

Museums of History NSW

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Other Names:

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Details

Museums of History (formerly the State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales) was established in 1961 by the *Archives Act, No 46 of 1960* and is responsible for collecting, managing and preserving New South Wales Government records. In 1999 the *State Records Act 1998* came into effect, replacing the *Archives Act 1960*. Prior to 1961, archives were kept at the Public Library of New South Wales. In mid-2012 the search room at The Rocks was closed and all material and staff were based at the Western Sydney Records Centre.

In 1999, the State Records Act 1998 came into effect and Archives Authority of New South Wales became known as State Records Authority of New South Wales.

On 25th October 2016, a change in name in the State Records Act 1998 (the Act) was approved and the organisation's name changed to State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales.

In 2023 State Archives merged with Sydney Living Museums and became Museums of History NSW.

Records

The New South Wales State Archives Collection dates from 1788. It contains records created and used by the New South Wales State Government. In this collection, there are records relating to state wards, child welfare, children's institutions, disability services, child and youth migration, juvenile justice and adoption.

The NSW State Archives Collection is organised into Series or 'groups' of records, then Items or 'individual' records. The types of records include paper files and documents, correspondence, film, photographs, sound recordings, objects, books and much more.

The State Records Authority website includes access catalogues, guides, finding aids, fact sheets, indexes of names and places, and browse options to help users find records in the Collection.

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Related Entries

Holds

- House of Correction, Carters Barracks: registers of convicts (1837 1841)
- Dreadnought Contribution Register [Migration Branch: Industrial Relations, NSW] (1922 1925)
- Male Orphan School records, State Archives NSW (1819 1850)
- Stockton Hospital records, State Archives NSW (1910 1956)
- Protestant Orphan School records, State Archives NSW (1850 1870)
- Institution for Boys, Tamworth and Endeavour House records, State Archives NSW (1948 1989)
- Riverina Welfare Farm for Boys, Yanco records, State Archives NSW (1928 1942)
- Hay Institution for Girls Admission and Discharge registers, State Archives NSW (1961 1974)
- Immigrant Children's Registers [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services, NSW] (1967 - 1970)
- Appeal Register [Yasmar Children's Court] (1976 1983)
- Observation Books [Kinchela Aboriginal Public School] (1934 1961)
- Letters Received from the Master of the Native Institution (1826 1829)
- Institutional files ([I] "B" files) [Yawarra Training School for Boys, Kurri Kurri] (1969 1981)
- Mount Penang Training School for Boys records, State Archives NSW (1946 1950)
- Copies of letters sent concerning the administration of public schools (1880 1896)
- Records of Girls' Industrial and Training Schools, State Archives NSW (1867 1983)
- Inmate Punishment Book [Unidentified] (1959 1972)
- Cobham Youth Centre, St Marys: Institutional files ([I] "B" files) (1978 1985)
- Werrington Park, St. Marys Institutional files ([I] "B" files) (1977 1981)
- Worimi Detention Centre, Broadmeadow Institutional files ([I] "B" files) (1979 1982)
- Ormond Regional Youth Centre, Thornleigh: Institutional files ([I] "B" files) (1979 1985)
- Metropolitan Boys' Shelter, Albion Street, Sydney. Institutional files ([I] "B"files) (1963 1973)
- Daruk, Windsor: Institutional files ([I] "B" files) (1978 1984)
- Weroona: Punishment book (1959 1977)
- Photographs of Indigenous people, c.1930-50 (Provenance uncertain probably from Bomaderry Children's Home) (c. 1930 c. 1950)
- Depots, Homes And Hostel Files [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services] (1970 - 1973)
- Various indexes to assisted immigrants, 1919+ (1919 1949)
- Files Concerning The Arrival Of Immigrant Children Sponsored By The Big Brother Scheme [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services, NSW] (1965 1973)
- Immigration Nomination (Minor 'E') Files [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services] (1962 1976)
- Miscellaneous Correspondence Files Relating To Immigrant Children [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services, NSW] (1971 1974)
- Registers Of The Arrival And Discharge Of Immigrant Children [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services, NSW] (1953 1964)
- Admission And Discharge Registers [Yawarra Training School for Boys, Kurri Kurri] (30 March 1969 14 September 1980)
- Returns Of Employment Changes Made By Young Persons Sponsored By The Fairbridge Farm Scheme [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services, NSW] (1968 1969)
- Immigrant Children's Index [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services, NSW] (1940? 1960?)
- Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales (1918 current)
- Myee Admission and Discharge Registers, State Archives NSW (1929 1977)
- Senior Officer's Log Books [Cobham Residential Care Unit] (9 June 1980 2 November 1984)
- Index Cards Relating To Institutional Inmates (1958 1986)
- Depositions [Metropolitan Children's Court] (1950 1974)
- School Records, Education Department (1881 c. 2000)
- Taldree records, State Archives NSW (1974 1980)
- Minda records, State Archives NSW (1966 1984)
- Boarding Out Registers (Ward Registers) (1 August 1923 31 December 1936)
- Dependent Children Register Cards (c. 1945 1972)

