# Warilda Receiving and Assessment Centre

1967 - 1989

# **Details**

The Warilda Receiving and Assessment Centre was a government-run facility in Wooloowin. Previously, it was known as the Warilda Children's Home and Warilda Infants' Home. It closed in 1989.

From 1962 through to 1972 more buildings were erected on the Warilda site at Kedron Park Road, Wooloowin. The new administration building retained the façade of the home formerly known as the Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infants' Home.

A publication from 1968 stated that Warilda was a "receiving and assessment centre for children of all ages in the care and protection of the Director, Department of Children's Services, awaiting placement in foster homes, denominational homes or employment. Pre-school children catered for in full-time kindergarten programme under qualified personnel and supervised through the Creche and Kindergarten Association" (Social Services Queensland, 1968, p.97).

## Gallery



Warilda, Brisbane (84 Kedron Park Rd, Wooloowin)

**Description:** This is a photograph of the Warilda Receiving and Assessment Centre in 1979. It shows a garden with brick walls and children's play equipment in front of a two-storey brick building with a sloping face. Walkways connecting to other parts of the centre can be seen at the back of the brick building.



Warilda Children's Home at Wooloowin operated by the Queensland Government

**Description:** This image is from page 90 of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Child Abuse in Queensland Institutions and the image is an Inquiry photograph.

# More info

## Chronology

- Diamantina Orphanage (1865 1910)
  - Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infants' Home (1910 1962)
    - Diamantina Receiving Home (1962 1964)

- Warilda Children's Home and Warilda Infants' Home (1964 1967)
- Warilda Receiving and Assessment Centre (1967 1989)

## Related Entries

#### Run by

• Children's Services Department, State Government of Queensland (1 August 1966 - 6 June 1987)

Date: 1967 - 1987

- Family and Youth Services Department, State Government of Queensland (9 June 1987 14 December 1987)
  Date: 1987 -
- Family Services Department, State Government of Queensland (14 December 1987 7 December 1989)

#### **Related Events**

Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care, Parliament of Australia (2003 - 2005)
 Warilda Receiving and Assessment Centre was mentioned in Submission 227 to the Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care

## Resources

 Treweek, Susan, Submission No 218 to the Senate Inquiry into the Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, 2012

## Records

For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

## Records

- Client Files, Queensland Government-run Institutions (c. 1865 2001)
- Institution Files, Queensland Government-run Institutions (c. 1871 c. 2001)
- Administrative Records, Queensland Government-run Institutions (c. 1865 2001)
- Operational Registers, Queensland Government-run Institutions (c. 1870 c. 2001)
- Heritage photographs of Queensland children's homes, buildings and people (1848 1979)
- Admissions, Discharges, Visits Two year old section Warilda (1972 1973)
- Report Books Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infants' Home/Warilda (1960 1971)
- Vaccination Records Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infant's Home/Warilda (1937 1981)
- Case Conferences Warilda (1978 1988)
- Confinement and Seclusion Sheets Warilda (1983 1989)
- Registers of Children in an Institution Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infant's Home/Warilda (1954 1989)
- Drug Registers Warilda (1980 1985)
- Index Cards to Warilda Admissions/Summary Case Histories (1964 1999)
- ABCD Houses Medical and Dental Log Books Warilda (1981 1981)
- Annual Reports Warilda (1968 1984)
- General Files Warilda (1984 1988)
- Minutes Warilda Steering Committee (1985 1987)

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