most recent records are more extensive and include copies of education certificates and other information.
- Access:** Information is available to the person to whom it relates. It is requested that applications be made in writing. Due to the need to protect the privacy of all living persons mentioned in the records, physical access is not permitted.
- Contact:** The Director  
BoysTown  
PO Box 4  
Beaudesert QLD 4284  
Ph: (07) 5541 1511  
Fax: (07) 5541 3015

Loreto House, Kangaroo Point *see under St Vincent's*

Loretta Cottage, Toowoomba *see under Fatima*

## **LUTHER LODGE**, River Heads Road, Hervey Bay

Operated by the Lutheran Church

- opened 1982
- license returned 15 February 1996

Lutheran Community Care has advised that some records relating to former residents exist. For information about these records contact

The Director  
Lutheran Community Care  
24 McDougall Street  
Milton QLD 4064.  
Ph: (07) 3511 4032  
Fax: (07) 3511 4031



## **MACKAY Family Group Home, 17 Shakespeare Street**

Operated by the Churches of Christ

- opened & licensed 1976
- change of function approved July 2000

It is not known what records are held. Contact:

The Director  
Alternative Care Program  
Churches of Christ  
PO Box 977  
Spring Hill QLD 4000

Manly – Alexander, Bay, Farm and Grey Cottages *see under Silky Oaks*

## **MAREEBA YOUTH CENTRE/FARM**

Operated by the Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund

- operational December 1979
- funded from December 1980
- funding ceased March 1982

The Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund has advised that no State wards were placed at the Farm. They advise that there were no surviving records of boys who were at the farm.

## **MARGARET MARR MEMORIAL HOME FOR BOYS, Wynnum**

Operated by the Methodist Church

- officially opened 1 March 1924
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1924
- State children first admitted 1937
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- license surrendered and Saunders and Lahey cottages licensed 1973

The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

## **MARSDEN HOME FOR BOYS, Booval**

Operated by the Queensland Congregational Union (Marsden Home for Boys Committee)

- licensed under *The State Children Act* 17 February 1962
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- closed (boys transferred to Family Group Home Charles St) 3 April 1974

The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

## **MARSDEN FAMILY GROUP HOME, 12 Charles Street, Brassall**

Operated by the Marsden Council, Ipswich and the Uniting Church

- opened and licensed 21 February 1974
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed temporarily July 1984
- re-opened 28 October 1984
- no longer a licensed residential facility

The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

## **MARSDEN HOME FOR BOYS, Narangba Road, Kallangur**

Operated by the Queensland Congregational Union (Marsden Home for Boys Committee) and the Uniting Church

- established 1929
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed 27 November 1992



The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

Maryborough *see under Frank Gilson House*

Maud Phillips Memorial Children's Shelter *see under Beemar Yumba*

Mercy Centre, Woolloowin *see under Holy Cross Retreat*

Meteor Park Orphanage *see under St Joseph's Home, Neerkol*

Mitchelton *see under Mt Maria*

**MOORE COTTAGE Family Group Home, 5 Melton Road, Toombul**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- officially opened 13 October 1962
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1962
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed as a Family Group Home 1986
- opened as a Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy residential 1989
- closed 1996

The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

Morris Cottage *see under Bethel*

**MORRIS HOUSE**, 52 Allerslie Crescent, Taringa

Operated by the Anglican Society of St Francis and Anglican Church Men's Society

- licensed 11 March 1975
- closed 30 November 1983

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that they do not have any records in relation to Morris House, Taringa. Other inquiries have failed to locate any records.

Mt Isa *see under Bethesda Family Group Home*

**MT MARIA RE-EDUCATION CENTRE**, Mitchelton

also known as Home of the Good Shepherd and Industrial School for Girls, Mitchelton

Operated by the Order of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

- Industrial School for Girls (known as Home of the Good Shepherd)  
licensed under *The State Children Act* 1933
- renamed Mt Maria Re-Education Centre 1966
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- renamed Mt Maria Youth Centre 1973/74
- closed 1974

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have advised that the following records exist in relation to this home:

Type of record	Years
Register of Persons in Care This ledger contains brief information on admissions and discharges – name, date of birth, name of parents, to whom discharged etc.	1931 to 1974
Admissions and Discharges Day Book This small book records the names of girls admitted and discharged.	1952 to 1974
Registration Forms: Register of Children in an Institution	1965 to 1974
Birth certificates of 3 persons formerly in care	1952 to 1954

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have advised that the records 'may be accessed by written inquiry only. Persons formerly in Good Shepherd care are welcome to contact us. We will also provide information to persons authorised by former residents e.g. representatives of welfare agencies'. Persons seeking information may contact:

The Archivist  
Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
PO Box 182  
Abbotsford VIC 3067  
Ph: (03) 9417 7581

Mulgowie *see under Hilldale Village*

Mundingburra *see under Wongabeena*

### **MI GUNYAH YOUTH HOSTEL**, 5 Bowen Street, Toowoomba

Operated by Toowoomba Aboriginal Corporation for Cultural and Recreational Activities (TACCRA) and the South East Qld Aboriginal Community Care Agency (SEQACCA)

- established by TACCRA early 1991
- funding approved 19 April 1991
- TACCRA re-incorporated as South East Qld Aboriginal Community Care Agency Aboriginal Corporation 19 May 1997
- residential facility closed November 1999

SEQACCA has advised that they have not been able to locate any personal records relating to former residents of Mi Gunyah.

