ROADS

An index of locations and access
to adoption records.

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SUMMARY

Between 1898 and 2003, approximately 21,000 adoptions have been granted or recognised by the Supreme, and then the Family, Court in Western Australia.

Application to access Adoption Files held by the Family Court of Western Australia is made through the Department for Community Development.

ROADS – Records Of ADoptionS (Location and Access) has been developed by the Department for Community Development as part of a suite of resources which aim to make historical records more accessible.

The purpose of ROADS is to help people who were involved in adoption to find information about themselves or their family. It is designed to be used principally by agencies assisting individuals in this search process.

The Department for Community Development has a commitment to enable access to personal information in accordance with appropriate protocols. ROADS identifies sources of information within the Department and elsewhere. Each organisation will have their own rules governing access, and people should be prepared to identify themselves as bona fide inquirers.

The information sought by people as they discover their personal history, or that of their family, may seem insensitive or callous by today's standards, and may make difficult reading. People are encouraged to ensure they have adequate personal and emotional support during the search and discovery processes.

This book is arranged into seven sections.

Section 1, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development" outlines records held by The Department for Community Development which may be useful or relevant to people who have been involved in adoption.

Section 2, "Non-Government Sources" outlines the contact details for non-government organisations where resident children may have been adopted, or which may have information pertinent to the place where the child was born or resident.

Section 3, "Records Held by Hospitals" overviews records holdings and outlines contact details for public and private hospitals still open in Western Australia that may hold relevant maternity records for birth mothers or babies that were subsequently adopted.

Section 4, "Previous Services for Maternity" lists many hospitals and midwives who are no longer providing maternity services. In some cases, contact details are provided but generally this section can only provide limited information about the facility. Also presented is a list of

midwives practising in the early years of the last century for whom no location is available. However, limited details regarding registered midwives can be obtained through the Nurses' Registration Board.

Section 5, "Useful Links" provides contact details for organisations that may assist enquirers find information about their own or their family's history.

Section 6, "Snapshots of Maternity and Adoption in WA" provides some interesting historical information about maternity in the early years of European settlement in this State and Government attitudes to adoption throughout the twentieth century, presented in a series of brief overviews, or 'snapshots'.

Section 7 is a Statistics Appendix which provides information not only about the number of adoptions and applications for adoption, but also more recent information about enquiries from adopted children, their birth and adoptive parents and other relatives.

The introductory paragraphs to each section give pointers to other sources of information.

We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of officers from all the many organisations who gladly provided information for this research.

Dr Debra Rosser,
for Blair Fox Pty Ltd
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RECORDS HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Department for Community Development (DCD) was previously known as State Children Department, Child Welfare, Community Welfare, Community Services, Family and Children's Services and Community Development.

The first section of this Index lists a range of records that are held by the Department. As indicated under the heading "Organisation Generating Record", some records have been generated by another government department or private agency.

Access to these records is restricted and confidentiality is protected by the Department's Protocols for Access. For information, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department for Community Development.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

Admission Registers (Walcott)

Organisation Generating Record	Known as Government Receiving Depot, Government Receiving Home, Child Welfare Receiving Home, Mount Lawley Receiving Home and the Walcott Centre
Dates	• Vol. 1: 1894 – 1907
	• Vol. 2: 1902 – 1916
	• Vol. 3: 1916 – 1922
	• Vol. 4: 1922 – 1926
	• Vol. 5: 1926 – 1929
	• Vol. 6: 1949 – 1959
	• Vol. 7. 1959 – 1965
	• Vol. 8: 1965 – 1976
	• Vol. 9: 1976 - 1988
	• Volumes covering the years from 1929 to 1949 are missing.
Description	The Register may record the following details:
• Name of the child
• Age
• Birthplace
• Religion
• where the child was sent/referred from and by whom
• reason for admission
• health on admission
• parents names

- parents' occupation and address

- date of discharge

- remarks

- after care (where the child went to afterwards).

See also Bridgewater Admissions Register Volumes 1 & 2

Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Adoption Branch Records – Child Welfare Department

Organisation Generating Record	Child Welfare Department
Dates	1970 – 1995.
Description	Child Welfare Department Adoption Branch records (Registers of adoption applicants, relinquishing parents, consents and revocations, placements, miscellaneous correspondence) 1970 to 1995.
Access	A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Adoption – Child Welfare Department Child Adoption Files

Organisation Generating Record	Child Welfare Department
Dates	1921 – present, though incomplete.
Description	Child Welfare Department Child Adoption Files (adoptees and adopters, actual and prospective) 1920's to present. Many files were destroyed after 10 years under the government policy of the day. Some of these were retained on microfilm.
Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Adoption Contact Register

Organisation Generating Record	Department for Community Welfare
Dates	1983 forward.

Description	Adoption Contact Register files 1983 to present. Parties to an adoption and/or their relatives who have lodged a statement of wishes to the Director General in regard to contact / no contact and the release or exchange of information. Also enquiries from WA-resident UK adoptees seeking their information; and other enquiries (overseas, interstate) not involving adoptions undertaken in WA.
Access	A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Adoption Orders – Family Court

Organisation Generating Record	Family Court of Australia (Western Australia)
Dates	1898 – 1999; 2000 forward.
Description	Adoption Orders granted by the Supreme Court of WA since 1898 to 1981 and Adoption Orders granted by the Family Court of Australia (WA) since 1981.
Access	A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Adoption Register Index Vols. 1 & 2

Organisation Generating Record	Child Welfare Department
Dates	Vol. 1: 1908 – 1938
	Vol. 2: 1939 – 1966
Description	Indexes to Particulars of Adoptions. Consists of alphabetical list which gives the family/surname and the given names of the child, name of the mother; or names of the adoptive parents and the page reference to the Particulars of Adoptions.
	Records consist of two volumes in hard copy.
Access	A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Adoptions – Particulars Of

Organisation Generating Record	Child Welfare Department
Dates	1908 – 1966

Description	Contains the following details:
	Registration number; name of the child; names of the persons making the application; date filed; date of order; date order received; remarks (often the name of the judge).
	See also Adoption Register Index Vols. 1 & 2.
Access	A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Bridgewater Admissions Register Volumes 1 and 2

Organisation Generating Record	Department for Community Welfare now DCD
Dates	• Vol 1 1969 – 1977
	• Vol 2 1978 – 1983
Description	Records the following details:
	• Name of the child date of admission,
	• date of birth
	• religion
	• date of discharge
	• where the child went to after leaving Bridgewater and additional remarks, if any.
	See also the Receiving Homes Admission Registers for Mount Lawley and Walcott.
Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Children's Court Register

Organisation Generating Records	Community Welfare Department (now DCD)
Dates	1908 – 1973 consisting of 42 volumes. Records between 08/04/1909 to 21/02/1913 are missing. Volumes 1-21 on microfilm.
Description	Contains the following details:
	• family name
	• given names
	• age
	• date of birth
	• date of committal
	• court

- magistrate

- charge

- judgement

- term

- particulars of parents – names, address, occupations, earnings; remarks on circumstances; subsequent location (under supervision, on probation, to institution).

Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Client Files, Department

Organisation Generating Record	Child Welfare Department, Community Welfare, Community Services, Family & Children's Services and Department for Community Development
Dates	1921 - current
Description	General Department client files. Some files have been destroyed.
Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Family Information Research System (FIRS)

Organisation Generating Record	Child Welfare, Community Welfare, Community Services, Family & Children's Services, Community Development, Department for Community Development (now DCD)
Dates	1921 to present
Description	An Oracle database specifically built to house Aboriginal records of significance to the 'stolen generations'. It contains indexes to government, non-government and community records.

- family name

- given name

- date of birth

- place of birth

- placements

- parent's names (if known)

- siblings names

Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Former Child Migrants Referral Index

Organisation Generating Record	Family and Children's Services (now DCD)
Dates	1913 – 1968
Description	An Access database index of all children who came to Western Australia as unaccompanied child migrants from the UK and Malta. Information is contained on child migrants who were resident at the following places:

- Bindoon (St Joseph's Farm and Trade School)

- Castledare Junior Orphanage (St Vincent's Boys' Home)

- Clontarf (St Joseph's Clontarf Boys' Town)

- Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra

- Mofflyn, Victoria Park

- Nazareth House, Bluff Point, Geraldton

- St Joseph's Orphanage, Subiaco

- St Vincent's Foundling Home, Subiaco

- Swanleigh, Middle Swan

- Tardun (St Mary's Agricultural) Farm School

Information varies but may contain child's name, alias, date of birth, name of ship, date of arrival in WA, places of residence in WA and location of various records.

The Referral Index links to information held in the UK.

Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Former Child Migrants Blue Index Cards

Organisation Generating Record	Child Welfare (now DCD)
Dates	1947 – 1968
Description	• An index card for each child who came to Western Australia as an unaccompanied child migrant from the UK and Malta. Information contained on the card includes:

- child's name

- alias

- date of birth

- name of ship

- date of arrival in WA

- placements

- parents' names (if known)

- medical details

- employment details

The Referral Index links to information held in the UK.

Access   A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Hillcrest Records

Organisation Generating Record   Hillcrest Maternity Hospital (Salvation Army Maternity Hospital, North Fremantle)

Dates   1912 – 1974.

Normally at Harvest Terrace, North Fremantle. Hillcrest moved to West Perth (44 Kings Park Road, corner Ventnor Avenue) during 1942 – 1944 for security reasons associated with the second World War.

The Family Court records adoptions occurring from the Maternity Home, North Fremantle from 1899 onwards. Hillcrest is also referred to as the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital.

Description
- Labour Ward Report Books 1950 – 1974
- Midwives Case Register 1941 – 1972 (4/11/1954 to 14/04/1964 missing)
- Register: Single Parents 1933 – 1966
- Register: Married Patients 1941 – 1965
- Notification of cases attended books 1968 – 1974
- Adoption Placements – Parents 1962 – 1974
- Adoption Placements – Babies 1965 – 1974
- Babies Birth.Progress Book 1 1927 – 1941
- Babies Birth.Progress Book 2 1958 – 1965
- Day Book – Mothers 1928 – 1953
- Day Book – Infants 1928 – 1953
- Girls' Record Books 1934 – 1953
- Admission.Discharges 1912 – 1974
- Personal and Antenatal Records 1968 – 1974

Access   A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

For possible additional information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.

Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Index to General Register Births; Index to General Register Deaths; Index to General Register Marriages

Organisation Generating Record	Registrar General's Office
Dates	Birth Indexes 1902 – 1905; Marriage & Death Indexes 1917 – 1954; Birth Indexes 1955 – 1991; Birth Indexes 1992 – 1993; Marriage & Death Indexes 1956 – 1965; Marriage Indexes 1971 – 1989.
Description	Births: Lists in alphabetical order family/surname; first names; names of parents; dates of birth; Registry District and the reference number for the record. Marriages: Lists in alphabetical order family/surname; first names; Registry District and the reference number for the record. Deaths: Lists in alphabetical order family/surname; first names; father's and mother's names and ages; the District and the reference number for the record.
Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Looking West

"Looking West – A Guide to Aboriginal Records in Western Australia" was prepared by the State Records Taskforce in response to Recommendation 23 of "Bringing them home", the report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families" in April 1997. "Looking West" details the location of records, type of service, years of operation, information in records and contact details for organisations who hold or have held records relating to Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

"Looking West" can be viewed on the Department for Community Development's website at http://www.lookingwest.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au

Native Welfare Records

Organisation Generating Record	Native Welfare Department
Dates	From 1921 to 1969
Description	Client files from the Native Welfare Department and previous departments dealing with Aboriginal people. Information is recorded on Births and Deaths, as well as on Marriages, as the Protector had to approve all the marriages. As a permit was required for employing an Aboriginal person, records were kept on employment and finances. The department sometimes paid the medical expenses of Aboriginal people when treated by a doctor. Police inspected the communities regularly and a census of those present was taken. Earlier files are held at the State Records Office (Perth), listed under Aboriginal Affairs Department. Note that some Native Welfare files were converted to Community Welfare files. See also entry for the Family Information Research System – FIRS.

Access	A Past Adoption Registration Form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Ngala Records

Organisation Generating Record	Ngala
Dates	1958 - 1980
Description	Ngala adoption records (nursing notes for individual mothers and their babies) 1958 to 1980 (may not include information for 'lone' babies – ie those admitted without their mother; nor does it include every child adopted from Ngala).
Access	A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Richard S Haynes & Co Adoption Files Collection (Mr Bryant's clients)

Organisation Generating Record	R S Haynes & Co, Solicitors
Dates	1946 – 1980
Description	R S Haynes (Richard Bryant) legal adoption files 1946 – 1980. (Note: this collection does not include every R S Haynes adoption file).
Access	A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

Pregnancy Help – Index of Clients

Organisation Generating Record	Pregnancy Help
Description	Index of clients who sought assistance through Pregnancy Help. No client records were held by the Department; these remained with Pregnancy Help (refer now to Centrecare, Perth). The index contains mother's name, sometimes child's name and date of birth.
Access	Contact Centrecare, Perth to request access to this index.

Record of Births (Kimberley Districts)

Organisation Generating Record	Office of the District Registrar
Dates	1971 – 1973
Description	Lists births in Kununurra, East Kimberley and Wyndham. The District Registrar had to be informed of births in the District and in return gave a certificate that a birth was registered (this is **not** a birth certificate).
	The Record contains the following details:
	Child's surname; Christian/given name; date of birth; place of birth; mother's name; father's name; religion; registration number.
	Records consist of one book, listing the details of approximately 50 people.
	See also Index to General Register Births.
Access	A Birth Death and Marriages application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. This information is not available to researchers.

