Sunday Island Mission

1937 - 1964

Details

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.

National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse

The Western Australian government has agreed to be a funder of last resort for this institution. This means that although the institution is now defunct, it is participating in the National Redress Scheme, and the government has agreed to pay the institution's share of costs of providing redress to a person (as long as the government is found to be equally responsible for the abuse a person experienced).

Gallery



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

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

- <u>Commissioner for Native Affairs (WA) (1936 1954)</u>
 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

Details

Records

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

Records

- 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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