

# Rangevue Hostel

1969 – 1973?

## Details

---

Rangevue Hostel was established by the Presbyterian Church in 1969 in Mount Lawley, as hostel for female Aboriginal students attending the Mt Lawley High School and business colleges in Perth. It operated until at least 1973, possibly closing by the end of that year.

Rangevue Hostel was established by the Presbyterian Church in 1969, with a grant-in-aid of \$32,000 from the Department of Native Welfare, as an Aboriginal education and employment hostel for students attending high school and business college in Perth. In 1971, Rangevue was described as being developed to accommodate boys and girls but only one boy had ever been admitted and had stayed for only a short time.

The first students were admitted in January 1969 and Rangevue was officially opened by the Minister for Native Welfare in June of that year.

In 1972, the Aboriginal Education and Employment Hostels that had been developed under the auspices of the Department for Native Welfare became the responsibility of the Department for Community Welfare. In the DCW's 1973 annual report, the Rangevue Hostel is listed as a facility in Mt Lawley, run by an organisation under agreement with the DCW. There is no mention of Rangevue in DCW's 1974 list of such facilities, so it is likely that Rangevue closed within that year.

## More info

---

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Presbyterian Church \(1879 - 1977\)](#)

Date: 1969 - 1973?

#### Related Glossary Terms

- [Commissioner of Native Welfare \(WA\) \(1954 - 1972\)](#)

The Commissioner of Native Welfare could regulate the 'care' of Aboriginal children in Rangevue Hostel.

#### Related Organisations

- [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)

The Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Community Welfare was the guardian of children at who were deemed to be 'native wards' or 'wards of the State'.

## Resources

- Wilson, Katrin and Michael V. Robinson., *Aboriginal Hostels in Perth : A Comparative Survey*, 1971

- Western Australia. Department for Community Welfare, [Annual Report: Department for Community Welfare, 1973 - 1984](#). *Relevance*: 1973, p.44; 1974

# Records

---

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

## Records held by other organisations

- [Uniting Church \(Synod of Western Australia\) Archives, Records \(1918 - 1980s\)](#)
- [Files - Aborigines Departments \(1 January 1926 - 16 June 1972\)](#)

---

You can view this page online by visiting <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/entity/rangevue-hostel/>