Nambour Family Group Home *see under Rattray House*

Narnia, Wavell Heights *see under St Vincent's*

### **NAZARETH HOUSE**, Wynnum North Road, Wynnum North

Operated by the Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth

- opened 1926
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 10 February 1927
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 10 July 1964
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- closed 28 November 1982



The following information is available:

Type of record	Years
Admission Register containing the following information: Christian names; Parents' names; Date of birth; Date of admission; Date and place of baptism; Recommended by; Date of discharge; Comments. There are a number of blank entries, especially for Date of discharge.	1926 to 1982
Observation Book - entries relate to a few children	

Anyone requesting information should contact the Administrator, preferably in writing:

The Administrator  
Nazareth House  
272 Wynnum North Road  
Wynnum North QLD 4178  
Ph: (07) 3393 5511  
Fax: (07) 3893 1792

Neerkol *see under St Joseph's Home, Neerkol*

### **NICKLIN COTTAGE Family Group Home, 730 Robinson Road, Aspley**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened 1 September 1960
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 27 October 1960
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed 8 December 1984
- licence surrendered 7 February 1989

The Uniting Church has advised that they hold no client records of former residents of Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uniting Church institutions. Any existing records were transferred to the John Oxley Library in Brisbane. For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777



North Rockhampton - Elphinstone Street and Mason Street Family Group Homes *see under St George's Homes*

Nudgee *see under St Vincent's or Industrial School for Girls*

Nundah *see under Tufnell or Home of the Good Shepherd*

**OPAL House, Russell Street, South Brisbane**

Operated by One People of Australia League

- registered as a foster home
- licensed as registered premises 1966
- licensed as a residential institution 7 August 1970
- no children placed after 1972
- licence renewed (but no further children admitted) March 1974

OPAL has advised that they no longer have any records relating to children who were resident in their homes

**OPAL Joyce Wilding Home, 2331 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains**

Operated by One People of Australia League

- opened (licensed as registered premises) early 1970
- licensed 7 August 1970
- licence cancelled 11 February 1977

OPAL has advised that they no longer have any records relating to children who were resident in their homes.

Ormiston *see under Aurala*

Oxley *see under Blackheath*

**PALLARENDA Family Group Home, 11 Maskell Street, Pallarenda, Townsville**

Operated by the Presbyterian Church

- opened 17 December 1979
- no longer a licensed residential facility

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland has advised that there are very few surviving records. There are some registration forms, Children’s Services/Family Services admission forms and some information of children referred there (some information on their background, some medical information, list of movements). To access this information contact

The Chief Executive Officer  
 Presyterian Church  
 80 Albert Street  
 Brisbane QLD 4000.

Parkhurst *see under St George’s Homes*

**PEIM METTA Family Group Home, 16 Fretwell Street, Whiterock, Cairns**

Operated by Boopa Weram Kindergarten Assn

- opened late 1982
- no longer a licensed residential facility

The Coordinator of the Boopa Weram Kindergarten has advised that they are not aware of any surviving records of children in the home.

**PEIRSON MEMORIAL HOMES**

including Goodwood Home, “Redcliffe” and “Heytesbury”

Operated by the Peirson Memorial Trust

- Goodwood Home for Boys established 1955
- licensed as a foster home 30 September 1955
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* possibly 1960
- licensed as a residential institution under *The State Children Act* 30 April 1964
- licensed under *The Children’s Services Act* 4 August 1966
- “Heytesbury” Cottage opened & licensed 21 April 1968
- original home “Redcliffe” remodelled 1968
- “Redcliffe” closed January 1977
- “Heytesbury” closed June 1977
- “Heytesbury” reopened March 1979
- “Redcliffe” reopened September 1979
- Family Group Home, 45 Avoca Street, Bundaberg opened & funded 1 November 1983
- “Redcliffe” closed 28 November 1983

- “Redcliffe” reopened February 1984
- “Redcliffe” closed as a group home
- Bundaberg funding ceased 1989/90
- “Heytesbury” *currently licensed*

The Peirson Memorial Trust has advised that they have records relating to children who were residents, however, the records are not well organised. The Trust will advise the Department what records they have. Contact the Trust if you are interested in obtaining records:

Peirson Memorial Trust  
 PO Box 291  
 Brisbane Roma Street QLD 4003  
 Ph:/Fax: (07) 3221 5684

### **PETFORD TRAINING FARM**

Operated by Petford Training Farm Aboriginal Corporation

- established privately late 1970s
- Petford Training Farm (Aboriginal Corporation) incorporated August 1983
- licensed as a foster home
- funded under Licensed Residential Care Program from January 1986
- licence withdrawn 9 September 1998

Further details on Petford records will be advised as information becomes available.

### **PRIMMER LODGE, Taringa**

Operated by Teen Challenge

- opened & licensed (for male and female adolescents) 19 April 1978
- funding ceased 1981/82

Teen Challenge has advised that no personal records exist in relation to former residents of Primmer Lodge.

