

Wirraminna Hostel

1973 – c.1987

Details

Wirraminna Hostel was a family group home for Aboriginal boys opened by Aboriginal Hostels Limited at Essendon in 1973. Wirraminna was run by a married couple who acted as house parents to the boys who lived there. Typically there were five or six boys in residence at Wirraminna, although the hostel was reported to have capacity for up to 9 children. The children were aged between 5 and 15 years old. Many of them were wards of the state who had been placed at Wirraminna by the State Departments for . They attended local primary and high schools, and, according to annual reports published by Aboriginal Hostels Limited, participated in local sports groups.

Wirraminna Hostel was run by Aboriginal Hostels Limited with assistance from the Victorian Departments for Community/Social Welfare, and the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA). It closed in late 1986 or early 1987.

Gallery



Wirraminna - A Student Hostel in Melbourne

Description: This is a photo of the Wirraminna Hostel, run by Aboriginal Hostels Limited, at Essendon, Melbourne. It shows a brick suburban cottage with white bay windows at the front. This image was published in the 1980 Aboriginal Hostels Limited annual report.

More info

Related Entries

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- [Aboriginal Hostels Limited \(1973 - current\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria \(1985 - 1992\)](#)
Wirraminna Hostel was managed by Aboriginal Hostel Limited with assistance from Community Services Victoria
- [Social Welfare Department, State Government of Victoria \(1970 - 1978\)](#)
Wirraminna Hostel was managed by Aboriginal Hostel Limited with assistance from the Victorian State Social Welfare Department
- [Department of Community Welfare Services, State Government of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)
Wirraminna Hostel was managed by Aboriginal Hostel Limited with assistance from the Victorian State Department of Community Welfare Services

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Victorian Government Wardship and/or Out of Home Care Records \(1864 - current\)](#)
- [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)

The Voluntary Children's Homes Files includes records about children placed at Wirraminna Hostel, including case information, and records about the hostel's management.

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