St Anne's Maternity Hospital Register of Births

Organisation Generating Record	St Anne's Maternity Hospital (now Mercy Hospital, Mt Lawley)
Dates	From 1938
Description	Index of birth registers since hospital opened in 1938. Includes mother's and baby's name and may indicate if baby was adopted.
Access	Contact Mercy Hospital, Mt Lawley, access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. This information is not available to researchers.

St John of God Hospital Subiaco Adoption Files

Organisation Generating Record	St John of God Hospital Subiaco
Dates	1972 – 1993
Description	Excel spreadsheet containing details from a file held at St John of God Hospital regarding potential or actual adoptions in which the hospital played a role. It is likely that the file is incomplete (ie does not include details for all babies adopted from the hospital during those years).
	Information may include: baby's birth and subsequent surname/family name, date of birth, sex; name(s) of birth parent(s); obstetrician; solicitor arranging adoption; name(s) of adoptive parents.
Access	Contact St John of God Hospital to request access to this information. Access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants.

Signposts – A Guide for Children and Young People in Care from 1920

Organisation Generating Record	Department for Community Development
Dates	1894 onwards
Description	Web-based guide outlining the history and current contact details for residential child care facilities. Children who were subsequently adopted, or young pregnant women, may have spent time in some of these facilities.
	No client files are included in _Signposts_.
Access	_Signposts_ is via the Department for Community Development's website:
	http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au .

NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES

Records, photographs and admission / discharge registers held by private sector organisations (generally those that provided residential care) may also be relevant to people who were subsequently placed for adoption.

People seeking to access records held by Catholic residential agencies (present or historic) should consult the excellent guide "A Piece of the Story, a National Directory of Records of Catholic Organisations Caring for Children Separated from Families" (1999), available from the Australia Catholic Social Welfare Commission (or on their web site at www.acswc.org.au)

This list excludes hospitals, which are addressed in Section 3, "Records Held by Hospitals".

Residential care was provided by religious as well as secular and state organisations. Sometimes, children were adopted from these facilities. Only the Catholic and Seventh-Day Adventist Churches, however, appear to have engaged in adoption services in an organised way.

Any family search activity may profit from a visit to one of the Family History Centres of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon). A range of Family History Centres is available through the telephone book, under the Church's main listing in the white pages.

In the case of adoptions from Salvation Army, Anglican, Uniting (Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational) churches and Baptist Union Churches, where there was no centralised role in arranging adoptions, it is possible that local Ministers may have played some kind of facilitation role. Additionally, those organisations operated residential child care facilities and it is possible that some children were adopted from those Homes. Thus, the contact details for historical information for the Salvation Army, Uniting and Baptist Union Churches are in the following list and Swanleigh has been included as the most useful starting point for information about children adopted from that institution or its predecessors.

Baptist Union of Churches WA

Organisation   Baptist Union of Churches WA

Access   The Baptist Union had no role in facilitating adoptions through Baptist Churches, but some parishes may have been involved.

For further information, contact

The Administrator, Baptist Union of Churches WA, 21 Rowe Avenue, Rivervale WA 6103. Telephone (08) 9470 3081 Facsimile (08) 9470 1713

Email admin@baptistwa.asn.au

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about residential facilities run by the Baptist Union of Churches in Western Australia and from which adoptions may have occurred, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au

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Benedictine Mission and Orphanage Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kalumburu Mission St Mary's Orphanage St Joseph's Orphanage

Dates Kalumburu was a Mission community from 1908 to 1981. Also known as Drysdale River Mission and St Placid's.

St Joseph's Orphanage was a Boarding School for girls from 1861 to 1974.

St Mary's Orphanage was a Boarding School for boys from 1848 to 1974.

Description Various information is held by the Benedictine Archivist at New Norcia.

Departmental case records for young people adopted from these facilities may reside with the Department for Community Development, which is the best starting place for access to old Native Welfare Department files.

Access While access to records is restricted to protect the privacy of individuals, people are encouraged to enquire. For information, contact

The Archivist, Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc., Holy Trinity Abbey, New Norcia WA 6509.
Telephone: (08) 9654 8018 Facsimile: (08) 9654 8097
Email: archives@newnorcia.wa.edu.au

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about these facilities, please see the Department for Community Development's guides *Looking West* and *Signposts*, which can be accessed through their website.

The Battye Library also holds copies of records from St Joseph's and St Mary's Orphanages.

Centrecare

Organisation	Centrecare Inc.

Access Centrecare has some files with information about adoptions.

For further information, contact

Centrecare Inc, 456 Hay Street, Perth WA 6000. Telephone (08) 9325 6644

Facsimile (08) 9221 3631 Email: enquiries@centrecare.com.au

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about residential facilities in which Centrecare was involved in WA and from which adoptions may have occurred, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au .

Christian Brothers Records

Organisation Generating Record	Castledare Clontarf St Joseph's Farm and Trade School (Bindoon) Tardun Farm School (St Mary's Agricultural School, Tardun)
Dates	Residential care from 1938 to 1967 for Australian-born boys and British and Maltese child migrants (boys) provided by the Christian Brothers.
Description	Various information is held in the Christian Brothers' Archives.
	Former child migrants can also access information held on the Personal History Index - PHIND (see separate entry).
	Departmental case records for young people adopted from the Christian Brothers' institutions may reside with the Department for Community Development.
Access	While access to records is restricted to protect the privacy of individuals, people are encouraged to enquire. For information, contact
	The Archivist, Christian Brothers' Holy Spirit Province PO Box 1129, Bentley DC 6983. Telephone: (08) 9365 2813 Facsimile: (08) 9365 2814 Email: archives@westcourt.wa.edu.au or www.westcourt.wa.edu.au
	Please note that Bindoon, Clontarf and Tardun are all educational institutions now and do not hold any historical information on-site. Enquiries should be directed to The Archivist.
	For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.
	Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607
	Website: www.community.wa.gov.au
	For general historical information about these facilities, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au .

Good Shepherd Home (Leederville) Records

Organisation Generating Record	Good Shepherd Provincialate

Dates	Residential care from 1902 to 1971 provided by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.
Description	Admission and discharge registers are available.
	Departmental case records for young people adopted from the Good Shepherd Home may reside with the Department for Community Development.
	It is possible that the records of the Children's Court may also be relevant. The Department for Community Development may be able to assist in this regard.
Access	While access to records is restricted to protect the privacy of individuals, people are encouraged to enquire. For information, contact
	The Provincial Leader, Good Shepherd Provincialate PO Box 182, Abbotsford, Victoria 3067. Telephone: (03) 9419 5773 Facsimile: (03) 9419 4472
	The Home was in Leederville, Western Australia – but please note, that the main facility is now closed and the smaller Villa is an aged home. Enquiries should be directed to the Provincialate, as above. Callers will be assisted and put in contact with local Sisters if they wish to visit the site.
	For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.
	Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607
	Website: www.community.wa.gov.au
	For general historical information about the Good Shepherd Home, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.community.wa.gov.au .

Nazareth House Records

Organisation Generating Record	Nazareth House (Bluff Point, Geraldton)
Dates	Nazareth House was a residential care facility for children (including migrant children) and the aged between 1941 and 1977.
Description	Admission / discharge registers; some baptismal records.
	Former child migrants can also access information held on the Personal History Index – PHIND (see separate entry).
	Departmental case records for young people adopted from Nazareth House may reside with the Department for Community Development.
Access	While access to records is restricted to protect the privacy of individuals, people are encouraged to enquire. For information, contact
	Sister Superior, Sisters of Nazareth, Nazareth House, PO Box 3247, Bluff Point WA 6530. Telephone: (08) 9923 1205 Facsimile: (08) 9923 2585 / 9923 1539
	Since 1977, Nazareth House has operated as a Residential Aged Care Facility. As this is its primary function, enquirers are requested to contact the Sister Superior in order to ensure someone is able to help with the enquiry.

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about Nazareth House, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.community.wa.gov.au .

Ngala Mothercraft Home & Training Centre Records

Organisation Generating Record	Ngala Family Resource Centre
Dates	There was a progression from the Home of Mercy (established 1890) to the Alexandra Home (established 1913) to Ngala, which opened its doors on 1 August 1959 under the direction of Matron Beryl Grant.
	Ngala had ceased to provide adoption related services by 1980 and remains open as a Family Resource Centre.
Description	Minutes of meetings the Home of Mercy and Alexandra Home may be held at the Battye Library.
	Young women or babies from the Alexandra Home may have records about them held in the Department for Community Development's client files but no records from the Alexandra Home are known to exist.
	The Department for Community Development holds Ngala adoption records (nursing notes for individual mothers and their babies) 1958 to 1980 (may not include information for 'lone' babies – ie those admitted without their mother; nor does it include every child adopted from Ngala).
Access	For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department. A Past Adoptions application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to clients and direct line family descendants. There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.
	Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607
	Website: www.community.wa.gov.au
	For general historical information about Ngala, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.community.wa.gov.au .
	Enquiries about the service are welcomed by Ngala, but record queries may be referred to either the Department for Community Development or the birth hospital. To contact Ngala:
	Manager Early Parenting, Ngala Family Resource Centre, 9 George St, Kensington WA 6151. Telephone: (08) 9368 9368 Facsimile: (08) 9368 9361 Email: ngala@ngala.com.au
	Many babies accommodated at Ngala were born at either King Edward Memorial Hospital or South Perth Community Hospital (see entries in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals" for contact details and description of records).

PHIND (Personal History Index for Former Child Migrants to Catholic Homes in WA

Organisation Generating Record	Christian Brothers, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Nazareth
Dates	PHIND is a computerised, searchable index holding information and indicating the whereabouts of records for former child migrants (boys and girls) who came to Catholic residential facilities between the years 1938 and 1965. Information about children from the following facilities is included:

Bindoon (St Joseph's Farm and Trade School)

Castledare Junior Orphanage (St Vincent's Boys' Home)

Clontarf (St Joseph's Clontarf Boys' Town)

Nazareth House, Bluff Point, Geraldton

St Joseph's Orphanage, Subiaco

St Vincent's Foundling Home, Subiaco

Tardun (St Mary's Agricultural) Farm School

Description	Information varies but may contain child's date of birth, place of departure, place of residence in UK or Malta, parents' names, places of residence in WA, location of various records including birth and baptismal certificates.
Access	While access to PHIND is restricted to protect the privacy of individuals, people are encouraged to enquire. For information, contact the following organisations:

Christian Brothers (Westcourt), Manning. Telephone: (08) 9923 1205

C-BERS Services (Christian Brothers Ex-Residents and Students Services), Subiaco. Telephone: (08) 9381 5422 or freecall 1800 621 805

Catholic Migrant Centre, Perth. Telephone: (08) 9221 1727

Child Migrant's Trust, Nedlands. Telephone: (08) 9386 3605

The Department for Community Development, Perth.

Telephone: (08) 9222 2555 or freecall 1800 000 277

National Archives of Australia, East Victoria Park.

Telephone: (08) 9470 7500

Saint Joseph's Girls' Orphanage & St Vincent's Foundling Home Records

Organisation Generating Record	Sisters of Mercy (now MercyCare)
Dates	Residential care provided for girls and very young boys by the Sisters of Mercy, Perth Congregation, including child migrants from the UK and Malta 1901 - 1972.
Description	Records vary but may include photographs, admission / discharge registers, letters from prospective adoptive parents, midwives case registers.
	Former child migrants can also access information held on the Personal History Index (PHIND)
Access	While access to records is restricted to protect the privacy of individuals, people are encouraged to enquire. For information, contact

The Manager, Family and Community Services
Mercy Community Services, 18 Barrett St, Wembley WA 6014.
Telephone: (08) 9442 3444 Facsimile: (08) 3981 7050

Email: lpushong@mcs.org.au

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about St Vincent's Foundling Home and St Joseph's Girls' Orphanage, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au

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Salvation Army Records

Organisation   Salvation Army

Access   The Salvation Army had no role in facilitating adoptions, but some parishes may have been involved.

For further information, contact

Major Graeme Rigley, Territorial Social Programme Salvation Army, Locked Bag 1, Mont Albert, Victoria 3127. Telephone (03) 9896 6000 Facsimile (03) 9896 6056

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about residential facilities run by the Salvation Army in Western Australia and from which adoptions may have occurred, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au .

Seventh-Day Adventist Adoption Agency Records

Organisation Generating Record   Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Dates   The Sydney office of the Seventh-Day Adventist church ran an adoption agency for many years (years not supplied). It closed some years ago.

Description   Description of records not supplied, but can be accessed through the Department of Community Services, Parramatta, NSW.

Access   Restricted. For information about the service, contact Pastor Murray House, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 44-60 Station St, Gosnells WA 6110.
Telephone: (08) 9398 7222

For information on records held by the NSW Department for Community Services, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department for Community Development in Perth.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 000 277 Facsimile (08) 9222 2776

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

Swanleigh Records

Organisation   Anglican Homes for Children

Access   For information about the records existing from the Anglican Homes for Children, please contact:

The Director, Swanleigh
Yule Avenue, Middle Swan 6056
Telephone: (08) 9374 5600 Facsimile: (08) 9374 5699

Email: www.swanleigh.wa.edu.au

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about residential facilities run by the Salvation Army in Western Australia and from which adoptions may have occurred, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au .

