

# Museums of History NSW

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## Details

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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.

## More info

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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 \(1965 - 1969\)](#)

### 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
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- 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, [Government Agricultural Training Farm, Scheyville](#), State Records Authority of New South Wales website, No date
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- State Records Authority of New South Wales, [Peat Island Centre](#), No date
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