

# Bulungurr Hostel

1973 – 1985?

**Other Names:**

- Bulungarr Hostel
- Bulungurr

## Details

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Bulungurr Hostel, in Wyndham, was developed by the Department for Community Welfare in 1973 as an emergency hostel for Aboriginal families on the site of the old 'Native Hospital'. A kindergarten and youth training programs were run from the centre for some years. It is not known whether any children were accommodated at Bulungurr.

The annual report of the Department for Community Welfare in 1973 (p.17) said that: 'The old Native Hospital in Wyndham has been converted through the energetic efforts of field staff and homemakers into a hostel for Aborigines needing emergency accommodation. A kindergarten, a Homemakers' training centre and facilities for Aboriginal youth have also been developed at the Bulungurr Hostel site.' By 1978, the hostel's role seemed to be increasingly important in providing emergency care for Aboriginal people in Wyndham, particularly those coming in from Oombulgurri and Kalumburu communities to attend outpatient clinics at the Wyndham hospital. By 1984 the Department for Community Welfare reported that the need for the Bulungurr Hostel was 'declining'.

It is not known if children were accommodated at Bulungurr Hostel, which may have closed by 1985 or 1986.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

### Resources

- State Records Taskforce, Government of Western Australia, [Looking West: A Guide to Aboriginal Sources in Western Australia](#), 2004

## Records

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### Records

- [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)

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