Uniting Church Records

Organisation   Congregational Church

Methodist Church

Presbyterian Church

Uniting Church

Access   The Uniting Church had no role in facilitating adoptions through Congregational, Presbyterian or Methodist Churches, but some parishes may have been involved.

For further information, contact:

Ms Maggie Exon, Archivist Uniting Church of WA, Westminster House, 10 Pier Street, Perth WA 6000. Telephone (08) 9266 2707

For information on records held by the Department for Community Development, please contact Past Adoption Services at the Department.

Telephone (08) 9222 2555 Toll Free 1800 622 258 Facsimile (08) 9222 2607

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

For general historical information about residential facilities run by the Uniting Church and its predecessors in Western Australia and from which adoptions may have occurred, please see the Department for Community Development's guide *Signposts*, which can be accessed at http://signposts.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au .

RECORDS HELD BY HOSPITALS

This section outlines the contact details for hospitals which had a maternity service in this State, and which are still offering services (Section 4 deals with hospitals that are now closed). When searching for records relating to maternity admissions, you will need to know the birth mother's name as babies were typically listed on their mother's record (until the 1980's when the practise changed in some hospitals or if the babie's health required a separate, individual admission).

Please be aware that information relating to the birth mother's admission is confidential to her. However, there may be clinical information deemed relevant to the child that was born which can be released (eg time of birth).

Albany Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Albany District/ Regional / Maternity Hospitals
Dates	Albany was the site of the first Military Infirmary in 1829 and many hospitals have existed in the town since then. There has been a Government Hospital since the 1860's and various correspondence since 1912 is noted on Health Department WA files. For some years prior to 1962, when the Albany Regional Hospital was built (it opened on 1/3/1962), maternity services were provided by the Albany Maternity Hospital (as distinct from the Albany District Hospital).
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Health Information Manager, Lower Great Southern Health Service, PO Box 252, Albany WA 6330.
	Telephone: (08) 9892 2222 Facsimile: (08) 9841 8557

Armadale / Kelmscott Memorial Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Armadale/Kelmscott Hospital (Albany Hwy, Kelmscott)
Dates	Noted in 1947 as Kelmscott/Armadale Lying-In Hospital in Health Dept records.
	Records held from 1952 (admission registers only).
	Present hospital dates from 07/03/1964.
Description	All records are now held for a minimum of 15 years since patient's last attendance. Exceptions include Child Health Records which, as a temporary document, are held for one year.
	All Aboriginal records are now held permanently (though this was not the practice in the past, so records are incomplete).
	Admission registers from 1952 (which clearly pre-date the current hospital). It is believed that these may relate to admissions to the original hospital site now known as Dorset Hostel, which is located in the Armadale township, near the site of the current shopping centre. More information may be sought from the Armadale Historical Society, the Armadale Library or the Council.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital, PO Box

460, Armadale WA 6992

Telephone: (08) 9391 2000 Facsimile: (08) 9391 2129

August District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Augusta District Hospital
Dates	Augusta's earliest hospital service operated in 1830, when a temporary hospital was established to assist settlers.
	The present hospital dates from 1964.
Description	Admission and discharge registers; accident and emergency registers; birth registers. Individual records in accordance with Disposal and Retention Schedule.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Augusta District Hospital, Donovan Street, Augusta WA 6290.
	Telephone: (08) 9758 1502; Facsimile: (08) 9758 1967

Bentley Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Bentley Hospital (Mills St, Bentley)
Dates	Late 1960's onwards
Description	All records held indefinitely (dating from hospital's inception).
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Health Information Services, Bentley Health Service, PO Box 158, Bentley WA 6982.
	Telephone: (08) 9334 3666 Facsimile: (08) 9356 1632

Beverley District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Beverley District Hospital (Sewell Street, Beverley)
Dates	It is likely that Beverley has had a hospital since 1908 or before. Department of Health records note correspondence regarding Beverley Hospital from 1908 forward.
Description	Records for children born in the hospital are kept for 25 years.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Beverley District Hospital, PO Box 142, Beverley WA 6304.
	Telephone: (08) 9646 1100 Facsimile: (08) 9646 1157

Boddington District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Boddington District Hospital (Hotham Avenue, Boddington)
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Boddington District Hospital, Hotham Ave, Boddington WA 6390.
	Telephone: (08) 9883 8008 Facsimile: (08) 9883 9187

Boyup Brook Health Service Records

Organisation Generating Record	Boyup Brook & Districts Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (Hospital Drive, Boyup Brook)
Dates	Department of Health records include correspondence regarding the need for a hospital in 1921. By 1924, Boyup Brook was on the list of registered Lying-In Homes. Also known as Upper Blackwood Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, Boyup Brook Health Service, PO Box 147, Boyup Brook WA 6244.
	Telephone: (08) 9765 1000 Facsimile: (08) 9765 1046

Bridgetown District Hospital Records and Links to Information about Greenbushes Hospital and Lying-In Home

Organisation Generating Record	Bridgetown District Hospital (Peninsula Road, Bridgetown)
Dates	The present Bridgetown hospital dates from 1975. There has been a hospital in Bridgetown since at least 1900, and the Department of Health archive notes communication re the labour ward as early as 1904.
	Information from Greenbushes Hospital is held at Bridgetown District Hospital. Dates range from 1900s onwards.
	Greenbushes Hospital is noted in the section, "Previous Services for Maternity".
Description	Medical records are now all retained, though there was some culling of records in the 1990s.
	Records and admission/discharge registers from old Bridgetown Hospital (1930s to 1970s) are archived.
	Scant records from Greenbushes Hospital (1900s to 1940s) are archived; others are accessible through the Battye Library.
	The Bridgetown / Greenbushes Shire Council and Historical Society are also helpful sources of information.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Bridgetown District Hospital, PO Box 136, Bridgetown WA 6255.
	Telephone: (08) 9761 1166 Facsimile: (08) 9761 1803

Brookton Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Brookton Hospital
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence in 1921. It was a registered Lying-In Home by 1924. Closed in 2002.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.
	Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Broome District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Broome District Hospital (Robinson Street, Broome)
Dates	Health Department files note correspondence re additions to the hospital in 1903. It was a registered Lying-In Home in 1926, with the midwife cited as May A. McWhinney.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Broome District Hospital, PO Box 62, Broome, 6725.
	Telephone: (08) 9192 9222 Facsimile: (08) 9192 2322

Bruce Rock Memorial Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Bruce Rock District . Memorial Hospital (Dunstall Street, Bruce Rock)
Dates	Health Department files note correspondence re the establishment of a hospital in 1920. It was a registered Lying-In Home in 1926.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Mrs Ann Dunlop, Manager, Bruce Rock Memorial Hospital, Dunstall St, Bruce Rock WA 6418.
	Telephone: (08) 9061 1311 Facsimile: (08) 9061 1075

Bunbury Regional Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Bunbury Regional Hospital (Cnr Bussell Highway and Robertson Drive, Bunbury)
Dates	Commissioning date of present hospital not supplied.
	Health Department files note correspondence as early as 1898. Correspondence in

1913 refers to the 'old hospital' site. As a convict depot, Bunbury would have had a hospital for convicts from the 1850s and a government hospital from the 1860s.

Description	Status of records unknown.
	Medical records and admission/discharge registers are kept according to HDWA Retention and Disposal standards.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Bunbury Regional Hospital, PO Box 5301, Bunbury WA 6231.
	Telephone: (08) 9722 1000 Facsimile: (08) 9722 1017

Busselton District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Busselton District Hospital (Mill Road, Busselton)
Dates	A government hospital has existed in Busselton since the 1860s. It was a registered Lying-In hospital by 1918.
	The present hospital dates from 1978
Description	Admission and discharge, birth, and accident and emergency registers dating back more than 20 years. Individual records in accordance with Disposal and Retention Schedule.
	Midwives complete "Notification of Case Attended Forms" (MR15). Adoption information (yes/no) is recorded on this form, which is sent to the Health Dept of WA. No other identification is made for adoption records within the hospital.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Busselton District Hospital, Locked Bag 3, Busselton WA 6280.
	Telephone: (08) 9752 1122 Facsimile: (08) 9752 1115

Carnarvon Regional Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Carnarvon Regional Hospital (Cleaver Street, Carnarvon)
Dates	Commissioning date of present hospital not supplied.
	Health Department files note correspondence as early as 1901, and Carnarvon Hospital is listed as a 'Class 2' hospital in the 1909 Annual Report by the Commissioner of Public Health.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Ms Christine Giles, Health Service Manager, Carnarvon Regional Hospital, PO Box 41, Carnarvon WA 6701.
	Telephone: (08) 9941 0555 Facsimile: (08) 9941 0556

Collie District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Collie District Hospital (Deakin Street, Collie)
Dates	Original hospital dates from 1900; moved to present site in 1927
Description	Hospital follows Disposal and Retention guidelines from Health Dept of WA.
	Original hospital dates from 1900; moved to present site in 1927. Locals are aware that there was a Nursing Home in Venn Street (Department of Health records show the 'National Maternity Home being at 60 Venn Street).
	Hospital has Admission and Discharge Registers for 1926 and 1934; Record of Births 1956 - present.
Access	Restricted. For information, Collie Health Service, PO Box 505, Collie WA 6225.
	Telephone: (08) 9734 1333 Facsimile: (08) 9734 4144

Corrigin District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Corrigin District Hospital (Kirkwood Street, Corrigin)
Dates	Department of Health records note registration as a Lying-In Home in 1924.
	According to information received from the hospital, the present facility commenced in 1944.
	Some records from 1950s onwards.
Description	Currently hold medical records for 15 years and retain birth records indefinitely, though this may have not been the practice in the past.
	Admission and Discharge Registers date back to the 1950s.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Corrigin District Hospital, Kirkwood St, Corrigin WA 6375.
	Telephone: (08) 9063 2300 Facsimile: (08) 9063 2237

Cue District Hospital Records and Link to Day Dawn Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Cue District Hospital
Dates	1898 or earlier to at least 1956.
	Cue and Day Dawn hospitals appear to have a somewhat shared history. Old records relating to both are held in the Battye Library. By 1918, Cue-Day Dawn was a registered Lying-In Home.

Cue Hospital was still registered as a Lying-In Home in 1934.

Description	Nursing post records for outpatients. No inpatient, paediatric or obstetric records.
	Old records held at Battye Library.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Midwest and Murchison Health Region, PO Box 22, Geraldton, WA 6531.
	Telephone: (08) 9956 2209 Facsimile: (08) 9956 2421

Cunderdin District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Cunderdin District Hospital
Dates	Hospital commenced before 1930.
	Cunderdin Nursing Home is listed in the section, "Additional Maternity Hospitals, Lying-In Homes and Service Providers".
Description	Paediatric/maternity records currently held for 15 years; medical records for 7 years. Admission/discharge registers from 1970 to present.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Cunderdin District Hospital, Cubbine Rd, Cunderdin WA 6407.
	Telephone: (08) 9635 1100 Facsimile: (08) 9635 1402

Dalwallinu District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Dalwallinu District Hospital (Myers Street, Dalwallinu)
Dates	Commenced as a cottage hospital in 1923. Hospital has been on present site since 1973.
Description	Hold some records on-site dating back to early years.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Dalwallinu District Hospital, PO Box 115, Dalwallinu WA 6609.
	Telephone: (08) 9961 1201 Facsimile: (08) 9961 1254

Dampier District Hospital Records

See "Nickol Bay Hospital"

Day Dawn Hospital

See entry, "Cue District Hospital"

Denmark Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Denmark District Hospital (Strickland Street, Denmark)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the need for a hospital in Denmark in 1921. By 1924, Denmark was registered as a Lying-In Home with the Department. The resident midwife in this year is recorded as being Elizabeth Marshall.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Denmark Hospital, PO Box 95, Denmark WA 6333. Telephone: (08) 9848 1201 Facsimile: (08) 9848 1058

Derby Regional Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Derby Regional Hospital (Clarendon Street, Derby)
Dates	There is correspondence on file at the Department of Health regarding Derby Hospital from 1903 but the hospital probably dates from before that. By 1931, Derby Hospital was a registered Lying-In Home.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Derby Regional Hospital, PMB 938, Derby 6728 WA. Telephone: (08) 9193 3333 Facsimile: (08) 9193 1853

Devonleigh Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Devonleigh Hospital (9 Anstey Street, Peppermint Grove)

Dates	Devonleigh is noted in Health Department records as a registered Lying-In Home by 1931. Florence Grono was recorded as the registered midwife in 1931 and 1943.
	The hospital closed in 1987.
Description	The Department of Health holds some information and records.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.
	Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Donnybrook Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Donnybrook Health Service (Bentley Street, Donnybrook)
Dates	1900 to 1939, hospitals run by local doctors (mainly maternity).
	The Board Hospital opened in 1941, and became a government hospital on 1.8.1969. Current hospital opened 1981. Historical précis available from the Donnybrook District Hospital.
Description	Admission and discharge registers from 1942.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Donnybrook Health Service, Bentley St, Donnybrook WA 6239.
	Telephone: (08) 9731 1003 Facsimile: (08) 9731 1735

Dumbleyung District Memorial Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Dumbleyung District Hospital (McIntyre Street, Dumbleyung)
Dates	1925 to present. Dumbleyung was noted in Department of Health records as a registered Lying-In Home by 1931.
Description	All registers and medical records held on-site.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Dumbleyung District Memorial Hospital, PO Box 138, Dumbleyung WA 6350.
	Telephone: (08) 9863 4022 Facsimile: (08) 9863 4023

Dwellingup District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Dwellingup District Hospital
Dates	Correspondence regarding Dwellingup Hospital exists on Department of Health files

from 1919. Dwellingup Hospital was recorded as a registered Lying-In Home by 1923. The service became a Nursing Post by 1962 after the hospital was destroyed by bushfire.