### **QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOME, Coorparoo**

Operated by the Methodist Church

- opened (children & staff transferred from Robgill, Indooroopilly) 1 December 1911
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1917
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 1935
- State children first admitted 16 February 1937
- closed (children transferred to cottage homes) 9 September 1960

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The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

RAPT (Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy) Bardon  
*see under Kingsbury*

RAPT (Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy) Caboolture  
*see under Hackwood*

RAPT (Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy) Toombul  
*see under Moore or Stewart*

RAPT (Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy) Toowoomba  
*see under Dahler*

**RATTRAY HOUSE**, 55A Carter Road, Nambour

Operated by the Uniting Church

- opened 4 October 1982
- closed as a Family Group Home mid 1993

For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

“Redcliffe”, Goodwood *see under Peirson Memorial Homes*

Redcliffe *see under Buxton Lodge*

Riverview Salvation Army Home for Boys *see under Endeavour Training Farm*

**ROBGILL COTTAGE Family Group Home, 40 Lorward Avenue, Bardon**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened August/September 1960
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 27 October 1960
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- ceased functioning as a Family Group Home July 1978
- licence surrendered August 1981

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Rockhampton – Elphinstone Street and Mason Street Family Group Homes *see under St George's Homes*

Rockhampton – Spencer, Jessie and Ward Streets *see under St Joseph's Home, Neerkol*

Rockhampton – Skyring Street *see under Wahroonga*

Rockhampton Industrial Schools for Girls *see under Salvation Army*

**ROWELLYN Family Group Home, 10 Neal Street, Brighton**

Operated by the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches

- opened January 1965
- licensed under *The State Children Act* February 1965
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- known as "Rowellyn" from March 1985
- closed February 1989
- reopened 1990/91
- closed 15 August 1997

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 Brisbane QLD 4001  
 Ph: (07) 3377 9777

### ST GEORGE'S HOMES, Rockhampton

Operated by St George's Homes for Children Executive Committee, Diocese of Rockhampton

- licensed in Rockhampton under *The State Children Act* 26 October 1917
- established at Parkhurst 1922
- No 2 Home opened & licensed under *The State Children Act*  
 (original home became known as No 1 Home) 1925
- No 3 Home known as the Mothers' Memorial Home opened 1930
- No 3 Home closed 1931
- No 3 home reopened (later used as recreation hall) 1935
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 27 March 1936
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- No 1 Home closed 30 June 1971
- Group Homes at 72 Elphinstone St & 196 Mason St,  
 North Rockhampton opened January 1978
- Parkhurst closed - funding ceased officially 1 September 1979
- Elphinstone Street closed mid 1980
- Mason Street closed 25 June 1982

The Diocese of Rockhampton (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following records exist in relation to St George's Orphanage:

Type of Record	Description
Admission Records	An admission register with names and dates and some detail as to reason for admission
Discharge Records	A register with dates of discharge and some entries have reasons for discharge
Register	An almost complete register of inmates. There would also be a register of baptisms at the Home, which would include the district of Parkhurst as well.

Indexes	An index of residents relating to the above
Other records	Some general correspondence, a basic history of the institution, minute books of the committee of management (not complete), photographs of the Home and some events, scrapbooks of Diocesan events including some of St George's Homes events from the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin.

The Homes (including the Group Homes) were governed by a Management Committee from 1917 until 1982 - most of the minutes of this committee still exist, as well as Synod Reports and Church Gazette articles. These are all kept in the Diocesan Registry.

The records are not accessible to the general public. Former residents of the Homes are supplied with any personal information they seek.

Anyone seeking information from the Rockhampton Diocesan Registry should write to

The Registrar  
 Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton  
 164 Musgrave Street  
 North Rockhampton QLD 4701

## **ST JOSEPH'S HOME, NEERKOL**

also known as Meteor Park Orphanage

Operated by the Order of the Sisters of Mercy - Diocese of Rockhampton

- established at Mackay & licensed under *The Orphanages Act of 1879* 14 April 1880
- transferred from Mackay to Rockhampton (Neerkol) 1885
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1912
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- licensed as Registered Premises
- Post-Primary Girls' Transitional Hostel, 61 Spencer Street, Rockhampton operated on 1 year trial only Jan to Nov 1974
- children transferred to Family Group Homes 1978

## **Ward Street Family Group Home, 10 Ward Street**

- purchased June 1977
- opened 12 October 1977
- closed early 1979



## Jessie Street Family Group Home, 74 Jessie Street

- purchased January 1978
- nil occupancy from June 1984
- approved bed numbers reduced to nil 1 January 1985

The Sisters of Mercy have advised that the following records exist in relation to this home:

Type of record	Years
<p>Register One of Meteor Park Orphanage</p> <p>Contains 3949 entries. Fields of information include:                      Register number; Name of child; Place of birth;                      Date of birth; Date of admission; Reason for admission;                      Terms of admission; Date of discharge; To whom discharged;                      For what purpose discharged; Name of parents;                      Occupation of parents; Religion of parents; Address of parents;                      Remarks.</p> <p>In many entries, one or several of these columns do not contain any information.</p>	1885 to 1968
<p>Register Two of St Joseph's Home, Neerkol</p> <p>This book contains a duplicate of admissions from Register One (1960 to 1968) then subsequent admissions from 1969 to 1979. There are approximately 400 entries in this Register and its fields of information include:                      Register number; Name of child; Date of birth; Date of admission;                      Authority for admission; Religion; Date of discharge; To whom discharged; Authority for discharge; Names of parents or guardian; Living or Dead; Religion; Address.</p> <p>In many entries, one or several of these columns do not contain any information.</p>	1960 to 1979
<p>Record of Children Sent to Service</p>	September 1891 to December 1919
<p>Book of Inspector's Report and Maintenance Account Record</p> <p>An exercise book which includes a hand-written Inspector's report (29.7.1890); a record of children hired out, including name of employer (1884-1894) and maintenance account record (1883-1890).</p>	



