

# Sunday Island Mission

1937 – 1964

## Details

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Sunday Island Mission was re-established by the United Aborigines Mission after a brief period at Wotjulum (1934-1937). It returned to the original site of the Sunday Island Mission (1899-1934). Children at Sunday Island were under the guardianship of the heads of the departments responsible for Aboriginal welfare until 1963. Sunday Island Mission closed in 1964.

## Gallery

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### Women and children at the Sunday Island Mission Children's Home

**Description:** This is a photograph of the children's dormitory at the Sunday Island Mission. It shows approximately 10 children and two women standing in front of a two-storey tin clad building with an exterior staircase. This photo is part of a collection of photos donated to the State Library of Western Australia by United Aborigines Missionary Preston Walker. The original title published with this photo by SLWA is 'Ethel Lupton and children at the Sunday Island Mission Childrens Home'.



### Lounge room of the Sunday Island Mission house, 1945

**Description:** This is a photograph of the lounge room at the Sunday Island Mission House. It shows a room with large windows filled with different styles of chairs and tables. There are rugs on the floor, and several doors visible to rooms leading off from the lounge. This photo is part of a collection of photos donated to the State Library of Western Australia by United Aborigines Missionary Preston Walker.



### Sunday Island Mission house, 1945

**Description:** This is a photograph of the Mission House at Sunday Island Mission. It shows an elevated single-storey cottage with enclosed wrap-around verandahs, and several smaller structures nearby. There is a steep hill visible directly behind the buildings. This photo is part of a collection of photos donated to the State Library of Western Australia by United Aborigines Missionary Preston Walker.

## More info

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## Chronology

- Sunday Island Mission (1899 - 1934)

- Wotjulum (1934 - 1937)
- **Sunday Island Mission (1937 – 1964)**

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [United Aborigines Mission \(1929 - 2020\)](#)

### Related Glossary Terms

- [Commissioner for Native Affairs \(WA\) \(1936 - 1954\)](#)  
The Commissioner of Native Affairs was the legal guardian of children at Sunday Island Mission.
- [Commissioner of Native Welfare \(WA\) \(1954 - 1972\)](#)  
The Commissioner of Native Welfare was the legal guardian of children at Sunday Island Mission until 1963 when he could regulate the 'care' of those Aboriginal children.

## Resources

- [Bessie Ejai interviewed by Mary Anne Jebb in the Bringing Them Home after the Apology oral history project](#), 22 July 2010
- [Allan Rees interviewed by Colleen Hattersley in the Bringing them home oral history project \(2000\)](#), 25 August 2000

## Other Resources



**Title:** Elevated views of Sunday Island Mission

**Type:** Image

**Date:** 1934

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## Records

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

### Records

- [United Aborigines Mission, Records of activities in Western Australia \(1929? - 1977?\)](#)
- [Records of Sunday Island Primary School \(1955 - 1962\)](#)
- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
- [Files - Aboriginal Affairs \(1908 - 1997\)](#)
- [Administration Files - Northern District Office \[N.D.G Sequence\] \(1950 - 1974\)](#)
- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)

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