Description   Status of records unknown.

Access   Restricted.   For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.

Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Esperance District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Esperance District Hospital

Description   Status of records unknown.

Access   Restricted.   For information, contact Esperance District Hospital, PO Box 339, Esperance WA 6450.

Telephone: (08) 9071 9222 Facsimile: (08) 9071 9200

Exmouth District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Exmouth District Hospital (Lyons Street, Exmouth)

Dates   From 1966 onwards.

Description   Medical records

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Exmouth District Hospital, PO Box 126, Exmouth WA 6707.

Telephone: (08) 9949 1011 Facsimile: (08) 9949 1017

Fitzroy Crossing Inland Mission . District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Fitzroy Crossing District Hospital (current site Fallon Road, Fitzroy Crossing)

Dates   Hospital commenced in 1939 as the Australian Inland Mission (AIM) Hospital run by the Presbyterian Church.   The Rev John Flynn ("Flynn of the Outback") was instrumental in establishing the hospital. It became the Mindi Rardi Health Service in 1974 and continued to be administered by the Uniting Church from its Frontier Services office in Sydney. In 1980, the facility became a government hospital. It remains operational.

Description   Some outpatient cards from the AIM days still exist and are filed with current

Community Health patient cards.

Kimberley Public Health Department records are also held by the Department for Community Development.

Uniting Church Frontier Services in Sydney have an archive of official correspondence.

Access   Restricted.

- For information, contact Fitzroy Crossing District Hospital, PO Box 5, Fitzroy Crossing, WA 6765.

  Telephone: (08) 91915015 Facsimile: (08) 9191 5149

- Kimberley Public Health Department records (restricted access) are also held by the Department for Community Development. Enquiries to Past Adoption Services, Department for Community Development, 189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6004.

  Telephone: (08) 9222 2555 Freecall (STD) 1800 622 258

  Email: adoptions@dcd.wa.gov.au

- For information regarding the Australian Inland Mission Hospital, contact National Director Frontier Services, Uniting Church of Australia, PO Box A2266. South Sydney NSW 1235.

  Telephone: (02) 8267 4242; Facsimile: (02) 9267 3538.

Fremantle Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Fremantle Hospital (Alma Street, Fremantle)
Dates	Hospital commenced in 1897
Description	Admission and discharge registers from 1939 until computerisation in approximately 1979.
	Medical records dating back to the early 1970s (including paediatric).
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Fremantle Hospital and Health Service, PO Box 480, Fremantle WA 6959.
	Telephone: (08) 9431 3333 Facsimile: (08) 9431 2921
	Email: http://www.fhhs.health.wa.gov.au

Geraldton Regional Hospital / Victoria District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Geraldton Regional Hospital (Shenton Street, Geraldton) . Geraldton District Hospital / Victoria District Hospital
Dates	Geraldton Regional Hospital dates from 1/10/1966. A government hospital in the town dates from the 1860s. In early years it was known as the Victoria District Hospital (from 1900) and then Geraldton District Hospital. For some years prior to 1966, the Maternity service was undertaken by Geraldton Maternity Hospital (see the section, "Additional Maternity Hospitals, Lying-In Homes and Service Providers" for more information).
Description	All medical records within 15 years of patient's last presentation. All Aboriginal records from the 1960s. Admission registers from 1900 onwards.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Geraldton Regional Hospital, PO Box 22, Geraldton WA 6531.
	Telephone: (08) 9956 2222 Facsimile: (08) 9956 2203

Glengarry Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Glengarry Hospital (53 Arnisdale Road, Duncraig)
Dates	1979 onwards
Description	Admission and birth registers 1979 - 1996 (hardcopy).
	1996 onwards, computerised admission and birth registers.
	Records from 1979 - 1984 and 1987 - 1995 are stored on microfiche. Records from 1985 - 1986 and 1996 - current are held in hard copy.
	1996 records are held at an offsite location.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Health Information Manager, Glengarry Hospital, 53 Arnisdale Rd, Duncraig WA 6023.
	Telephone: (08) 9447 0111

Gnowangerup Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Gnowangerup District Hospital
Dates	Health Department files note Gnowangerup as a registered Lying-In Home by 1922. It remains open in 2004.

Description   Status of records unknown.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Gnowangerup District Hospital, Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup WA 6335.

Telephone: (08) 9827 2222 Facsimile: (08) 9827 1464

Goomalling District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Goomalling District Hospital (Forrest Street, Goomalling)

Dates   Department of Health files note Goomalling as a registered Lying-In Home by 1918 (midwife that year was Nurse Sarah Breheney). The hospital remains open in 2004.

Description   All records that could be located have been stored on-site and the hospital has a policy of retaining these and current records indefinitely.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Goomalling District Hospital, PO Box 107, Goomalling WA 6460

Telephone: (08) 9629 0100 Facsimile: (08) 9629 1362

Gosnells Family Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Gosnells Family Hospital

Dates   1984 – November 2001, when it became Galliers Private Hospital and moved to a new site.

Description   Have retained all records.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.

Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Greenmount Maternity Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Greenmount Maternity Hospital (22 Coongan Avenue, Greenmount)

Dates   The hospital provided maternity services from 1987 to 2000.

Description	Records were kept for 15 years in off-site storage.
	In 2002, the Greenmount Maternity Hospital records were held by contact Mrs Norma Miles, Proprietor, Undercliffe Hospital Complex, 22 Coongan Ave, Greenmount WA 6056. However, this facility appears to have closed.
	Status of records unknown.
Access	For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.
	Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Halls Creek District Hospital . Australian Inland Mission Halls Creek Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Halls Creek District Hospital (70 Roberta Avenue, Halls Creek)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence re Halls Creek Hospital in 1921. It was an Australian Inland Mission Hospital prior to being taken over by the Government on 1/10/1980
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted.

- For information, contact Halls Creek District Hospital, PMB 12, Halls Creek WA 6770.

    Telephone: (08) 9168 6003 Facsimile: (08) 9168 6225

- Kimberley Public Health Department records (restricted access) are also held by the Department for Community Development. Enquiries to Past Adoption Services, Department for Community Development, 189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6004.

    Telephone: (08) 9222 2555 Freecall (STD) 1800 622 258

    Email: adoptions@dcd.wa.gov.au

- For information regarding the Australian Inland Mission Hospital, contact National Director Frontier Services, Uniting Church of Australia, PO Box A2266. South Sydney NSW 1235.

    Telephone: (02) 8267 4242; Facsimile: (02) 9267 3538.

Harvey District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Harvey District Hospital
Dates	Hospital commenced in the 1920s and a range of registers exist from that time to the present. Department of Health records note the hospital as a registered Lying-In Home by 1924, with the recorded midwives being Flora Larsen (1924) and HA Lusk (1933).

Description   Admission and Discharge Registers from 1920s to present. Nurses' Day Books across a range of years. Records of Birth from 1920s to present.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Harvey Health Service, 45 Hayward Street, Harvey WA 6220.

Telephone: (08) 9729 1004 Facsimile: (08) 9729 2056

Jardanup Hospital Records – See Warren District Hospital

Jerramungup Nursing Post Records

Organisation Generating Record	Jerramungup Nursing Post (Kokoda Road, Jerramungup)
Dates	The Nursing Post at Jerramungup is noted in Medical Department Annual Reports from 1963, and remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Jerramungup Health Service, PO Box 53, Jerramungup WA 6337
	Telephone: (08) 9835 1004 Facsimile: (08) 9835 1077

Kalamunda District Community Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kalamunda District Community Hospital (Elizabeth Street, Kalamunda)
Dates	Hospital commenced 1973 as private facility. Became government controlled in 1974.
Description	Labour ward register from 1974 to present. Hard copy stored on-site.

Admission and discharge register used between 1974 and 1992, subsequently on IT system. Hard copy of register stored on-site.

General records from 1975 - 1984 have been culled and destroyed, except for obstetric and maternity.

Records prior to 1993 on microfilm.

Records post-1994 are stored on-site in hard copy.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Kalamunda District Community Hospital, PO Box 243, Kalamunda WA 6926.

Telephone: (08) 9293 2122 Facsimile: (08) 9293 2488

Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, Piccadilly Street, Kalgoorlie
Dates	At least 1898 – present. Was known as Kalgoorlie/Boulder Hospital during some of this period.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, Locked Bag 7, Kalgoorlie WA 6433.
	Telephone: (08) 9080 5888 Facsimile: (08) 9080 5444
	Email: goldfields@health.wa.gov.au

Kambalda Health Centre Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kambalda Health Centre, Gumnut Place, West Kambalda
Dates	From 1975 onwards
Description	Birth notification register; Outpatients register; Nursing progress notes (sent to Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital after being inactive for 7 years); Child health records (kept for 5 years then sent to Community Health in Kalgoorlie); School health records; Immunisation record cards. Medical records are kept by GP.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Kambalda Health Centre, Gumnut Place, Kambalda WA 6444.
	Telephone: (08) 9027 1111 Facsimile: (08) 9027 3481
	Email: gsehr.kambalda@health.wa.gov.au

Katanning District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Katanning District Hospital
Dates	From 1910 onwards
Description	Admission / discharge registers from 1910 onwards.
	Medical records from 1985 onwards.
	All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander records from 1984 onwards.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Katanning District Hospital, Clive Street, Katanning WA 6317.
	Telephone: (08) 9821 1011 Facsimile: (08) 9821 2736

Kellerberrin District Hospital / Eastern Districts Memorial Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kellerberrin District Hospital / Eastern Districts Memorial Hospital / Kellerberrin Memorial Hospital
Dates	Hospital commenced in 1921. Has also been known as the Eastern Districts Memorial Hospital (prior to 1970s).
Description	Admission/discharge registers from approximately 1970. Medical records from approximately 1980.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Kellerberrin Memorial Hospital, 51-63 Gregory Street, Kellerberrin WA 6410. Telephone: (08) 9045 4303 Facsimile: (08) 9045 4145

King Edward Memorial Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	King Edward Memorial Hospital (374 Bagot Road, Subiaco)
Dates	From 1916 onwards
Description	Most records retrievable from 6/7/1916 in either hard copy, microfilm, microfiche, or searchable Central Patient Index. Babes are held on a separate record from their mothers from 1980. Records held in hard copy include:

1. Admission and discharge (from 6/7/1916 to 26/8/1973 held in hard copy and deemed never to be destroyed. More current records can be generated from computerised patient administration system).

2. Delivery registers (from 1954; deemed never to be destroyed).

3. Birth register, Family Birth Centre (from 1992, deemed never to be destroyed).

4. Theatre registers (from June 1965, deemed never to be destroyed).

5. Special Care Nursery registers (deemed never to be destroyed).

6. Emergency registers (deemed never to be destroyed).

7. Card register (from 1916 to 1979 when superseded by electronic system. Hard copies of cards will be retained).

A range of other historical and current records are held on microfilm and microfiche.

Access	Restricted. Inquirers will have to submit a Request for Information form. Contact King Edward Memorial Hospital, PO Box 134, Subiaco WA 6904. Telephone: (08) 9340 8629 Facsimile: (08) 9388 1780 Web: http://wchs.health.wa.gov.au Email: kemh@health.wa.gov.au

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Kojonup District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kojonup District Hospital
Dates	From 1922
Description	Admission registers from 1922.
	Birth register from around 1940's (earlier births can be traced through general register as mothers and babes are noted).
	Medical records are held as per Retention and Disposal guidelines from the Department of Health.
Access	Restricted. For information, Kojonup District Hospital, Spring Street, Kojonup WA 6395.
	Telephone: (08) 9831 1011 Facsimile: (08) 9831 1342

Kondinin District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kondinin District Hospital (Graham Street, Kondinin)
Dates	From 1925 onwards.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Kondinin District Hospital, PO Box 2, Kondinin WA 6367.
	Telephone: (08) 9889 1000 Facsimile: (08) 9889 1203

Kununurra District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kununurra District Hospital (96 Coolibah Drive, Kununurra)
Dates	Hospital commenced services in 1968.
Description	Culled files in 1988 and destroyed records of all people aged over 25 years.
	However, admission.discharge registers may extend back to mid-1970s.
	The hospital now follows the Disposal and Retention guidelines from the Department of Health.
	Kimberley Public Health Department records are also held by the Department for Community Development.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Kununurra District Hospital, PO Box 239, Kununurra WA 6743
	Telephone: (08) 9168 1522 Facsimile: (08) 9168 2450

For Kimberley Public Health Department records (restricted access) held by the Department for Community Development:

Enquiries to Past Adoption Services, Department for Community Development, 189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6004.