Departmental School Registers	1935-1959;
There is a Class Roll Book 1975-1976. School registers prior to 1935 have not been located.	1959-1974; 1974-1975
Holiday Homes' Book	1971-1980
This book contains holiday placements for children at St Joseph's Home	
Sacramental Records	1887 to 1967
This is a book which has unofficial handwritten lists of children who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Penance. (The Sisters of Mercy advise that they are not in possession of the official church records.)	

#### Miscellaneous Records

- Names of children who were admitted to the Merara Orphanage, Mackay and came to Meteor Park Orphanage 1885
- Burials at Neerkol (from Court Records) 1886-1978
- Children who have died at Neerkol (from Register) 1886-1941
- List of children admitted to St Joseph's Home, Neerkol 22.12.1885-1.7.1907 and Names of children from the hired-out register 29.7.1882-27.9.1905.
- Two State Government Reports 1939, 1940
- Migrant children (General file)
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Returns 1964-1984
- Names and addresses of known ex-residents who were contacted and invited to the Centenary Celebrations at Neerkol 1985
- Personal information folders on some former residents
- Four volumes and a written and pictorial journal entitled *A People Who Come - A People Who Go* by Mary Relf (1985)
- Some other individual photographs.

There are many discrepancies in the records particularly with regard to the children's names eg the child's name is recorded in the Register but they are known by another Christian name or surname; similarly the same discrepancy occurs with date of birth, admission, discharge etc.

- There are 210 names in the school register that have been omitted from the admission register. These have been added to the computer files and date from 1930 to 1975.
- Because records for some periods are inaccurate and inadequate, there are errors and omissions.

Requests for personal information need to be made in writing. This information can be gained by anyone who is able to identify themselves as having a right to personal information. A computer print-out is available of all information recorded from the books of original entry. Physical access to the records is not available due to their fragility and the need to protect the privacy of others.

Requests for information can be addressed to

The Congregational Archivist  
 Mercy Administration Centre  
 PO Box 1576  
 Rockhampton QLD 4700  
 Ph:/Fax: (07) 4931 7472  
 Email: jmolloy@a1.com.au

### **ST MARTIN'S CENTRE, 24 Sankey Street, West End**

Operated by the Aboriginal and Islanders' Catholic Council

- licensed May 1977
- closed as a licensed residential facility 31 December 1991

The Department has been advised that some records in relation to St Martin's do exist. To access information, contact

The Director  
 Centacare Catholic Family and Community Services  
 P.O. Box 289  
 Fortitude Valley QLD 4006  
 Ph: (07) 3252 4371  
 Fax: (07) 3854 1246

### **ST MARY'S HOME, Toowong**

Operated by the Committee of St Mary's Church of England Home

- Church of England Rescue Home established at West End 21 September 1894
- relocated to Taringa 1898
- amalgamated with Brisbane Female Refuge and relocated to Toowong 1919
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* until 1959
- licensed 11 February 1975
- funding ceased (but continued to operate) 1981/82

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following records exist in relation to St Mary's Home, Toowong:

<b>Type of Record</b>	<b>Years</b>
Baptism Register	Sept 1899 to Sept 1939; Nov 1939 to Jan 1954
Nursing Home Roll (Personal details)	1921 to 1942
Admission Register – Infants	Sept 1905 – Nov 1915 Mar 1917 – Nov 1954
Admission Register – Adults (includes discharges)	April 1871 – Oct 1915 Jan 1916 – Feb 1953 Feb 1952 – June 1976 1968 – 1976 Mar 1974 – Oct 1978
Admissions and Discharges (daily log)	April 1984 to May 1990
Residence Register (one book)	
- Mothers	1936 – 1965
- Babies	1936 – 1955
- Staff	1936 – 1965
- Annual Summaries	1937 – 1944
Leave Log (from home)	June 1986 – Oct 1987
Forward Address Log	Nov 1986
Medical/sickness register	1979 - 1984;
- Island girls	Jan 1975 – Jan 1978
Residents' Declarations	Jan 1933 to Feb 1967
Fees Book – Home and Refuge Shelter	1967 – 1975
Fees Book – Women's Shelter and Admission Register	1968 – 1976, 1976 - 1978
Day Book	1955 – 1965

Diaries	1965; 1979; 1980; 1981; 1984; 1985-86; 1986-87; 1987; 1988; 1989; 1990; 1991
Miscellaneous records	various documents 1936 -1990s
Financial records	various documents 1955 –1990
Medical Forms	
Correspondence	

Anyone seeking information from these records should write to

The General Manager  
 Anglican Registry  
 Brisbane Diocese  
 GPO Box 421  
 Brisbane QLD 4001

