

# St Anne's Nursing Home

1937 – c. 1958

## Details

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St Anne's Nursing Home was a maternity and general hospital run by the Sisters of Mercy from 1937 in the Perth suburb of Mount Lawley. Many babies were adopted from St Anne's. Around 1958, the Home became known as St Anne's Maternity Home.

St Anne's Nursing Home was mentioned in the *Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices Inquiry* (2012) as an institution that was involved in forced adoption.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **St Anne's Nursing Home (1937 – c. 1958)**
  - St Anne's Maternity Home (c. 1958 - 1982)
    - St Anne's Mercy Hospital (1982 - 1997)
      - Mercy Hospital (1997 - 2014)
        - St John of God Mount Lawley Hospital (2014 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Sisters of Mercy, Perth Congregation \(1846 - 2011\)](#)  
Date: 1937 - 2002

#### Related Events

- [Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, Commonwealth of Australia \(2011 - 2012\)](#)  
St Anne's Nursing Home was mentioned in submission 279 to the Inquiry Committee as an institution that was involved in forced adoption.
- [Inquiry into past forced adoptive policies and practices, Western Australian government \(2023 - 2024\)](#)  
The WA inquiry into past forced adoptive policies and practices found that institutions operated by the Sisters of Mercy (now Institute of Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea) engaged in pressure and coercion practices which caused unmarried mothers to agree to the adoption of their children.

### Resources

- [Maternity Home Regulations](#), Government Gazette of Western Australia, 20 October 1944

# Records

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

## Records

- [St Anne's Hospital Records \(1937 - 1982\)](#)
  - [Richard S. Haynes & Co Adoption Files \[Mr Bryant's client files\] \(1946 - 1980\)](#)
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