Telephone: (08) 9222 2555 Freecall (STD) 1800 622 258

Email: www.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au

Kwinana.Rockingham District.Maternity Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Kwinana Maternity Hospital, (35 Kenton Way, Calista)
Dates	Hospital commenced services in 1956, became a Government Leased Hospital in 1970, a District Hospital owned by the Medical Department in 1974 and remains open as Rockingham/Kwinana District Hospital (see listing under that name).
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Rockingham/Kwinana District Hospital, PO Box 2033, Rockingham WA 6967. Telephone: (08) 9592 0600 Facsimile: (08) 9592 1621

Laverton District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Laverton District Hospital (Beria Road, Laverton)
Dates	Correspondence as early as 1898 mentions the Mt Margaret / Laverton hospital, and the Laverton District Hospital appears in Department of Health Annual Reports from 1913 onwards. The hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals in 1934 and remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Laverton District Hospital, PO Box 21, Laverton WA 6440. Telephone: (08) 9031 1200 Facsimile: (08) 9031 1062

Leonora District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Leonora District Hospital (Sadie Canning Drive, Leonora)
Dates	Department of Health correspondence as early as 1900 mentions the hospital, and the Leonora District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals from 1918 –

1946. It remains open in 2004.

Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Leonora District Hospital, PO Box 57, Leonora WA 6438.
	Telephone: (08) 9037 6000 Facsimile: (08) 9037 6215

Manjimup Hospital Records – See Warren District Hospital

Marble Bar District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Marble Bar District Hospital (Station Street, Marble Bar)
Dates	Department of Health correspondence as early as 1899 mentions the hospital, and the Marble Bar District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals in 1933. A health service remains open in 2004 as the Marble Bar Nursing Post.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.
	Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Margaret River District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Margaret River District Hospital
Dates	The Margaret River District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals from 1924. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, Margaret River District Hospital, Farrelly Street, Margaret River WA 6285
	Telephone: (08) 9757 2000 Facsimile: (08) 9757 2783

Meekatharra District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Meekatharra District Hospital (Savage Street, Meekatharra)

Dates	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Health notes establishment of Meekatharra Hospital in 1908, and the Meekatharra District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals in 1918 and 1928. It remains open in 2004.
	The old hospital was at Paddy's Flat, and moved from there in 1930s or 1950s.
Description	The following are archived by the Midwest and Murchison Health Region Archive:

1. Midwife's Case Register 8/7/1959 to 5/10/1961, 15/5/1968 to 30/5/1974;

2. Admission/Discharge Register 1/1/1916 to 2/12/1936, 13/3/1941 to 8/4/1958, 11/12/1964 to 25/4/1973, 4/1/1981 to 9/4/1985;

3. Medical Certificate of Cause of Perinatal Death 16/7/1964 to present;

4. Mortuary Register 12/6/1973 to 21/6/1980, 14/8/1980 to 16/6/1988, 25/10/1986 to 0/3/1989;

5. Certificate of Cause of Death 10/4/1962 to 12/7/1973, 4/7/1981 to 10/10/1988.

Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Regional Director, Midwest and Murchison Health Region, PO Box 22, Geraldton WA 6531.
	Telephone: (08) 9956 2209 Facsimile: (08) 9956 2421

Menzies Nursing Post Records

Organisation Generating Record	Menzies Nursing Post (Sandstone Street, Menzies)
Dates	Correspondence as early as 1900 mentions a hospital at Menzies. It remains open in 2004 as a Nursing Post, though it has closed at various times throughout the years.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Regional Director, Goldfields and South East Health Region, PO Box 716, Kalgoorlie WA 6433.
	Telephone: (08) 9026 2331 Facsimile: (08) 9091 6592

Merredin District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Merredin District Hospital (Kitchener Road, Merredin)
Dates	Department of Health correspondence as early as 1917 mentions the establishment of a hospital, and the Merredin District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals by 1920. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Merredin District Hospital, PO Box 241, Merredin WA 6415.
	Telephone: (08) 9041 1411 Facsimile: (08) 9041 2282

Moora District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Moora District Hospital (Dandaragan Street, Moora)
Dates	Health Department correspondence as early as 1910 mentions the erection of a hospital, and the Moora District Hospital appears in the 1913 Annual Report of the Commissioner for Public Health. It was noted among registered lying-in hospitals by 1918 and remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Moora District Hospital, and Multi-Purpose Service, PO Box 154, Moora WA 6510.
	Telephone: (08) 9651 1403 Facsimile: (08) 9651 1430

Morawa District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Morawa and District Health Service (Caulfield Road, Morawa)
Dates	The Morawa District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals by 1931 and remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Morawa and District Health Service, PO Box 229, Morawa WA 6623.
	Telephone: (08) 9971 1002 Facsimile: (08) 9971 1064

Mount Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	The Mount Hospital, previously St George's Tce, Perth
Dates	1956 or earlier; then closed and re-opened in 1980.
Description	The Mount Hospital has never been engaged in maternity practice, though it has had gynaecological and paediatric admissions.
	Admissions & discharge registers are held on microfilm by the Department of Health for the following periods:

26/07/1956 to 03/03/1960;

24/01/1964 to 31/07/1964; and

01/01/1977 to 07/09/1979.

Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Medical Records Officer, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth BC 6849.

Telephone: (08) 9222 4222 Facsimile: (08) 9222 4046

Mount Barker Hospital Records – see Plantagenet District Hospital

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Mount Magnet Hospital.Nursing Post Records

Organisation Generating Record	Mount Magnet Health Centre (Lot 4536 Criddle Street, Mt Magnet)
Dates	1890s to 1976 as a hospital, from 1976 as a Nursing Post. Department of Health files note the Mt Magnet Hospital as a registered lying-in hospital by 1927. Until 1974, it was a Board Hospital.
Description	Some old in-patient records are kept in storage at the nursing post.

The Battye library may also have more records. Outpatient's records since 1974 have been retained.

The following are archived by the Murchison Health Service Archive:

1. Midwife's Case Registers 8/3/1956 to 5/4/1958, 13/5/1960 to 2/4/1962, 16/10/1967 to 6/11/1970;

2. Nursery Record of Births and Reports 28/12/1969 to 18/9/1974;

3. Notification of Maternity Cases Attended 19/11/1954 to 27/5/1956, 5/6/1956 to 1/5/1957, 7/1/1962 to 3/2/1963, 10/2/1963 to 11/5/1964, 10/2/1968 to 28/5/1969, 24/1/1971 to 24/6/1974;

4. Cause of Death 1969 to 1991;

5. Admissions/Discharges Register 9/11/1942 to 31/1/1947, 17/12/1947 to 30/6/1952, 2/7/1952 to 31/3/1961, 2/4/1961 to 10/4/1976;

6. Outpatients Department Register 1/3/1961 to July 1961.

Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Regional Director, Midwest and Murchison Health Region, PO Box 22, Geraldton WA 6531.

Telephone: (08) 9956 2209 Facsimile: (08) 9956 2421

Mukinbudin Nursing Post Records

Organisation Generating Record	Muckinbudin Nursing Post (Cnr Ferguson and Maddock Streets, Muckinbudin)
Dates	There has been a Nursing Post in Mukinbudin since 1917 and many outpatient registers have been retained.

Description   No inpatient records, but the Nursing Post does hold old outpatient registers on-site. Further enquiries can be directed to the Mukinbudin Nursing Post on 9047 1123.

Medical records are generated by the local GP and are held in private practice.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact The Regional Director, Wheatbelt Health Region, PO Box 690, Northam WA 6401.

Telephone: (08) 9622 4350 Facsimile: (08) 9622 4351

Mullewa District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Mullewa Health Service (Elder Street, Mullewa)
Dates	Department of Health correspondence as early as 1921 mentions the establishment of a hospital, and the Mullewa District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals by 1923. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Mullewa Health Service, PO Box 167, Mullewa WA 6630.

Telephone: (08) 9961 1002 Facsimile: (08) 9961 1008

Nannup District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Nannup District Hospital
Dates	Department of Health correspondence as early as 1919 mentions the establishment of a hospital, and the Nannup District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals by 1925. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Nannup District Hospital, Carey Street, Nannup WA 6275.

Telephone: (08) 9756 1100 Facsimile: (08) 9756 1047

Murray District Hospital Records

See entry, "Pinjarra (Murray) District Hospital Records

Narembeen District Memorial Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Narembeen District Hospital
Dates	The Narembeen District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals by 1930. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Narembeen District Hospital, Ada Street, Narembeen WA 6369.
	Telephone: (08) 9064 7234 Facsimile: (08) 9064 7028

Narrogin Regional Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Narrogin Regional Hospital (Williams Road, Narrogin)
Dates	The Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Health notes the establishment of Narrogin Hospital in 1908. It was noted as a registered lying-in hospital in 1930 and the name, Narrogin Maternity Hospital, was recorded in the Medical Department Annual Report of 1959. The hospital remains open in 2004 as a Regional Hospital.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Narrogin Regional Hospital, PO Box 336, Narrogin WA 6312.
	Telephone: (08) 9881 0333 Facsimile: (08) 9881 0315

Nickol Bay District / Dampier Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Nickol Bay District Hospital (Millstream Road, Karratha)
Dates	Nickol Bay Hospital opened in 1982 as the successor to Dampier Hospital (which had opened on 14/8/1967). It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Nickol Bay District Hospital, PO Box 519, Karratha WA 6714.
	Telephone: (08) 9144 0330 Facsimile: (08) 9185 4864

Norseman Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Norseman District Hospital, Talbot Street, Norseman
Dates	Hospital commenced operation in 1894 and was noted in Department of Health files as a registered lying-in hospital by 1924.
Description	The hospital holds birth registers from 12/3/1898 and deaths registers from July 1896. It follows Department of Health guidelines for the retention/disposal of modern records.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Norseman District Hospital, PO Box 155, Norseman WA 6443. Telephone: (08) 9039 1100 Facsimile: (08) 9039 1225

North Midlands District / Three Springs Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	North Midlands District Hospital (Station Street, Three Springs)
Dates	Department of Health correspondence noted the need for a hospital at Three Springs as early as 1921. By 1934, a hospital is known to exist. A hospital service is ongoing in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact North Midlands Health Service, PO Box 138, Three Springs WA 6519. Telephone: (08) 9954 1101 Facsimile: (08) 9954 1054

Northam Regional Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Northam Regional Hospital (Robinson Street, Northam)
Dates	As a convict depot, Northam would have had a government hospital service since the 1860s, but a permanent hospital for the district commenced in Northam around the 1890s and has moved/upgraded to different sites since then. The Northam Regional Hospital has been on its current site since 1982.
Description	Medical records from 1956; admission/discharge/birth registers probably go back further than that. Hospital complies with Retention and Disposal Schedule (Public Records) 2000. That is to say they retain all records for at least 15 years since last encounter; 10 years past death; 25 years paediatric; Indigenous records deemed never to be destroyed.

Access	Restricted. For information, contact Ms Grace Ley, Health Service Manager Northam Regional Hospital, PO Box 312, Northam WA 6401.
	Telephone: (08) 9690 1300 Facsimile: (08) 9690 1319

Northampton District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Northampton District Hospital (Stephen Street, Northampton)
Dates	Department of Health correspondence as early as 1921 mentions the establishment of a hospital, and the Northampton District Hospital was noted among registered lying-in hospitals by 1929. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Northampton / Kalbarri Health Service, PO Box 400, Northampton WA 6535.
	Telephone: (08) 9934 1002 Facsimile: (08) 9934 1414

Northcliffe Nursing Post Records

Organisation Generating Record	Northcliffe Nursing Post, (Wheatley Coast Road, Northcliffe)
Dates	Department of Health files note Northcliffe Nursing Post as a registered lying-in hospital by 1929. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Outpatients and accident/emergency records only. No inpatients.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact South West Health Service, 18 West Street, Busselton WA 6280
	Telephone: (08) 9754 4444

Onslow District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Onslow District Hospital (Second Avenue, Onslow)
Dates	The 1913 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Health records the presence of Onslow District Hospital and it is noted in Department of Health files as a registered lying-in hospital by 1931. The current hospital has been in operation from 1967.
Description	Admission/discharge registers from 1937 (may be incomplete).
	Maternity book from 1975.

Access	Restricted. For information, contact Ms Helen Webb, Health Service Manager, Onslow District Hospital, PO Box 47, Onslow WA 6710.
	Telephone: (08) 9184 6006 Facsimile: (08) 9184 6077

Osborne Park Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Osborne Park Hospital
Dates	The hospital appears in Medical Department Annual Reports from 1962. It seems likely that Osborne Park Hospital took over the maternity function previously performed by Hawthorn Hospital (101 Flinders St, Mt Hawthorn, see later section, "Previous Services for Maternity") until Hawthorn closed in 1975.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Osborne Park Hospital, Osborne Place, Stirling WA 6021.
	Telephone: (08) 9346 8000 Facsimile: (08) 9346 8008

Paraburdoo District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Paraburdoo District Hospital (Rocklea Road) Paraburdoo
Dates	The hospital opened on 22 October 1973 and remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Paraburdoo District Hospital, PO Box 154, Paraburdoo WA 6754.
	Telephone: (08) 9189 5122 Facsimile: (08) 9189 5041

Pemberton District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Pemberton District Hospital
Dates	Hospital in operation from 1928 onwards. Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of Pemberton Hospital from 1921. It was a registered lying-in hospital by 1933.
Description	All records and registers held on-site, though some have deteriorated with age.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Pemberton District Hospital, Railway Crescent, Pemberton WA 6260.