### **ST VINCENT’S HOME**, Queens Road, Nudgee

also known as Nudgee Orphanage

Operated by the Order of the Sisters of Mercy

- transferred to Nudgee from New Farm 1867
- licensed under *The Orphanages Act of 1879* 27 December 1879  
 (licence to take effect from the passing of the Act, 2 October 1879)
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1912
- renamed St Vincent’s Home for Children 2 November 1935
- children under two years admitted from 1938
- licensed under *The Children’s Services Act* 4 August 1966
- 6 Family Group Homes opened at St Vincent’s campus -  
 McAuley, Whitty, Conlan, O’Quinn & Duhig Homes & Curtis Hostel 15 February 1970  
 (Bayview Cottage continued to operate as a group home  
 in a former dormitory building)
- off-site group homes established and Nudgee gradually phased out as a residential  
 facility

### Loreto Family Group Home, 31 Collins Street, Kangaroo Point

- opened & licensed under *The State Children Act* October 1964
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- closed 1971

### Avila Family Group Home, 5 Royal Ave, Wavell Heights

- established 1972
- licensed separately November 1972
- renamed 'Narnia' early 1996
- closed late 1996

### Ascot Family Group Home

- opened at 121 Tower Street and licensed March 1978
- relocated to Brackenridge
- *currently licensed*

### Virginia Share House

- opened
- closed (children moved to Wavell Heights) late 1996
- reopened 20 July 1998
- *currently funded for youth service programs at Virginia, Brackenridge and Zillmere*

The Sisters of Mercy, Brisbane Congregation, have advised that the following records exist in relation to the facilities run by St Vincent's (eg Loreto, Avila, Narnia, Ascot, Brackenridge, Virginia):

Type of record	Years
Admission Registers	1874 to 1935
School Registers	1913 to 1973
Medical cards	1950s and 1960s
Admission cards	1922 to 1972
Files (Many of these files are Family files and would not be readily available to any particular member of the family)	1968 to present
Admission Registers for Boarders (Non-State)	1950 to 1966
Sacramental Registers	1893 to 1972

To access St Vincent's records *prior to 1987*, contact

Sr Mary Johnson  
c/- Sisters of Mercy  
PO Box 299  
Ashgrove QLD 4060  
Ph: (07) 3368 5630

To access St Vincent's records *from 1987 onwards*, contact:

The Director  
St Vincent's Centre  
125 Nudgee Road  
Nudgee QLD 4014  
Ph: (07) 3267 7100

Salisbury Family Group Home *see under Dowdle*

Salvation Army Home for Boys, Indooroopilly *see under Alkira*

Salvation Army Home for Girls, Toowong *see under Kalimna*

Salvation Army Home for Boys, Riverview *see under Endeavour*

**SALVATION ARMY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**, North Street,  
Rockhampton

Operated by the Salvation Army

- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1920
- closed 1934
- license withdrawn 23 June 1934

All surviving records in relation to Salvation Army homes are now located in Sydney. This material is not indexed, so it is not yet possible to say whether records relating to this institution still exist.

Anyone interested in seeking information should write to the address below, enclosing a copy of current ID plus a copy of their birth certificate (if the name is different). A search will be conducted and a copy of whatever is found will be provided.



Anyone interested in obtaining information should write to:

The Social Program Secretary  
Salvation Army  
PO Box A435  
Sydney South NSW 1232  
Ph: (02) 9211 0277 1300 667 366 (for the cost of a local call)

**SALVATION ARMY HOME, Talford Street, Rockhampton**

also known as Industrial School for Girls and Bethesda

Operated by the Salvation Army

- Salvation Army Home opened
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 22 October 1906
- Industrial School opened 1930
- known as Salvation Army Home for Girls from 1964/65
- renamed Bethesda
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- function changed to caring for younger boys and girls in care and protection (no longer girls in Care and Control) 1973/74
- closed (with opening of Gundannah at Gladstone) September 1979

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## **SALVATION ARMY HOME FOR GIRLS, Yeronga**

Operated by the Salvation Army

- Industrial School for girls established under  
*The Reformatories and Industrial Schools Act* 1898
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 31 December 1911
- Salvation Army Home, Yeronga licensed under  
*The Infant Life Protection Act* 16 March 1925
- evacuated to Toowoomba in 1942 and  
subsequently remained there

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Sandgate *see under Crossroads*

## **SAUNDERS Family Group Home, 509 Tingal Road, Wynnum North**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- opened & licensed 6 July 1973
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- no longer a licensed residential facility



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Shakespeare Street *see under Mackay*

**SILKY OAKS HAVEN FOR CHILDREN, 218 Manly Road, Manly**

Operated by the Open Brethren and the Council of Silky Oaks

- established at Cross Street, Toowong 1940
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 6 Sept 1940
- transferred to Manly 1946
- licensed as a foster home & first State children admitted April 1950
- licensed as a residential facility under *The State Children Act* 30 March 1957
- first family group cottage completed 1965/66
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966

