

Rockhampton Orphanage

1870 – 1894

Details

The Rockhampton Orphanage was established in 1870. It was located at 124 Quarry Street, Rockhampton. On the passing of the *Orphanages Act* in 1879, the Queensland Government assumed responsibility for its operation. The name was changed to the Rockhampton Receiving Depot in 1894.

With the majority of children boarded-out, Rockhampton Orphanage was re-named the Rockhampton Receiving Depot in 1894, although the Depot continued to care for Infants and to act as a training school for girls.

Gallery



Rockhampton Receiving Depot c.1913

Description: This image was included in Annual report of the Director of the State Children Department for the year 1913.

More info

Chronology

- **Rockhampton Orphanage (1870 – 1894)**
 - Rockhampton Receiving Depot (1894 - 1964)
 - Birralelee Children's Home (1964 - 1967)
 - Birralelee Receiving and Assessment Centre (1967 - 1981)
 - Birralelee Hostel (1981 - 1982)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Public Instruction Department, Orphanages Branch, State Government of Queensland \(2 October 1879 - 1 December 1911\)](#)
Date: 1879 - 1911

Related Legislation

- [Orphanages Act 1879, Queensland \(1879 - 1911\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [St Joseph's Home, Neerkol \(1885 - 1978\)](#)
On 11th May 1885 the State Government transferred eleven children from the State Orphanage, Rockhampton

to St Joseph's Home, Neerkol.

Resources

- Queensland. Dept of Children's Services, [Centenary of care for children 1879-1979](#), 1979
- [Research Guide to orphanage and children's home records at Queensland State Archives](#), Queensland State Archives website, February 2022

Records

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

Records

- [Client Files, Queensland Government-run Institutions \(c. 1865 - 2001\)](#)
 - [Administrative Records, Queensland Government-run Institutions \(c. 1865 - 2001\)](#)
 - [Registers of Children Hired Out, Rockhampton Orphanage, later Rockhampton Receiving Depot \(9 July 1881 - 26 June 1905\)](#)
 - [Admission Registers, Rockhampton Orphanage, later the Rockhampton Receiving Depot \(20 November 1875 - 28 May 1919\)](#)
 - [Case Files - Rockhampton Receiving Depot and St George's Orphanage \(12 September 1888 - 3 August 1970\)](#)
 - [Admission Registers, Rockhampton Orphanage, later Rockhampton Receiving Depot \(18 December 1871 - 3 June 1909\)](#)
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