- Ward maintenance files [Maintenance Branch, Department of Community Services] (1942 1960)
- Affiliation Files [Maintenance Branch, Department of Community Services] (c. 1963 1975)
- Applications and Adoption files for State wards [Dependent Children and Adoptions Branch, Department of Community Services] (1940 - 1961)
- Adoption Files [Dependent Children and Adoptions Branch, Department of Community Services] (1947 1974)
- Private Adoption files [Dependent Children and Adoptions Branch, Department of Community Services] (1954 1967)
- Private adoption agency contact files [Dependent Children and Adoptions Branch, Department of Community Services] (1950 1975)
- Presbyterian Adoption Agency adoption registers [Dependent Children and Adoptions Branch, Department of Community Services] (1966 1975)
- Placement Book [Industrial Schools Branch] (1904 1911)
- Benevolent Society adoption register [Dependent Children and Adoptions Branch, Department of Community Services] (23 May 1969 1 September 1975)
- Special Bundles (1920 1958)
- Minute Books, Aborigines Welfare Board (25 September 1890 29 April 1969)
- Histories of Girls and Boys Unattached and for whom forms have not been prepared, Board for the Protection of Aborigines (1931 - 1938)
- Ledgers (Trust Account), Board for the Protection of Aborigines (1897 1922)
- Aborigines Welfare Board Photographs (c. 1916 c. 1961)
- Entrance Books [Industrial Schools Branch] (1897 1911)
- Certificates of Exemption, Aborigines Welfare Board (1949 1954)
- Indexes to Ward Registers, Board for the Protection of Aborigines (1 January 1916 31 December 1938)
- Aboriginal Boys' Training Home, Kinchela, Case Papers (1938 1967)
- File relating to "Our Children's Home", North Strathfield (1949 1987)
- Winbin records, State Archives NSW (1954 1978)
- Entrance books [Industrial Schools Branch] (1867 1897)
- Visitors' Book for Nautical School Ship "Vernon" (1886-1892) and "Sobraon" (1892-1910) (28 Feb 1886 15 Nov 1910)
- Miscellaneous files [Residential Care Division, Department of Community Services] (1965 1973)
- Salary Registers (Trust Account), Board for the Protection of Aborigines (1921 1934)
- Property Register Aboriginal reserves (14 February 1947 31 March 1970)
- Depositions [Metropolitan Children's Court] (15 July 1937 16 December 1941)
- School Files (1876 1979)
- Applications for Certificates of Exemption, Board for the Protection of Aborigines (1930 1964)
- Ward Registers, Board for the Protection of Aborigines (18 January 1916 7 December 1928)
- Yasmar Children's Court Depositions [Ashfield Court of Petty Sessions] (1950 1975)
- Correspondence files, Aborigines Welfare Board (1938 1969)
- Minda Children's Court records, State Archives NSW (1966 1983)
- Property Cards Reserves (1961 1976)
- Central Juvenile Court Index (c. 1957 c. 1980)
- Correspondence And Documents Relating To Committals [Industrial Schools Branch] (1898 1903)
- Inspectors' Diaries (1916 1922)
- Dependent Children Registers (1883 1923)
- Miscellaneous Photographs, Newscuttings And Invitations Relating To NSS 'Sobraon' [Industrial Schools Branch] (1906 1925)
- Registers Of Committals (1907 1921)
- Registers of Inmates, Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children (June 1852 August 1915)
- Photographs of Scheyville Training Farm (c. 1926 23 June 1946)
- Waterfall Sanatorium Records (1909 1971)
- Liverpool Asylum Records, State Archives NSW (1859 1959)
- Roll of inmates [Shaftesbury Girls Reformatory, South Head] (1888 1897)
- Rabbit, Peat and Milson Island Mental Hospital records, State Archives NSW (1910 1980)
- Bidura records, State Archives NSW (1964 1977)
- Record Cards of Aboriginal Children (1953 1966)
- Thornbury Lodge records, State Archives NSW (1957 1979)
- Metropolitan Girls' Shelter records, State Archives NSW (1968 1979)

- Brush Farm Home records, State Archives NSW (1922 1987)
- May Villa records, State Archives NSW (1933 1983)
- Anglewood/ Burradoo Truant School records, State Archives NSW (1943 1979)
- Royleston records, State Archives NSW (1940 1984)
- Female Orphan School records, State Archives NSW (1817 1886)
- Immigrant Children's Files [School Attendance/Licensing Branch, Department of Community Services, NSW] (1947 - 1976)
- Register of admissions and discharges, Grosvenor Hospital (1965 1969)
- Register, Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home (1932 1988)

Related Organisations

• Stockton Mental Hospital (1917 - 1989)

The New South Wales State Archives Collection contains records from state-managed mental health facilities including Stockton Mental Hospital.

• Grosvenor Centre (1985 - 2009)

Resources

- Museums of History NSW, Aboriginal Resources: A Guide to NSW State archives, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Mittagong Training School For Boys, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Child/Youth Migration in the 20th Century, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Brush Farm Home, Eastwood, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Endeavour House, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Shaftesbury Reformatory, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Child Care and Protection Guide, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, State Children's Relief Board, 2012
- Museums of History NSW, Liverpool State Hospital and Home Guide, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Royleston, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Schools and related records, No date
- NSW State Records, <u>Government Agricultural Training Farm, Scheyville</u>, State Records Authority of New South Wales website, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Waterfall Sanatorium, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Kamballa, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Child Care and Protection Index 1817-1942, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Riverina Welfare Farm for Boys, Yanco, No date
- Museums of History NSW, School Student Records Guide, No date
- Museums of History NSW, School Records Guide, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Aboriginal Resources: An Overview of Records, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Anglewood, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Peat Island Centre, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Director of State Psychiatric Services, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Mental Health Facilities Guide, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Mount Penang Juvenile Justice Centre, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Minda, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Yawarra Training School for Boys, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Crown Street Women's Hospital Guide, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Women's Hospital, Crown Street, No date
- Museums of History NSW, Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children, No date
- State Records Authority of New South Wales, Winbin, No date

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