**Balmoral Cottage, 108 Bilyana Street, Hawthorne**

- opened 1977/78
- closed March 1993

**Bay Cottage, 218 Manly Road, Manly West**

- opened 1970
- closed January 1998

**Durack Cottage, 54 Glenala Road, Durack**

- opened prior to December 1981
- closed 1993

**Farm Cottage, 227 Manly Road, Manly West**

- opened 1965/66
- funding ceased 1988/89

### Grey Cottage, Manly also known as Alexander Cottage

- opened 1960
- renamed Alexander Cottage 1991
- *currently licensed*

The Silky Oaks Children's Haven has advised that they have the following information and records:

- date of admission to residence
- date of discharge from residence
- demographics
- reasons for being "in care" (sometimes) and daily living experiences
- formal documents eg forms, Medicare number
- in some cases, school reports and photographs

Documentation has been kept from 1940 onwards. However, information on residents in the early years is sparse. All past and present residents can have access to their files and the information therein. In cases where there are reports from professionals (eg psychologist), permission is first sought from the professional to release this information.

Anyone wishing to access their records should contact

The Director  
Silky Oaks's Children's Haven  
PO Box 5157  
Manly QLD 4179

Street Address:

218 Manly Road  
Manly West QLD 4179  
Ph: (07) 3393 4255.

Persons wishing to view their file may need to establish their identity before access is granted. Once this is established, a mutually suitable time to view the material is made.

Southport *see under Harrison House or Irwin Blowers House*

### **SPECHT Family Group Home, Toowoomba**

Operated by the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches

- opened & licensed 1969/70
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- *currently licensed*



For information about the records contact:

The Uniting Church Archivist  
GPO Box 674  
Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

### **STEWART COTTAGE Family Group Home, 10 Walkers Way, Toombul**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- officially opened 13 October 1962
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 1962
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed as a Family Group Home 1986
- opened as a Receiving, Assessment, Placement and Therapy residential 1989
- closed 1993

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The Uniting Church Archivist  
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Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

### **TAINTON COTTAGE Family Group Home, Peterson Street, Wynnum North**

Operated by the Methodist and Uniting Churches

- officially opened 14 October 1967
- licensed 7 December 1967
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- closed 1985

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Brisbane QLD 4001  
Ph: (07) 3377 9777

## **TALERA LODGE, 28 Palmer Street, Greenslopes**

Operated by the Baptist Church

- opened November 1977
- licensed 2 March 1978
- funding ceased 1983
- reopened 1984/85
- change of function to non-residential services approved January 1988
- Talera Centre Family Assessment and Therapy Centre opened 3 August 1988

Queensland Baptist Community Service has advised that a search of the archives of The Baptist Union of Queensland has failed to find any client records of children who were residents of this institution.

Tarragindi – 112 Prior Street *see under Bindari Lodge*

## **TARRAGINDI LODGE, 14 Prior Street, Tarragindi**

Operated by the De La Salle Brothers (in conjunction with BoysTown)

- opened 1974
- licensed as an independent hostel 1 March 1980
- closed as a licensed residential care facility 30 June 1991

The following information about records of BoysTown is reprinted from *A Piece of the Story, a National Directory of Records of Catholic Organisations Caring for Children Separated from Families*, published in 1999:

- Records:** A register of all boys has been maintained and these include basic personal details. Most recent records are more extensive and include copies of education certificates and other information.
- Access:** Information is available to the person to whom it relates. It is requested that applications be made in writing. Due to the need to protect the privacy of all living persons mentioned in the records, physical access is not permitted.
- Contact:** The Director  
BoysTown  
PO Box 4  
Beaudesert QLD 4284  
Ph: (07) 5541 1511  
Fax: (07) 5541 3015



### **THE ARK Transition Hostel, Windsor**

Operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau

- opened 2 September 1977
- closed 10 December 1982

Centacare has advised that they have not been able to locate any records relating to former residents of The Ark.

The Christian Centre Family Group Homes, Eidsvold  
*see under Christian Centre*

The Crossroads, Sandgate *see under Crossroads*

### **THE FRIARY, 132 Brookfield Road, Brookfield**

Operated by the Anglican Society of St Francis

- established 1966
- licensed 1 April 1980
- licence cancelled prior to closure of the institution 28 August 1981

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that they do not have any records in relation to The Friary, Brookfield.

Thompson House, Bundaberg *see under John Thompson House*

Toombul Family Group Homes *see under Kunara, Moore or Stewart*

Toowong *see under Kalimna or St Mary's*

Toowoomba *see under Fatima, Jellicoe Street or Specht*

Townsville – Mundingburra *see under Wongabeena*

Townsville – Maskell Street *see under Pallarenda*

## **TREACHER Family Group Home, 16 Jethro Street, Aspley**

Operated by the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches

- opened (children transferred from W.R. Black Home, Chelmer) 3 July 1965
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 5 August 1966
- transferred to Uniting Church 22 June 1977
- known as "Treacher" from March 1985
- closed 1995

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Tufnell Residential And Community Care Children's Home, Gympie  
*see under Anglican Children's Home*

## **TUFNELL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY CARE, Regents Park**

Operated by Tufnell Residential and Community Care (TRACC)

- funded June 1996
- *currently funded*

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following records exist in relation to TRACC:

<b>Type of record</b>	<b>Years</b>
Case records	1990s
Advice of movement of children in care	1996 – 1997
Diaries	1990s
Correspondence	1996



