

Aboriginal Education and Employment Hostel

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- Other Names:**
- Student Hostel
 - Aboriginal Hostels
 - Metropolitan Student Hostels
 - Country Hostel Services
 - Aboriginal Education Hostels
 - Educational Hostels
 - Education and Employment Hostels
 - Accommodation Centre
 - Country School and Working Children's Hostels

Details

Aboriginal Education and Employment Hostels were operated by the Western Australian Department of Native Welfare from 1950 to 1972, and then came under the administration of the Department for Community Welfare and its successors. They were set up to provide accommodation for young Indigenous people who needed to come to the metropolitan area, or large regional towns, for study or work. Almost all these hostels were run by independent agencies under agreements with state government departments. From 1968 they focused on young people who received Aboriginal Secondary Education Grants or Aboriginal Study Grants or who were employed under the Training Scheme for Aborigines. By 1995, the Aboriginal Education and Employment Hostel program had become a metropolitan student hostel program for Indigenous students attending Years 11 or 12, TAFE, University or colleges such as Clontarf in Perth.

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Nindeebai, cooking

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Nindeebai, studying

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Hostel camp

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Kyarra Hostel, swimming

Description: 'Kyarra Hostel, swimming' is a digital copy of an image included (p.38) in the *Annual Report 1978* of the Department for Community Welfare.

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Resources

- [Barrie Dexter and Judith Dexter interviewed by Steven Guth in the Bringing them home oral history project \(1999\)](#), 24 March 1999
- [Frank Ellis Gare interviewed by W.J.E. Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project \(1999\)](#), 11 March 1999
- [Helen McMillan interviewed by John Bannister in the Bringing them home oral history project \(2001\)](#), 24 March 2001 - 1 April 2001
- [Jim Dawes interviewed by Karen George in the Bringing them home oral history project \(2001\)](#), 1 January 1970 - current
- [Storylines](#), State Library of Western Australia website, 20 February 2015
- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia, [Submission No 55 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), July 2003
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Other Resources

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