Telephone: (08) 9776 1209 Facsimile: (08) 9776 1555

Pingelly District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Pingelly District Hospital (38 Stratford Street, Pingelly)
Dates	Hospital in operation from the 1930s onwards. Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of Pingelly Hospital from 1921 and it was a registered lying-in hospital by 1933. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Medical records and admission/discharge registers for many years.
	Registers possibly to very earliest years of the hospital.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Pingelly District Hospital, PO Box 63, Pingelly WA 6308.
	Telephone: (08) 9887 1003 Facsimile: (08) 9887 1179

Pinjarra (Murray) District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Pinjarra (Murray) District Hospital (McKay Street, Pinjarra)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of a casualty ward at Pinjarra Hospital in 1906, which suggests that the hospital was servicing the local community before that date. It was a registered lying-in hospital by 1924, when the midwife was noted as Naomi Ross. The service remains open as the Murray District Hospital in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Murray District Hospital, PO Box 243, Pinjarra WA 6208.
	Telephone: (08) 9531 1144 Facsimile: (08) 9531 1365

Plantagenet / Mt Barker District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Plantagenet District Hospital (Langton Road, Mt Barker)
Dates	Department of Health files record Mt Barker District Hospital as a registered lying-in hospital by 1922, when the midwife was noted as Edith E. Harding. The Plantagenet District Hospital remains open in 2004.

Description   Status of records unknown.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Plantagenet Hospital, PO Box 21, Mount Barker WA 6324.

Telephone: (08) 9851 1422 Facsimile: (08) 9851 1411

Port Hedland Regional Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Port Hedland Regional Hospital (previously Morgan, now Kingsmill Street, Port Hedland)

Dates   Hospital in operation from 1952 onwards.

Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of a hospital at Port Hedland from 1914.

Description   Admission/discharge registers from 1952 onwards. Current patient records held in accordance with State Records Act (2000).

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Port Hedland Regional Hospital, PO Box 63, Port Hedland WA 6721.

Telephone: (08) 9158 1666 Facsimile: (08) 9173 2265

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children Records

Organisation Generating Record   Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (Roberts Road, Subiaco)

Dates   Commenced operation in 1909, as the Children's Hospital. Known as Princess Margaret Hospital from 1949.

Description   1909-1948 - various amount/quality of records from this period; microfilmed index cards for patients c.1928 to 1972; 1948 forward - all records, some in storage, some on spool and microfiche. Various registers.

Access   Restricted. Inquirers will have to submit a Request for Information.

For information, contact Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, PO Box D184, Perth WA 6840.

Telephone: (08) 9340 8222 Facsimile: (08) 9340 7802

Email: pmh@health.wa.gov.au

Quarading District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Quairading District Hospital

Dates   Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of

Quairading Hospital from 1919 and it was a registered lying-in hospital by 1930. The hospital remains open in 2004.

Description   Admission/discharge registers (which include record of births) back to the 1940s.

Medical records held as per Department of Health Disposal and Retention guidelines.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Quairading District Hospital, Harris Street, Quairading WA 6383.

Telephone: (08) 9645 1100 Facsimile: (08) 9645 1275

Ravensthorpe District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Ravensthorpe District Hospital (Martin Street, Ravensthorpe)

Dates   Department of Health files note correspondence regarding planned additions to Ravensthorpe Hospital in 1902, which suggests it, was servicing the locality prior to that time. Ravensthorpe District Hospital was a registered lying-in hospital by 1918. It remains open in 2004.

Description   Status of records unknown.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Ravensthorpe District Hospital, PO Box 53, Ravensthorpe WA 6346.

Telephone: (08) 9838 1006 Facsimile: (08) 9838 1238

Rockingham Family Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Rockingham Family Hospital

Dates   Hospital commenced services in 1994.

Description   The hospital has retained all records to date and has policy of total retention.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Rockingham Family Hospital, 221 Wilmott Drive, Waikiki WA 6169.

Telephone: (08) 9527 2222

Rockingham / Kwinana District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record   Rockingham / Kwinana District Hospital, (Elanora Drive, Cooloongup)

Dates	The current hospital opened in 1976 and remains open.
	For information about the Kwinana Maternity Hospital, see earlier entry under that name.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Rockingham/Kwinana District Hospital, PO Box 2033, Rockingham WA 6967.
	Telephone: (08) 9592 0600 Facsimile: (08) 9592 1621

Roebourne District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Roebourne District Hospital, (42-44 Hampton Street, Roebourne)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding Roebourne Hospital from 1902, which suggests it, was servicing the locality prior to that time. As a convict depot, Roebourne would have had government hospital services since the 1860s, but may also have been serviced from the 1850s due to early settlement. Roebourne District Hospital was a registered lying-in hospital by 1928. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Roebourne District Hospital, PO Box 81, Roebourne WA 6718.
	Telephone: (08) 9182 1004 Facsimile: (08) 9182 1076

Saint Anne's Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	St Anne's Hospital (now Mercy Hospital Mount Lawley)
Dates	St Anne's Hospital commenced services in 1937.
Description	1. Birth registers from 1937;
	2. Medical records 1959 to 1974 surnames J-R;
	3. Medical records post 1978;
	4. Theatre registers 1937 to present; and
	5. Admission/discharge registers from 1956 onwards.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Mercy Hospital Mt Lawley, Cnr Thirlmere and Ellesmere Roads, Mt Lawley 6050.
	Telephone: (08) 9370 9222

Saint John of God Hospital Bunbury Records

Organisation Generating Record	St John of God Hospital Bunbury
Dates	Hospital commenced services in 1927. At one time, the hospital was at Pankfield St, Bunbury. It remains open at the address below.
Description	Medical records of confinements from 1968 onwards. Description of other records (if any) not supplied, but it may be worth inquiring about admission / discharge registers.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact St John of God Health Care Bunbury, Cnr Robertson Drive and Bussell Highway, Bunbury WA 6230.
	Telephone: (08) 9722 1600 Facsimile: (08) 9722 1650
	Email: info@sjog.org.au

Saint John of God Hospital Geraldton Records

Organisation Generating Record	St John of God Hospital Geraldton (now Heritage Street, previously Cathedral Avenue and Fraser Street, Geraldton)
Dates	Hospital commenced services in 1935, and remains open in 2004.
Description	Admission/discharge register from 1936 (perhaps a couple of entries for 1935).
	Maternity admissions are noted on general register until 1952, when they are annotated as a separate entry.
	It is unlikely that clinical records pre-dating 1984 still exist, but this date is approximate.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact St John of God Healthcare Geraldton, 6530.
	Telephone: (08) 9221 1233 Facsimile: (08) 9664 2015
	Email: info@sjog.org.au

Saint John of God Hospital Northam Records

See entry for Saint John of God Hospital, Northam in the later section, "Previous Services for Maternity"

Saint John of God Hospital Subiaco Records

Organisation Generating Record	St John of God Hospital (Cambridge Street, Wembley)
Dates	Hospital commenced services around 1900 and remains open in new buildings on the same site in 2004.

Description	Maternity records from 1963 (babe on mother's file).
	Searchable register of adoptions/foster discharges 1972 to 1987 (may be incomplete). It may be worth inquiring about admission/discharge registers.

Access	Restricted. For information, contact Ms Karen Burn, Health Information Manager, St John of God Healthcare Subiaco, PO Box 14, Subiaco WA 6908.
	Telephone: (08) 9382 6221 Facsimile: (08) 9382 6103 Email: karen.burn@sjog.org.au

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Sandstone Nursing Post Records

Organisation Generating Record	Sandstone Health Centre (Previously Oroya Street, now Hack Street, Sandstone)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding Sandstone Hospital from 1908. It appeared as Sandstone Hospital in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Health in 1913. The facility has been variously a hospital, nursing post or health centre over the years.
Description	Register of outpatient services. No inpatient records.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Regional Director, Midwest and Murchison Health Region, PO Box 22, Geraldton WA 6531.
	Telephone: (08) 9956 2209 Facsimile: (08) 9956 2421

South Perth Community Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	South Perth Community Hospital Inc.
Dates	Hospital commenced services in 1956.
Description	Birth registers and admission/discharge registers from when hospital opened in 1956.
	Currently keep obstetric records in hard copy for 5 years. They are then microfilmed.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact South Perth Community Hospital, South Terrace, South Perth WA 6151
	Telephone: (08) 9367 7966 Facsimile: (08) 9474 2541

Southern Cross District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Southern Cross District Hospital
Dates	Hospital commenced services in the 1890s. By 1924, the Southern Cross District Hospital was noted in Department of Health files as a registered lying-in hospital – the midwives for that year being Nurse Lily McLaren and Nurse Frances Amy Parker. The hospital remains open in 2004.
Description	Admission/discharge registers from around the 1930s onwards, though possibly not complete. Birth registers may not go back that far.
	The records system currently in use was only initiated in the late 1990s and it is possible that some records have been destroyed in previous years.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Southern Cross District Hospital, Coolgardie Road, Southern Cross WA 6426.
	Telephone: (08) 9049 1101 Facsimile: (08) 9049 1196

Swan District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Swan District Hospital (Eveline Road, Middle Swan)
Dates	The Swan District Hospital was included among registered maternity hospitals by 1959. The hospital has also been known as the Swan District Maternity Hospital. It remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Swan District Hospital, PO Box 195, Midland WA 6936.
	Telephone: (08) 9347 5244 Facsimile: (08) 9347 5255

Tambellup District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Tambellup District Hospital (30 Norrish Street, Tambellup)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of a hospital as early as 1921. By 1926, Tambellup District Hospital was noted as a registered lying-in hospital. Department of Health records indicate that new hospital buildings were opened in October 1958. The hospital service no longer exists but a health service remains via the Tambellup Nursing Post.
Description	Status of records unknown.

Access	Restricted. For information, contact Tambellup Nursing Post, PO Box 153, Tambellup WA 6320.
	Telephone: (08) 9825 1101 Facsimile: (08) 9825 1179

Tom Price District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Tom Price District Hospital (Mine Road, Tom Price)
Dates	The hospital commenced services in 1966 and remains open in 2004.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, Tom Price District Hospital, PO Box 56, Tom Price WA 6751.
	Telephone: (08) 9189 1199 Facsimile: (08) 9189 1602

Three Springs Hospital – see North Midlands District Hospital Records

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Wagin District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Wagin District Hospital (Warwick St, Wagin)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of Wagin Hospital from as early as 1908. The Wagin Hospital is listed in the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Health in 1913. Local information suggests there was a hospital service from the 1890s.
	There were also a number of Lying-In Homes in the town. Those known are listed in the section, "Previous Services for Maternity".
Description	Admission and discharge registers from 20/2/1908.
	Birth records from 1952, though these are incomplete.
	Inpatient records from 1969, though these also are incomplete.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Wagin District Hospital, PO Box 222, Wagin WA 6315.
	Telephone: (08) 9861 1033 Facsimile: (08) 9861 1747

Wanneroo District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Wanneroo District Hospital (now at Joondalup Health Campus, Shenton Avenue, Joondalup)
Dates	The hospital commenced services in 1980 and remains open as a provider of hospital services as Joondalup Health Campus.

Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	For information regarding historical records from Wanneroo District Hospital, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.
	Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Warren District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Warren District Hospital (Hospital Avenue, Manjimup)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the establishment of a maternity ward at the Jardanup hospital as early as 1914, which suggests that the hospital was already servicing the district. By 1919, Jardanup District Hospital was noted as a registered lying-in hospital. The hospital remains open as the Warren District Hospital.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Warren District Hospital, PO Box 179, Manjimup WA 6258.
	Telephone: (08) 9777 0300 Facsimile: (08) 9777 0307

Wickepin District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Wickepin Nursing Post (Wogolin Road, Wickepin)
Dates	Department of Health files note Wickepin as a registered lying-in hospital by 1921. The service has had varied status over the years. It was shown as a Nursing Post on the 1960 Medical Department Annual Report; then as a Subsidised Board Hospital by 1965. Hospital services ceased in 1975, when it became Wickepin Nursing Post. In 2001, it was known as the Wickepin Health Centre. The service remains open in 2004 as the Wickepin Nursing Post.
Description	Admission/discharge register from the old hospital (1942 – 1975) - may be incomplete.
	Some records/registers from Nursing Post after 1975.
	Health Centre and current Nursing Post records.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Regional Director, Wheatbelt Health Region, PO Box 690, Northam WA 6401.
	Telephone: (08) 9622 4350 Facsimile: (08) 9622 4351

Wickham District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Wickham District Hospital (Mulga Way, Wickham)
Dates	Hospital commenced services in 1972.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Wickham District Hospital, PO Box 103, Wickham WA 6720
	Telephone: (08) 9187 1405 Facsimile: (08) 9187 1032

Williams District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Williams Medical Centre (42Adams Street, Williams)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence as early as 1907 regarding the use of the "old hospital" for the doctor's quarters, which suggests a government hospital had already serviced the district for some time. By 1923, Williams District Hospital was noted as a registered lying-in hospital. Hospital services continued to 7/6/1983. Since that time, Williams has been serviced by a Community Health Centre and the current Medical Centre.
Description	Admission registers are in good condition and kept at Narrogin Regional Hospital.
	Most medical records are still available, though in poor condition and a cull was undertaken in 2001.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Narrogin Regional Hospital, PO Box 336, Narrogin WA 6312.
	Telephone: (08) 9881 0333 Facsimile: (08) 9881 0315

