

# Orphanages' Committee

1889 – 1939

## Details

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The Orphanages' Committee was the body formed to replace The Committee (1868-1888) to govern Anglican orphanages and children's homes in Perth. The Orphanages' Committee was replaced by the Anglican Orphanages Board of Management (1940-1954).

The close ties between the Anglican Diocese of Perth, the Orphanages' Committee and other the boards and committees of Anglican children's homes and orphanages are summarised in *Noisy Mansions* (1986) by Roy Peterkin on pages 210-214.

## More info

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### Chronology

- The Committee (1868 - 1888)
  - **Orphanages' Committee (1889 – 1939)**
    - Anglican Orphanages Board of Management (1940 - 1954)
      - The Anglican Homes Board (1955 - 1970)
        - The Anglican Homes Board: Swanleigh Council (1971)
          - Swanleigh Council (1972 - 2010)

### Related Entries

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- [Perth Girls' Orphanage \(1868 - 1942\)](#)
- [Redhill Reformatory School \(1903 - 1922\)](#)
- [Seaside House, Coogee \(1931 - 1968\)](#)
- [Swan Native and Half Caste Mission \(c. 1880 - 1920\)](#)
- [Swan Boys' Orphanage \(1876 - 1942\)](#)

#### Related Events

- [Coronial Inquiry into the death of George Jones and the management of Swan Boys' Orphanage, State of Western Australia \(2 June 1911 - 13 July 1911\)](#)

The Anglican Orphanages Committee was found to be 'lax' in its oversight of the Swan Boys' Orphanage in the 1911 coronial inquiry into the death of George Jones and the management of Swan Boys' Orphanage.  
Date: 1911 -
- [Departmental Inquiry into allegations of starvation at the Swan Boys' Orphanage, Colonial Secretary's Office, State of Western Australia \(1911\)](#)

After the Departmental Inquiry into allegations of starvation at the Swan Boys' Orphanage had concluded, the Colonial Secretary sent his regrets to the Anglican Orphanages Committee for the 'inconvenience and

annoyance' of the inquiry that found the allegations to be unsubstantiated.

Date: 1911 -

### Related Organisations

- [Anglican Diocese of Perth \(1856 - current\)](#)

The Orphanages' Committee included senior members of the Anglican Diocese of Perth.

## Resources

- [The Aborigines Question. Evidence Taken by Dr. Roth](#), Western Mail, 25 February 1905
- Peterkin, A. Roy, *The Noisy Mansions : the story of Swanleigh 1868-1971*, 1986. *Relevance*: pp.18, 59, 128-129, 148-149, 151-152,166, 188-193

## Records

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- [Anglican Diocese of Perth, Western Australia, Records \(1880s - 2010\)](#)
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