Persons seeking information from these records should write to

The General Manager  
Anglican Registry  
Brisbane Diocese  
GPO Box 421  
Brisbane QLD 4001

### **TUFNELL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY CARE, Springwood**

Operated by Tufnell Residential and Community Care (TRACC)

- established & funded at Trevallyn Drive, Daisy Hill December 1990
- moved to Springwood 1994
- *currently funded*

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following records exist in relation to TRACC:

<b>Type of record</b>	<b>Years</b>
List of children in care	1993
Case records	1990s
Advice of movement of children in care	1996 – 1997
Diaries	1990s
Correspondence	1994 – 1996

Persons seeking information from these records should write to

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Anglican Registry  
Brisbane Diocese  
GPO Box 421  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Tufnell Children's Home, Gympie *see under Anglican Children's Home*



## TUFNELL HOME, 230 Buckland Road, Nundah

Operated by the Society of the Sacred Advent and The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane

Home of the Good Shepherd operated from Eton House, Nundah from approx 1893 - and Ormiston House at Ormiston from 1897 (present location in Buckland Road, Nundah purchased 1900) - to train orphanage girls aged 12 to 13 for domestic work.

- Home of the Good Shepherd formally opened July 1893
- expanded to receive 'private payment orphans' 1894
- training home opened as a 'branch orphanage' at Ormiston for State girls - private children remained at Nundah 1897
- The Tufnell Home formally opened 6 February 1901
- practice of sending girls for training ceased as age for employment was raised to 13 years 1914
- licensed under *The Infant Life Protection Act* 6 February 1936
- licensed under *The State Children Act* 4 November 1938
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- first family group units officially opened 31 August 1969
- funding ceased 1989/90
- services relocated to Tufnell Residential And Community Care (TRACC) 1990

## TUFNELL TODDLERS' HOME, 230 Buckland Road, Nundah

Operated by The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane

- opened 14 September 1947
- licensed as a separate institution under *The State Children Act* April 1965
- licensed under *The Children's Services Act* 4 August 1966
- ceased to exist as a separate entity 1974/75

The Diocese of Brisbane (Anglican Church of Australia) has advised that the following records exist in relation to Tufnell Home, Nundah:

Type of Record	Years
Record of Admissions Book (Home of the Good Shepherd and Tufnell Home)	22 May 1893 to 18 Aug 1933
Baptism Registers	March 1921 to Feb 1978
Confirmation Registers	Nov 1958 to Nov 1966
Communicants Roll	1927 – 1954



Day to day diaries (appointments, visitors, notes on admissions)	1947; 1948; 1949; 1950; 1955; 1959; 1960; 1961; 1962; 1967; 1968; 1972-73
Correspondence re school holiday custody	1970s
Enrolment books	1901-1915; 1915-1924; 1924-1934; 1920-1938; 1965-1971
Returns of children in care – admissions/discharges	1963 – 1972
Register of children	1965 – 1969; 1963 – 1971
Child endowment claims	July 1963 to Sept 1970
Medical and case records	1970s – 1980s
Case files	1959 – 1990s
General correspondence	

Anyone seeking information from these records should write to

The General Manager  
 Anglican Registry  
 Brisbane Diocese  
 GPO Box 421  
 Brisbane QLD 4001

### **VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY Family Group Home**

Operated by the Vietnamese Community in Australia

- established at 22 Le Geyt Street, Windsor and funded (never licensed) 1982
- moved to 2709 Ipswich Road, Darra April 1989
- not funded after December 1990
- closed May 1991

Advice has been received that no records relating to former residents have been located.

**WAHROONGA Family Group Home**, 4 Skyring Street, Rockhampton

Operated by the Baptist Church

- opened & licensed 8 March 1974
- no longer a licensed residential facility

Queensland Baptist Community Service has advised that a search of the archives of The Baptist Union of Queensland has failed to find any client records of children who were residents of this home.

Ward Street Family Group Home *see under St Joseph's, Neerkol*

Wavell Heights *see 'Avila' under St Vincent's*

Westaway *see under Bethel Home*

West End *see under St Martin's Centre*

Whiterock *see under Peim Metta*

Windsor *see under Wilson, The Ark or Vietnamese Family Group Home*

**WONGABEENA Family Group Home**, Mango Avenue, Mundingburra

Operated by the Baptist Church

- opened & licensed 1970/71
- funding ceased 1988/89

Queensland Baptist Community Service has advised that a search of the archives of The Baptist Union of Queensland has failed to find any client records of children who were residents of this home.

Woodridge *see under Kingswood Lodge*

Wooloowin *see under Warilda or Holy Cross*

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Wynnum Family Group Homes  
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**YUDDIKA Family Group Home, Cairns**

Operated by Yuddika Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation

- opened 1990/91
- *funding ceased* 3 October 2001

Not known what records are available.

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# Legislation Milestones

In 1979 the then Department of Children's Services produced an historical overview of care for children in Queensland since 1879. This publication is now out of print, but can be viewed on the Department's web site at

[http://www.families.qld.gov.au/department/centenary\\_of\\_care/index.html](http://www.families.qld.gov.au/department/centenary_of_care/index.html)

The following provides a list of historical and legislative milestones since the early 1900s and provides some background to the operation of the State Children Department and the Departments that took over its responsibilities after 1966.

