

# Freemasons NSW & ACT

1888 –

**Other Names:** • The Masons

**URL:** <http://www.masons.org.au/>

## Details

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Freemasons NSW & ACT is a fraternal organisation that dates back to the establishment of the first United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 1888. The Masons ran the William Thompson Masonic School from 1922 until the 1970s, and then ran family group homes in New South Wales until the 1990s.

In 2012 Find and Connect staff were advised by the United Grand Lodge of the Masons NSW/ACT that all records relating to the Masonic Orphan Schools, William Thompson Masonic School and related institutions Orana, Boronia and Wybalenna were destroyed by accident in 2002, during construction works.

## More info

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### Related Entries

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- [William Thompson Masonic School \(c. 1924 - c. 1974\)](#)
- [Boronia \(1976 - 1990s\)](#)
- [Wybalena \(1976 - 1990s\)](#)
- [Orana \(1978 - 1990s\)](#)
- [Masonic Orphan Schools \(1922 - c. 1924\)](#)

### Resources

- Earnshaw, Beverley, *A Start in Life: The history of the William Thompson Masonic School, 1922-1988*, 1988

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