

# Western Youth Welfare Service, State of Victoria

1975 – 1985?

**Other Names:** • WYWS

## Details

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The Western Youth Welfare Service (WYWS) was established by the Victorian government in Ascot Vale in 1975. It provided residence and support for about 200 young people every year. The WYWS included a hostel that helped prepare residents return home or to live independently. It also ran day and evening programs to assist young people develop social and life skills. The Western Youth Welfare Service ran until at least 1985.

The Western Youth Welfare Service (WYWS) in Ascot Vale was the Department's largest community treatment facility providing services to 200 young people per year.

The WYWS provided a residential hostel facility as well as separate day and evening programs for older and younger groups of boys and girls.

The residential hostel provided short term programs to prepare residents for a return home or private board. The day programs involved special work with young people experiencing severe difficulties at school, as well as assisting young working boys. The day programs provided short term intense supervision to assist young people to develop social and life skills.

## Gallery

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### **Work in progress for a member of the community, by Western Youth Welfare Service**

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### **Pool receives concentrated attention at Ascot Vale**

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## Group discussion at Western Youth Welfare Service

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