

# Royal West Australian Institute for the Blind

1895 – 2001

**Other Names:**

- Western Australian Industrial School for the Blind
- Victoria Institute and Industrial School for the Blind
- Victoria Institute and Industrial School for the Blind, W.A.
- West Australian Institute and Industrial School for the Blind
- RIB

## Details

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The Royal West Australian Institute for the Blind (RIB) was established in 1895 as the WA Industrial School for the Blind in Maylands. It was run by a private committee of 'subscribers' who supported the Institute financially. Children lived and went to school at the Institute and there was also a workshop and living quarters for adults who were blind. Over the years, the residential program changed. In 2001, the RIB merged with the WA Deaf-Blind Association to become Senses Foundation Inc.

## Gallery

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**W.A. Institute and Industrial School for the Blind, Mayland, 1950**

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## More info

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### Chronology

- **Royal West Australian Institute for the Blind (1895 – 2001)**
  - Senses Foundation Inc. (2001 - current)

## Records

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### Records

- [Senses Foundation Inc. Records, State Library of Western Australia \(1895 - 2001\)](#)
  - [Files - Chief Protector of Aborigines \(1898 - 1908\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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