Wiluna District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Aboriginal Medical Service, Wiluna
Dates	The Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Health notes the existence of Wiluna Hospital by 1913. By 1933, Wiluna District Hospital was noted as a registered lying-in hospital by the Health Department. Hospital services continued to 1967, when it became a Nursing Post. Since that time, Wiluna has been serviced by the Aboriginal Medical Service facility.
Description	Certificate of Cause of Death 4/7/1981 to 10/10/1988 held in the Midwest and Murchison Health Region Archive. Possibly some medical records from pre-1993 are integrated with Murchison Health Service records when it was a Health Department Nursing Post.
Access	Restricted. For information regarding Health Department era records, contact Midwest

and Murchison Health Region, PO Box 22, Geraldton WA 6531

Telephone: (08) 9956 2209 Facsimile: (08) 9956 2421

For all other information, contact Director Aboriginal Medical Service, Thompson Street, Wiluna WA 6646

Wongan Hills District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Wongan Hills District Hospital (Ackland Street, Wongan Hills)
Dates	The old hospital functioned from the 1920s to 1965, when a new hospital commenced operation. Department of Health files note Wongan Hills as a registered lying-in hospital by 1930.
Description	Admission / discharge registers from old and new hospitals, but may be incomplete.
	Medical records from 1980s onwards.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Wongan Hills District Hospital, PO Box 250, Wongan Hills WA 6603.
	Telephone: (08) 9671 1122 Facsimile: (08) 9671 1396

Woodside Maternity Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Woodside Maternity Hospital
Dates	Commenced as a private hospital in 1925 at "Canning Rd, Plympton" under the supervision of midwives Florence Kiernan and CFP (probably Caroline) Leggate. Plympton was a suburb that we would now recognise as East Fremantle or Palmyra. Woodside became a public maternity hospital in October 1953 and records date from that latter period.
Description	Maternity medical records and birth registers from 1950's onward though will be incomplete.
	The whereabouts of records from the private hospital period (1925-1952/3) is unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Woodside Maternity Hospital, 18 Dalgety St, East Fremantle WA 6158.
	Telephone: (08) 9319 7200 Facsimile: (08) 9319 1245
	Email: woodside@health.wa.gov.au

Woorooloo District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Woorooloo District Hospital
Dates	Hospital had commenced services by 1959, probably earlier, and remains open in 2004 as the Woorooloo Health Centre, which is a Nursing Post for inmates of Woorooloo Prison.
Description	Status of records unknown.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.
	Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Wylkatchem–Koorda and Districts Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Wylkatchem-Koorda and Districts Hospital
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding the hospital in 1920 and by 1922 Wylkatchem-Koorda was a registered lying-in hospital. The service was recorded as Koorda District Hospital in 1932. The current hospital commenced services in 1951.
Description	Admission/discharge registers from 1951. It may be worthwhile inquiring through Department of Health archives for earlier records, and perhaps asking the current hospital about admission/discharge registers that may have been transferred. The Battye Library may also have information, along with the local library service for the district.
	The hospital follows the Department of Health Retention and Disposal schedule for current records.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Wylkatchem-Koorda & Districts Hospital, Honour Avenue, Wylkatchem WA 6485
	Telephone: (08) 9681 1000 Facsimile: (08) 9681 1001
	For further information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849.
	Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

Wyndham District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	Wyndham District Hospital (Minderoo Road, Wyndham)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding Wyndham Hospital as early as 1902. By 1930, files note Wyndham as a registered lying-in hospital - the midwives for that year being Nurse Beatrice Murray and Nurse Hilda M McMahon. The current hospital dates from 1961.

Description   All medical records are archived and kept on the premises (extent of historical records uncertain).

All maternity/paediatric records retained.

Outpatients and emergency records also retained.

Access   Restricted. For information, contact Wyndham District Hospital, PO Box 230, Wyndham WA 6740.

Telephone: (08) 9161 1104 Facsimile: (08) 9161 1191

Yalgoo Health Service Records

Organisation Generating Record	Yalgoo Health Service (Lot 26 Stanley Street, Yalgoo)
Dates	Department of Health files note correspondence regarding Yalgoo Hospital in 1903. The present Nursing Post was established in 1962/63 and it remains in operation in 2004 as Yalgoo Health Service.
Description	Enquiries undertaken in 2001 indicated that records are likely to be archived on site.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact The Regional Director, Midwest and Murchison Health Region, PO Box 22, Geraldton WA 6531. Telephone: (08) 9956 2209 Facsimile: (08) 9956 2421

Yarloop Health Service Records

Organisation Generating Record	Yarloop Health Service
Dates	A hospital service dates from the 1890s and Department of Health files note Yarloop Mill Town Hospital as a registered lying-in hospital by 1928. The hospital service remains open in 2004.
Description	Some admission/discharge registers dating back to early years.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact Yarloop Health Service, Barrington-Knight Rd, Yarloop WA 6218. Telephone: (08) 9733 5007 Facsimile: (08) 9733 5355

York District Hospital Records

Organisation Generating Record	York District Hospital (Trews Road, York)
Dates	As a convict depot, York would have had government hospital services since the 1860s. The present service is known to date from the 1890s.
Description	All records generated since the hospital opened have been retained.
Access	Restricted. For information, contact York Health Services Multi-Purpose Service, PO Box 13, York WA 6302.
	Telephone: (08) 9641 1200 Facsimile: (08) 9641 1706

PREVIOUS SERVICES FOR MATERNITY

The following hospital names were generated from information obtained from a search of the Western Australian Department of Health archives, and are unlikely to be neither a complete list of hospitals or "lying in homes", nor an accurate representation of the year(s) each hospital was functioning.

Each facility listed here was, however, either licensed at some stage by the Department of Health as a Maternity Hospital or Lying-In Home or is listed as a maternity hospital in contemporary postal and telephone lists. Unfortunately, discovering the years in which the hospitals were actually licensed has proved difficult. The dates given are based on correspondence recorded for that year, or from extant lists. Notably, too, there are spelling and other recording errors in the original data. As far as possible, addresses were confirmed or obtained from the Telephone Directories and Post Office Lists held in the JS Battye Library in Perth. Until 1925, Telephone Directories should be searched by either hospital or midwife category, for example, "Hospital, St Anne's" or "Nurse Jones". From 1926, hospitals are listed in the classified section at the rear of the directory; there is no "Nurse" listing in the alphabetical section, so each must be found by surname ("Jones, Nurse). These directories give a much fuller list of nurses and their hospitals. We have confined this document to include only those facilities or nurses who were known to offer midwifery.

Where an old "government" or "board" hospital is named, a link to the current hospital in the area has been provided. Contact details for modern health services are provided in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".

Interested researchers might try the following sources for further information:

♦ JS Battye Library, Perth (Post Office and Telephone Directories, newspapers. Private collections).

♦ Department of Health, Western Australia (Health Information Centre, Archives).

♦ State Records Office for Medical Department Annual Reports, which can give interesting background information about the hospital.

♦ Local libraries in the town of interest – they often provide access to historical sources within the town, referrals to people who have other information, or can be links to local museums and collections. This might be the most useful way of tracing lying-in homes or small maternity hospitals, in both metropolitan and regional/rural areas. It may also be possible to be put in touch with long-time residents for anecdotal information. Researchers should be mindful, though, that information generated from informal sources may not give a full, or 'correct', picture of events as they occurred.

The following list is ordered by suburb/town, as that is the information most likely to appear on the birth certificate (if the hospital itself is not named).

Table 1: Previous Maternity Services 1897 to 1980

Sources: *Department of Health File Numbers 2280/59, Acc.3713; AN 120/4, Acc.1003; Alphabetic Index No.26 PHD Health Department Records I to Q 1918-54 Lying-In Homes; Index Cards (Private Hospitals). Limited sample of Family Court Adoption Orders 1899-1958. Western Australian Telephone and Post Office Directories, various years (held in the JS Battye Library, Perth).*

Suburb . Town	Name (of Hospital or Registered Midwife Operating Premises)	Street Address	Range of Years Noted in Files	File or researcher's notes
Albany	Ideal Private Hospital	Cnr Melville & Cliff Sts	1925, 1939	Midwife known: Anderson, A (1925, 1930, 1939)
Albany	Maternity Home; The Rocks Hospital	Grey St	1922, 1943	Midwives known: Brooks, M (1922); Muldoon, M (1922); Terry, Jessie Frances (1922); Nash, Marjorie C (1922); Douglas, Gladys Lavinia (1924); Jansen, Laura (1924, 1943); Campbell, Eleanor D (1924); Lamb, EC (1935); Lovell, Jean Gladys & Wynne, Lilian (1941)
Albany	Neumylda Hospital	Grey St	1922, 1939	Midwife known: Palmer, AM (1922)
Albany	Nurse Roatch	Hill St	1918	Midwife known: Roatch, Esther
Albany	Nurse Lamb's Maternity Home	Middleton Rd	1929, 1939	Midwife known: Lamb, Ellen C
Albany	Nurse Fowles	Parade St	1918	Midwife known: Fowles, Sophia Elizabeth
Albany	Albany Maternity Hospital	Warden Ave	1949	See contact details Albany Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Albany	Albany Hospital		1904	See contact details Albany Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Albany	Melville Private Hospital		1922, 1925	Midwife known: Stradwick, VR
Albany	Nurse Anderson		1928, 1943	Midwife known: Anderson, AM
Albany	Nurse Unbehaun		1925, 1928	Midwife known: Unbehaun, Lena. Also practicing in 1922, location unknown.
Albany	Seaton Lodge Hospital		1964, 1971	Became a "Government Leased Hospital" in 1964 until it closed on 25/9/1971.
Armadale				See also Kelmscott
Armadale	Nurse Scott	Albany Rd	1930	Midwife known: Scott, Eva J
Armadale	Nurse Whitehead	Church Ave	1929, 1949	Midwives known: Whitehead, Olive J and Lillian Beatrice (1929, 1949); Anthony, Daisy; Harvey, Maud; Lewis, Lily (all 1930)
Armadale	Nurse Bellas	Third Rd	1926	Midwife known: Bellas, Maud
Armadale	Nurse Scott	Third Rd	1925	Midwife known: Scott, Eva J
Armadale	Nurse Drew		1929	Midwife known: Drew, Rose Elizabeth
Armadale	Nurse Scott		1920	Midwife known: Scott, Mrs
Armadale	Nurse Wait		1929	Midwife known: Wait, Lillian Maud

Suburb . Town	Name (of Hospital or Registered Midwife Operating Premises)	Street Address	Range of Years Noted in Files	File or researcher's notes
Balingup	Balingup Hospital		1923	See contact details Donnybrook and Bridgetown District Hospitals, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Bardoc	Bardoc Hospital		1898	See contact details Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Bassendean	Nurse Baker's Hospital	Parker St	1928	Midwife known: Baker, MJ
Bassendean		Perth Rd	1925	Midwives known: Hosking, Elizabeth M; Baker, MJ (1925)
Bassendean	Nurse Ingram		1947	Midwife known: Ingram, Pearl Violet (or Violet Pearl)
Bayswater				See also Maylands
Bayswater	Nurse Melson	Beechboro Rd	1924	Midwife known: Melson, Annie
Bayswater	Nurse Greenalsh	Burnside St	1918, 1925	Midwife known: Greenalsh, Kate M
Bayswater		Charles St	1918, 1920	Midwives known: White, Mary and Holmes, Mary
Bayswater / Maylands	Nurse Breheney	51 Charles St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Breheney, Sarah
Beaconsfield				See also Fremantle and South Fremantle
Beaconsfield	Nurse O'Grady	156 Mandurah Rd	1918	Midwife known: O'Grady, Mary
Beaconsfield	Grosvenor Hospital	263 South St	1914, 1949	Matron (1936) Hanlon; midwife known: Hobbs, VAM (1936); Sr Field (1939)
Beaconsfield	Bundi Kudji	62 Hampton Rd	1939, 1953	Midwives known: McDougall, Edna May (1939, 1943); Leggate, Caroline (1949). In 1953, Department of Health records note Bundi Kudji as occupying the "old Fremantle Hospital site". See contact details Fremantle Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Beaconsfield	Nurse Sheedy	Solomon St	1920, 1928	Midwife known: Sheedy, Mrs AJ
Beaconsfield	Nurse McDougall	South St	1936	Midwife known: McDougall, Edna May
Belmont	Nurse Armstrong (nee Logan)	Thompson Rd	1938	Midwife known: Armstrong, Florence Mary
Beverley	Elma Hospital	York Rd	1918	Midwife known: McDonnell, Maria
Beverley	Nurse Laffer		1920	Midwife known: Laffer, Eleanor Forrest
Beverley	Nurse Lappin		1918, 1920	
Big Bell	Big Bell District Hospital		1940	Closed 1955. See contact details for Meekatharra District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Black Flag	Black Flag Hospital		1898	See contact details Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Boulder	Nurse Stewart	11 King St	1926	Midwife known: Stewart, JM

