

Sisters of St John of God

1895 –

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Details

The Sisters of St John of God are a Catholic religious congregation. From 1895, the Sisters have been involved in running schools, hospitals and children's homes in Western Australia.

The Sisters of St John of God first arrived in Perth in 1895, at the request of Bishop Matthew Gibney. They set up a convent and hospital in Adelaide Terrace, Perth. In later years, the Sisters of St John of God were active in the Kimberleys. The Sisters ran schools at the Beagle Bay Mission (1907-1970s), Lombadina Mission (?1917-1970s) and the Wirrumanu (Balgo Hills) Mission (1956-1962). They also ran the Holy Child Orphanage at Broome (1941-1961) and the Yaandina Family Centre at Roebourne (1974-1995?). The Sisters worked at Bidyadanga (1957-1960?) and established and ran St John of God hospitals in Subiaco, Bunbury, Geraldton and Northam.

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A big photo album: the archive of the Sisters of St John of God

Description: 'A big photo album: the archive of the Sisters of St John of God' is an online news item from *ABC Kimberley*. It shows pictures of Aboriginal children and adults at communities in the Kimberley, and is about the collection of 34,000 photographs held by the Sisters of St John of God at the Heritage Centre in Broome, Western Australia.

More info

Related Entries

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- [Holy Child Orphanage \(1941 - 1962\)](#)
Date: 1941 - 1962
- [Yaandina Family Centre \(1974 - 1995?\)](#)
Date: 1974 - 1982
- [St John of God Hospital, Subiaco \(1898 - current\)](#)
Date: 1898 - 2004

Related Organisations

- [Derby Leprosarium \(c. 1936 - 1986\)](#)
The Sisters of St John of God undertook nursing duties at Derby Leprosarium.

- [Beagle Bay Mission \(1895 - 1976\)](#)

Sisters of St John of God ran the school and the girls' dormitory at Beagle Bay Mission.

Date: 1907 - 1970s

- [Catholic Archdiocese of Perth \(1913 - current\)](#)

- [La Grange Mission \(1955 - 1984\)](#)

The Sisters of St John of God worked at La Grange Mission.

Date: 1957 - 1960?

- [Lombadina \(1909 - 1975\)](#)

The Sisters of St John of God ran the school at Lombadina.

Date: 1917? - 1970s

- [Wirrumanu \(1939 - 1975\)](#)

The Sisters of St John of God ran the school at Wirrumanu (Balgo Hills).

Date: 1956 - 1962

- [Catholic Diocese of Perth \(1845 - 1913\)](#)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth sought the assistance from the the Sisters of St John of God to assist in providing Catholic education in Western Australia.

Date: 1895 -

Holds

- [Sisters of St John of God, Kimberley, Records \(1895 - current\)](#)

Resources

- Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission and the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, *A piece of the story : national directory of records of Catholic organisations caring for children separated from families*, November 1999
- [The Catholic Encyclopedia](#), New Advent, 2009
- Sisters of St John of God Ministries Inc, [Heritage Centre Broome](#), No date
- Heritage Council of Western Australia, [St John of God Convent \(fmr\), Broome](#), inHerit: our heritage places, 8 February 2015. *Relevance*: There is some history of the Sisters of St John of God's activities in the Kimberleys in the 'Register of Heritage Places' (pp.4-10) including work at Beagle Bay, Bidyadanga and Wirrumanu Missions and the Holy Child Orphanage
- Batty, David & McMahon, Jeni, [Sisters, Pearls and Mission Girls](#), 2004

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