- 1905        The *Infant Life Protection Act* arranged for the registration of nursing homes for children under three, the reporting of the births and deaths of illegitimate children and for the adoption of these children. Such children had no inheritance rights in their adoptive family. This Act was administered by the Police Department until 1918.
- 1907        The *Children's Court Act* formed a special court of petty sessions specifically called a Children's Court, where charges were to be heard in camera for children under 17 years.
- 1911        Passing of the *State Children Act of 1911*, and the consequent repeal of the *Orphanages Act of 1879* and the *Reformatory and Industrial Schools Acts of 1865 to 1906*. The new Act consolidated and amended the whole law regarding children under State control and provided for the care of children up to 13 years. It established the State Children Department with a Director to replace the Inspector of Orphanages, and removed the administration of the orphanages from the Department of Public Instruction.
- 2 Jul 1912    Regulations under the *State Children Act of 1911* gazetted and came into force – changes included the scope of the definition of the term "Neglected child"; the committal by the Bench of a neglected or convicted child direct to the care of the

Department; the release of children either by the Bench or the Department on probation; the increase in the school age to 13 years and when necessary to 14 years; the keeping of certain girls under supervision till the age of 21 years was reached, and the power given to the Department to take action for maintenance against the parents or putative fathers of State children.

Age for discharge raised to 18 years “as a rule”

- 1917 Age for “hiring out” raised to 14 years (new school leaving age)
- The *State Children Amendment Act* raised from 13 to 14 years the age of children who received State benefits through their natural or foster mothers. If a State child gained a State Scholarship, maintenance and assistance lasted the term of the scholarship.
- 23 Oct 1918 The *Infant Life Protection Act Amendment Act of 1918* assented to, transferring the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Police to the Director, State Children Department – “the actual work was taken over from the Commissioner of Police on 1st November, 1918”
- 1921 The *Infant Life Protection Act* was amended providing legal adoption of children under 10 years, but gave adopted children no status or protection.
- 1935 The *Adoption of Children Act* (enacted 17 October 1935 – proclaimed 1 February 1936) provided for adoption of children to 21 years who had never been married and for rights of succession to the adoptive parents. It also provided a basis for sound adoption practices protecting the child, the natural parent and the adopting parents. The Director, State Children Department was empowered to make adoption orders, rather than adoption being a judicial process.
- 1964 The *Adoption of Children Act* repealed the earlier Acts in accordance with uniform adoption legislation throughout Australia. The Act states that the interests and welfare of the adopted child shall be regarded as the paramount consideration.
- 1965 The *Children’s Services Act* expressed the rights of all children to be reared, educated and protected by their parents and guardians but, should these rights be endangered, it empowered the State to ensure their well-being will be safe guarded.
- Feb 1965 School leaving age raised to 15 years and year 8 transferred to secondary school.
- 1 Aug 1966 The *Children’s Services Act of 1965* proclaimed.
- 1 March 1975 *Age of Majority Act of 1974* came into force lowering age of majority to 18 years
- 1975 *Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975* enacted
- 1978 The *Status of Children Act* declared all children to be of equal status.

- July 1980 The *Bail Act 1980*, which commenced on 1 July 1980, amended section 26 of the *Children's Services Act* pertaining to custody, remand and detention of children, in that a child may be granted bail in accordance with the Bail Act instead of a remand on bail subject to the Justices Act.
- 8 April 1987 Introduction of the *Young Offenders (Interstate Transfer) Bill* which provided for the transfer of young offenders to, from or through Queensland.
- 9 June 1987 Proclamation of sections of the *Family and Youth Services Act*, which replaced certain sections of the *Children's Services Act*.
- Dec 1990 Transition from Care Program established, in response to concerns raised by the *Report of the National Inquiry into Homeless Children (Burdekin Report)*.
- 19 Aug 1992 Enactment of the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992* (providing a new basis for the administration of juvenile justice, including a new range of sentencing options); and its companion Act the *Childrens Court Act 1992* (providing a framework for the structural reform of the Children's Court).
- 19 Nov 1992 *Freedom of Information Act 1992* provided members of the public with access to records held by the Department.
- 3 June 1993 Judge McGuire of the District Court appointed to the new position of Childrens Court Judge, and President of the Childrens Court of Queensland.
- 1 Sept 1993 Proclamation of the *Juvenile Justice Act 1992* and the *Childrens Court Act 1992* (see 19 August 1992 for further details).
- 26 Feb 1996 Responsibility for juvenile justice legislation and policy transferred to the Department of Justice.
- 24 Apr 1996 Responsibility for youth detention centres transferred to Queensland Corrective Services Commission.
- 20 Dec 1996 Proclamation of the *Children's Commissioner and Children's Services Appeals Tribunals Act 1996*, providing for the appointment of a Children's Commissioner and the establishment of the Children's Commission and Children's Services Appeals Tribunals.
- July 1998 Responsibility for youth justice legislation and policy returned to the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care.
- 7 Dec 1998 Responsibility for juvenile detention centres returned to the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care.
- March 1999 *Child Protection Act 1999* passed by Parliament
- 23 Mar 2000 Proclamation of the *Child Protection Act 1999*