

# Mofflyn

1959 – 1984

**Other Names:**

- Mofflyn House
- Mofflyn Homes
- Methodist Home

## Details

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Mofflyn (or Mofflyn House) was the new name given in 1959 to the Methodist Children's Home. It housed children in four cottages (Wesley, Guild, Dowerin and Meckering). In 1984, the Mofflyn campus was closed but the Uniting Church continued to be involved in out of home care through Mofflyn Child and Family Services.

Mofflyn (which was also known as 'Mofflyn House') was the new name given to the Methodist Homes for Children 1959, but it was not until 1961 that the Child Welfare Department (CWD) used 'Mofflyn' in its annual reports.

Mofflyn was on a 12 acre property in Sussex Street, East Victoria Park (government records from the 1970s have the address as 2 Jarrah Road, and 145 Sussex Street, East Victoria Park). It comprised four cottages (Wesley, Guild, Dowerin and Meckering) as well as the larger building, Mofflyn House, which held the Scholar Memorial Kindergarten and staff offices.

The name 'Mofflyn' was created to honour two early donors: the Mofflins (whose name also appears on the Mofflin Gate at the Claremont Showgrounds) and the Lynns.

Mofflyn was run by the Methodist Homes for Children until 1977, when the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches merged to become the Uniting Church. It was then run by the Uniting Church Child and Family Care Services, as part of the 'Mofflyn Group' of Homes.

In 1984, the Mofflyn campus was closed. The Uniting Church continued to be involved in out of home care and the Mofflyn name lived on through Mofflyn Child and Family Services.

## Gallery

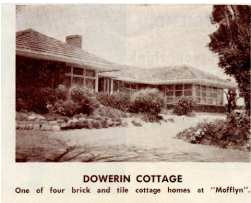
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### Mofflyn, Wesley Cottage

**Description:** This is a picture of Wesley Cottage, which was part of Mofflyn. It comes from the December 1965 edition of the Methodist Homes for Children's newsletter, called *The 'Homes' Herald*.

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### Mofflyn, Dowerin Cottage

**Description:** This is a picture of Dowerin Cottage, which was part of Mofflyn. It comes from the December 1966 edition of the Methodist Homes for Children's newsletter, called *The 'Homes' Herald*.



### Mofflyn Children's Home

**Description:** This is a picture of children on the lawn at Mofflyn. It comes from the December 1970 edition of the Methodist Homes for Children's newsletter, called *The 'Homes' Herald*.

## More info

### Chronology

- Methodist Children's Home (1922 - 1959)
  - **Mofflyn (1959 – 1984)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Methodist Homes for Children \(1922 - 1977\)](#)  
Date: 1959 - 1977
- [Uniting Church Child and Family Care Services \(1977 - 1984?\)](#)  
Date: 1977 - 1984

#### Related Organisations

- [Allandale Cottage \(1962 - 1985?\)](#)  
Allandale Cottage was located on the boundary of the Mofflyn campus, but was run as a separate entity.  
Date: 1962 - 1985?
- [Werribee Farm School \(1928 - 1962\)](#)  
Allandale (also known as the Werribee Farm School) and Mofflyn were run by the Methodist Homes for Children. At times, there was quite a lot of contact between them and children often lived in both Homes until Allandale closed.  
Date: 1959 - 1962
- [Mofflyn Child and Family Care Services \(1984 - 30 June 2006\)](#)
- [Werribee \(1962 - 1985\)](#)  
erribee was located on the Jarrah Road boundary of the Mofflyn campus.

#### Related Concepts

- [Child Migration \(1800s - 1970s\)](#)

## Resources

- Immigration Museum, [Stolen childhoods](#), 2012
- [On their own: Britain's child migrants](#), Australian National Maritime Museum website, 2010
- *Interview with Les and Ida Smith : [sound recording] edited transcript*, 2002
- Methodist Homes for Children, Western Australia, *The 'Homes' Herald*, 1964 - 1978
- Uniting Church in Australia (WA Synod), Department of Media, *Western Impact*, 1977 - 2007
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, [It's an honour](#), 2012

- Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia, [Submission No 55 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), July 2003
- Mofflyn, [Submission No 160 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), August 2003
- [Education: Aborigines Living away from home](#), Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995, 6 November 1973

## Records

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

### Records

- [Uniting WA Records \(1920s - current\)](#)
  - [Uniting Church \(Synod of Western Australia\) Archives, Records \(1918 - 1980s\)](#)
  - [Former Child Migrants Referral Index \(1913 - 1968\)](#)
  - [Former Child Migrants Blue Index Cards \(1947 - 1968\)](#)
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