

Malmesbury Receiving Home

c. 1962 – c. 1980

Other Names:

- Receiving Home, Cavell Street
- Cottage Children's Home
- Cavell Street Children's Home
- Malmesbury Cottage House

Details

Malmesbury Receiving Home, run by the government, opened in West Hobart in the early 1960s in the building of the former Malmesbury Girls' Home. It provided temporary accommodation for children who were wards of the state or supervised in other ways by the Social Welfare Department. In the early 1980s, Malmesbury Receiving Home became a family group Home.

A married woman managed Malmesbury with the assistance of her husband, who was in paid employment outside the Home. In return, they received free accommodation.

The Home provided accommodation for new wards of the state or children on remand from the courts until the Department found a more permanent placement for them. It also took in children requiring temporary accommodation under the *Domestic Service Assistance Act* and in transit between homes.

The Department changed the name from Malmesbury Receiving Home to Malmesbury Family Group Home in the early 1980s apparently to emphasise its domestic environment and the fact that some children stayed in the Home longer if they got on well with the Receiving Home Keeper.

Gallery



A Home For Danny

Description: The film "A Home For Danny" was produced for the Tasmanian Department of Social Welfare in 1966. The aim of the film was to encourage people to become foster parents. The film shows the story of a young boy, "Danny", who is a ward of the state living at Malmesbury Receiving Home in Hobart. It speculates on Danny's possible futures as a state ward, and emphasises the importance of the role of foster parents in the out of home care system. It also features Wybra Hall, showing boys working on the farm there. A copy of this film has been digitised and made available by Tasmanian Archives. The film runs for 10minutes 22seconds.



The former Malmesbury Girls', Receiving and Family Group Home

Description: The 2012 owners of the former Malmesbury Receiving and Family Group Home supplied this photograph.



The former Malmesbury Girls', Receiving and Family Group Home in 2008

Description: Heritage Tasmania supplied this photograph.



The former Malmesbury Girls', Receiving and Family Group Home in 2009

Description: Heritage Tasmania supplied this photograph.



The former Malmesbury Girls', Receiving and Family Group Home in 2010. The evacuation slide is on the right. The Social Welfare Department installed it in case of fire.

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More info

Chronology

- Malmesbury Girls' Home (1950 - 1962)
 - **Malmesbury Receiving Home (c. 1962 – c. 1980)**
 - Malmesbury Family Group Home (c. 1981 - 2009)

Related Entries

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- [Child Welfare Division \(c. 1953 - 1980\)](#)

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Related Glossary Terms

- [Domestic Service Assistance Scheme - Tasmania \(1947 - c. 1989\)](#)
Malmesbury Receiving Home accommodated children under the Domestic Service Assistance Scheme.

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Records

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Records

- [Correspondence Files \(1919 - 1998\)](#)
 - [Films and Videos Produced and Acquired by the Agency \(1950 - 1985\)](#)
 - [General Correspondence \(4\), Education Department \(1906 - 2010\)](#)
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