

Swanleigh

1960 – 2010

Other Names: • Swanleigh Hostel

Details

Swanleigh in Middle Swan was the new name given in early 1960 to Swan Homes. It was a hostel for country children attending high school in the city. In 2010 Swanleigh became a conference and camp facility.

Gallery



Robertson Facade Administration

Description: 'Robertson Facade Administration' is an image of Swanleigh, held by the Anglican Diocese of Perth Archives.



Main Building - Swan Orphanage Industrial School for Protestant Boys, 1906

Description: 'Main Building - Swan Orphanage Industrial School for Protestant Boys, 1906' is an image included (after p.18) in the *Report by the Superintendent of Public Charities and Inspector of Industrial and Reformatory Schools* for the year ending 31 December 1906. This image shows a large two-storey brick building with a large main entrance and one wing on the right hand side, and a church in the background. A person can be seen standing on the upper verandah of the building.



Freeman House, Swanleigh orphanage, 1955

Description: This is a photograph of Freeman House at Swan Homes, later known as Swanleigh. It shows a large two-storey brick building. Freeman House was opened in 1955 to accommodate child migrants from the UK and Europe. This photo is one of three taken of Freeman House on 3 August 1955 available at the State Library of Western Australia.



Freeman House, Swanleigh orphanage, 1955

Description: This is a photograph of the dining room of Freeman House at Swan Homes, later known as Swanleigh. It shows a portion of the room which is furnished with 4-seater tables, cabinets, and extra seating, and has a serving hatch on one wall. Freeman House was opened in 1955 to accommodate child migrants from the UK and Europe. This photo is one of three taken of Freeman House on 3 August 1955 available at the State Library of Western Australia.



Lee Steere House 1953

Description: This is a photograph of Lee Steere House at Swan Homes, later known as Swanleigh. It shows a large two-storey brick building with 'Lee Steere House' written on the top of the front awning. In front of the house is a circular driveway lined with rose bushes.

More info

Chronology

- Perth Boys' Orphanage (1869 - 1876)
 - Swan Boys' Orphanage (1876 - 1942)
 - Swan Homes (1943 - 1959)
- **Swanleigh (1960 – 2010)**

Related Entries

Run by

- [Swanleigh Council \(1959 - 1961\)](#)
- [The Swanleigh Hostel Council \(1962 - 1970\)](#)
- [The Anglican Homes Board: Swanleigh Council \(1971\)](#)
- [Swanleigh Council \(1972 - 2010\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Seaside House, Coogee \(1931 - 1968\)](#)
Seaside House, Coogee was run as a branch of Swanleigh. Annual summer holidays at Coogee for children from Swanleigh continued until Coogee closed, and the children there were transferred to Swanleigh.
Date: 1960 - 1968
- [Country High School Hostels Authority, State of Western Australia \(1960 - 2017\)](#)
When Swanleigh was established as a hostel in 1960, it was responsible to the Country High School Hostels Authority, State of Western Australia.
- [Merredin Residential College \(1954 - current\)](#)
Two Wardens at Merredin Residential College (1954 -) had previously worked at Swanleigh , one as Deputy Director.
- [Narrogin Residential College \(1963 - current\)](#)
- [The Children's Society, United Kingdom \(1881 - current\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Anglican Church of Australia \(Swanleigh Land and Endowments\) Act 1979, Western Australia \(1979 - current\)](#)

Resources

- [Ken Pound interviewed by Gwenda Davey in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 29 November 2010 - 13 December 2010
- Information Services, Department for Community Development, [Signposts: A Guide for Children and Young People in Care in WA from 1920](#), 2004
- Heritage Council of Western Australia, [Swanleigh Precinct](#), inHerit: our heritage places, 8 February 2015

Records

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

Records

- [Anglican Diocese of Perth, Western Australia, Records \(1880s - 2010\)](#)
 - [Former Child Migrants Referral Index \(1913 - 1968\)](#)
 - [Former Child Migrants Blue Index Cards \(1947 - 1968\)](#)
 - [Files - Child Welfare, State Records Office of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
 - [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
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