

# Koolingar-Mia Group Home, Collie

1978 – 1992

**Other Names:**

- Collie Group Home
- Koolingar-Mia
- Kooloongamia
- Group Home, Collie

## Details

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Koolingar-Mia Group Home was established in 1978 in Collie. It provided accommodation for up to 6 children of all ages and emergency accommodation for an additional 2 children. It closed in 1992.

Government reports *Signposts* 2004, pp.169-171) show that the Koolingar-Mia Group Home was established as an initiative of the Collie Welfare Council, a local group who persuaded the child welfare authorities that there was a need for a small residential facility to accommodate Aboriginal children who, temporarily or longer-term, could not live at home. This became the Koolingar-Mia Group Home (sometimes also known as Kooloongaruna and the Collie Group Home), and was located in an existing house that was purchased by the government on Rowe Street in the Collie township.

By 1983, reports suggest that the Department for Community Welfare (DCW) was jointly managing the Home with the Collie Welfare Council. Throughout the 1980s it seems that it was filled to capacity on a regular basis, though could admit children who needed emergency placements.

In 1982, the DCW reported that a swimming pool had been installed, with funds raised by the Collie Welfare Council. In 1984, there were six children aged 9-13 years living at Koolingar-Mia.

Koolingar-Mia closed in 1992. The property was later used for a riding school for people with disabilities. In 2002 it re-opened for a short time as a child welfare facility called Collie Family Group Home. The building remained vacant in 2012.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)  
Department for Community Welfare, managed Koolingar-Mia Group Home, Collie jointly with the Collie Welfare Council.  
Date: 1983 - 1985

#### Related Organisations

- [Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992\)](#)  
Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia managed Koolingar-Mia Group Home, Collie jointly with the Collie Welfare Council.

Date: 1985 - 1992

- [Collie Welfare Council \(1977 - 1992\)](#)

## Resources

- Western Australia. Department for Community Welfare, [Annual Report: Department for Community Welfare](#), 1973 - 1984

## Records

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## Records

- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
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