Suburb . Town	Name (of Hospital or Registered Midwife Operating Premises)	Street Address	Range of Years Noted in Files	File or researcher's notes
Boulder	Nurse Mitchell	154 Hopkins St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Mitchell, Mary C
Boulder	Nurse Lamb	275 Burt St	1936	Midwife known: Lamb, EC
Boulder	Nurse Millward	63a Wittenoom St	1927	Midwife known: Millward, Elizabeth
Boulder	Nurse Trembath	72a Clancy St	1919, 1928	Midwife known: Trembath, Ellen
Boulder	Nurse Bradshaw	80 Davis St	1918	Midwife known: Bradshaw, Mary
Boulder	Nurse Little	889 Hamilton St	1927	Midwife known: Little, Ann
Boulder	Nurse Downey	Hamilton St	1918	Midwife known: Downey, Ellen
Boulder	Nurse Fiddes	Hamilton St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Fiddes, Emma Jane (or Mrs A Fiddes)
Boulder	Nurse Egan	Powell St	1918	Midwife known: Egan, Alice
Boulder	Boulder Hospital		1909	See contact details Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Bridgetown	Nurse Averill		1931	Midwife known: Averill, N
Bridgetown	Nurse McAlinden		1925, 1930	Midwife known: McAlinden, Alice H. Also practicing in 1918, location unknown.
Broad Arrow	Broad Arrow Hospital		1898, 1918	See contact details Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Broome	Broome Native Hospital		1959, 1967	Closed 16.1.1967. Public Health Records for the Kimberley Region are held by the Department for Community Development. See "Record of Births – Kimberley District" in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development".
Bruce Rock		Westral St	1928	Known midwives: Davis, Doris (1928); Rignall, ME (1928)
Bruce Rock	Haythornthwaite, Elsie Mary		1928	Midwife known: Haythornthwaite, Elsie Mary. Also practicing in 1918, location unknown.
Bruce Rock	Nurse Osborne		1931	Midwife known: Osborne, EM
Buckland Hill				See Mosman Park
Bullfinch	Bullfinch Hospital		1910	See contact details Southern Cross District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Bulong	Bulong Hospital		1903, 1918	Midwives known: Nurse McAully; McInnis, Margaret (1918). Bulong was in the Shire of Boulder - a town site map exists at the Battye Library. The most useful hospital contact would probably be Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Bunbury	Nurse Berthold	32 Spencer St	1933	Midwife known: Berthold, PH
Bunbury	(St) Roche's Private Hospital	Clifton St	1925, 1928	Midwives known: McRohan, Mary & Nurse O'Byrne

Suburb . Town	Name (of Hospital or Registered Midwife Operating Premises)	Street Address	Range of Years Noted in Files	File or researcher's notes
Bunbury	Nurse Scott	Field St	1920	Midwife known: Scott, EH
Bunbury	Nurse Caporn	Ocean Dve	1920	Midwife known: Caporn, Mary
Bunbury	Nurse Drakeford	Stirling St	1918	Midwife known: Drakeford, Julia
Bunbury	Nurse Bright's Hospital	Zoe St	1918	Midwife known: Bright, Jessie EJ
Bunbury (South)	St Clair's	Koombana Tce (1918); off Spencer St (1920); Lovegrove Ave (1928)	1918, 1939, 1949	Midwife known: Nurse Browne, Mattie
Bunbury	Stirling Hospital	1 Stirling St (Cnr Picton Cres)	1929, 1962	Midwife known: Watts, ME. Stirling Hospital became a Government Leased Hospital 1960-62, according to Department of Health files, which suggest that the facility closed in 1964. It is not known whether any records exist, but some information may be available through the Department of Health archive.
Busselton	Nurse Yurack(a)	Kent St	1923	Midwife known: Yurack(a), Catherine
Byford	Nurse Clark	Mary St	1929	Midwife known: Clark, Annie Irene Margaret
Carmel	Nurse Gill		1928, 1949	Midwife known: Gill, Kathleen
Carnamah	Carnarmah Hospital		1931	There also exists in Department of Health files correspondence regarding the need for a hospital in 1921.
Carnamah	Nurse Bickerton		1932	Midwife known: Bickerton, Grace
Chesterfield	Nurse Baldwin	55 Walker St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Baldwin, Ellen
Claremont	Lucknow Hospital	131 Stirling Hwy (1949); Shenton Rd (1935); 26 Queenslea Dve (1930)	1934, 1949, 1980	Midwife known: Smith, EM (1930, 1934). By 1959, Lucknow was a Government Leased Hospital. It closed in December, 1980. Records surveyed were not clear when the maternity function ceased.
Claremont	Nurse Field's Hospital	14 St Quentin Ave	1925	Midwife known: Field, Selina T
Claremont	Nurse Troy	21 Melville St (Cnr Brown St)	1923, 1925	Midwife known: Troy, Mary G
Claremont	Nurse Field's Hospital	25 Claremont Ave	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Field, Selina T
Claremont	Nurse Jenkinson	3 Bindaring Pde	1923, 1925	Midwife known: Jenkinson, Janet (also practicing in 1920, location unknown, and later in South Perth)
Claremont	Nurse Connolly	39 Taylor Rd	1933	Midwife known: Connolly, Edith May
Claremont	Nurse Norman	4 Goldsmith St	1928	Midwife known: Norman, Lillian G
Claremont	Nurse Troy	9 Shenton Rd	1926	Midwife known: Troy, MG
Claremont	Private Hospital	Bay View Tce	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Binet, Martha (1920)
Claremont	Nurse Priest's Maternity Home	Melville St	1918	Midwife known: Priest, Margaret J

Suburb . Town	Name (of Hospital or Registered Midwife Operating Premises)	Street Address	Range of Years Noted in Files	File or researcher's notes
Claremont	Nurse Scott's Hospital	Otway St	1918	
Claremont	Lister Hospital	Shenton Rd	1914, 1918	Midwives known: O'Connor, Mrs E & Stevens, Miss S
Claremont	Nurse Harris' Hospital	Victoria Ave	1918, 1925	Midwife known: Harris, Antoinette
Collie	National Maternity Home; Nurse Anderson	60 Venn St	1934, 1949	Midwives known: Anderson, Agnes (1934, 1949); Meecham, Margaret (1934)
Collie	Nurse Wood's Maternity Home	Forrest St	1918	Midwife known: Wood, Mary Anne
Collie	Nurse Jones	Moira Rd	1923	Midwife known: Jones, Ellen
Collie	Nurse Woods	Moira Rd (1923); Cnr Johnson & Harvey Sts (1931)	1923	Midwife known: Woods, SE
Collie	Nurse Bennett's Maternity Home	Venn St (1924)	1918, 1924	Midwife known: Bennett, Sarah E
Collie	Nurse Clarke	Wittenoom St (1929); Cnr Venn & Princept Sts (1932)	1929, 1923	Midwife known: Clarke, LM
Collie	Nurse Macaule(y)		1918, 1920	Midwife known: Macaule(y), Susan E
Como				See also South Perth
Como	Harrisdale Hospital	321 (or 323) Canning Hwy (or Fremantle Rd)	1934, 1960	Midwives known: Hacquoil, JE (1934, 1949); White, Irene E (1934, 1955). Harrisdale became a C-Class hospital on 1/1/1961 and finally closed around 1970.
Coolgardie	Coolgardie Hospital		1897, 1960	For contact details see Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Cottesloe		19 Perth St	1930	Midwives known: Cardell, AD; Hawksley, CM; Drew, IM; McCallum, J; Pritchard, Ellen Augusta; Ross, OM; Lambe, Edith Marie and Hacquoil, IE.
Cottesloe	Nurse Forster	48 Grant St	1926	Midwife known: Forster, Isabella
Cottesloe	Nurse Doyle	7 Mann St	1929, 1943	Midwife known: Doyle, Winifred Ellen
Cottesloe	Ventnor	Beach St	1918, 1922	Midwife known: Binet, Martha
Cottesloe	Nurse Peat	Dean St	1918	Midwife known: Peat, Jessie
Cottesloe	Maternity Home	Eastbourne St	1918, 1925	Midwives known: Baxter, Phoebe (1918, 1925); Loveland, Elizabeth A (1918, 1923)
Cottesloe	Elsinore	Marmion St	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Jones, Josephine E
Cottesloe	Private Hospital	Marmion St	1918, 1923	Midwife known: Jones, Annie

Suburb . Town	Name (of Hospital or Registered Midwife Operating Premises)	Street Address	Range of Years Noted in Files	File or researcher's notes
Cottesloe	Thornbury	Marmion St	1914, 1920	Midwife known: Smith, Mrs AE
Cottesloe Beach		1 Victoria St	1929	Midwives known: Brand, Jean & Hamilton, K
Cottesloe Beach	Nurse Beale	133 Ocean Rd	1918, 1923	Beale, Johanna Josephine
Cranbrook	Cranbrook Hospital		1926	See contact details for Plantagenet District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Cranbrook	Nurse Doyle		1926	Midwife known: Doyle, Winifred
Cranbrook	Nurse Kinsella		1918, 1920	Midwife known: Kinsella, Susan G
Cundeelee, via Zanthus	Cundeelee Mission Hospital		1966	Closed by 1980. Public Health Records for the Kimberley Region are held by the Department for Community Development. See "Record of Births – Kimberley District" in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Dept for Community Development".
Cunderdin	Cunderdin Nursing Home		1920, 1930	A Nursing Home did not mean an aged care facility (which was denoted at this time as a "Rest Home").
Darlington	Nurse Heward		1928	Midwife known: Heward, CL. Also practicing in 1920, location unknown but possibly with Bessie Couper.
Davyhurst	Davyhurst Hospital		1908	See Battye Library for information about the town of Davyhurst.
Derby	Derby Native Hospital		1959	Closed 19/8/1966. Public Health Records for the Kimberley Region are held by the Department for Community Development. See "Record of Births – Kimberley District" in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development".
Derby	Nambala Nunga Derby Hospital		1976	Apparently no maternity cases after 1979. Public Health Records for the Kimberley Region are held by the Department for Community Development. See "Record of Births – Kimberley District" in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development".
Donnybrook		Cora St	1918, 1922	Known midwives: Ward, Elizabeth (1918); Reader, Florence M (1922)
Donnybrook	Nurse Astbury		1930	
Donnybrook	Nurse Jackson		1918	Midwife known: Jackson, Caroline Rose
Donnybrook	Nurse Reader		1930	
Donnybrook	St Anthony's Hospital		1922	Midwife known: Stent, MAV (1922)
Donnybrook	Walker, GE		1941	
Dowerin	Dowerin Hospital		1919, 1929, 1943	Was either a private or "semi-private" hospital in 1943. Licensee known: Miss Needham

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Dumbleyung	Nurse Lewin		1928	Lewin, Amy Kathleen. Also practicing 1918, location unknown.
Dwellingup	Nurse Bennett		1918, 1920	Bennett, Annie E
East Fremantle				See also Fremantle and Plympton
East Fremantle	San-Hedrin Hospital	Victoria Rd (1925); 22 Staton Rd	1918, 1958	Was originally opened by Sr IM Bathgate, who died in 1986. See historical section of Fremantle Library for more information. Records appear to have been lost, according to the new occupier (premises are now Bathgate Lodge, tourist accommodation, telephone (08) 9339 6000).
East Fremantle	St Helen's Hospital	33 Moss St	1926, 1949, 1959	Midwives known: Stradwick, Virginia (1928); Catherall, ER; McKim, PI; Erskine, A. Aileen; Richardson, EA (all 1932). It is possible that St Helen's closed around 1959. No records exist at Fremantle Hospital and further enquiries with the Department of Health have failed to identify anything (though it may help to review Health Department file MD 5568, as per Index Card). Local information suggests that St Helen's (as Moss Street Lodge) may have been a government receiving depot for babies awaiting adoption. However, enquiries with The Department for Community Development officers have not confirmed this. The current contact details for Fremantle Hospital are contained in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
East Guildford				See also Guildford
East Guildford	St Margaret's Hospital	13 Turton St	1939	Midwife known: Sr Glasson (possibly Fredericka Georgina Glasson, who was practicing in 1918, location unknown)
East Guildford	Nurse D'Alton	20 Turton St	1925	D'Alton, Agnes Ann
East Guildford	Guildford Private Hospital	4 James St	1918, 1925	Midwives known: D'Alton, Agnes Ann (1922, 1925); Howe, Elizabeth (1918, 1920)
East Guildford	Nurse Beck's Private Hospital	Turton St	1923, 1925	
East Perth				See also Perth
East Perth	Yuracka (or Yurack), Catherine	102 Hill St	1920	Yuracka (or Yurack), Catherine
East Perth	Nurse Schmidt	165 Adelaide Tce	1919, 1920	Schmidt, Kate. See also Waverley Hospital at this address 1925.
East Perth	Waverley Hospital	165 Adelaide Tce	1925	Midwives known: Matron E Hastie; Nurse Louise A Ducker (1925); Wray, Ernestine (1925, 1928). See also Nurse Schmidt at this address 1919.
East Perth	Nurse Drakeford	186 Claisebrook St	1914	Drakeford, Julia

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East Perth	Nurse Hastie	246 Adelaide Tce	1928	Hastie, Evelyn. Also practising in 1922, location unknown. In 1925, E. Hastie is noted at Waverley Hospital, East Perth.
East Perth	Nurse Mullery	256 Stirling St (1920); 180 Wittenoom St (1928)	1918, 1928	Mullery, Margaret
East Perth	Nurse Troy	35 Chapman St	1918, 1920	Troy, Mary G
East Perth	Nurse Waycott	37 Marlborough St	1920	Waycott, Ethel May
East Perth	Nurse Kitty Kirkpatrick's Hospital	53 Caversham St	1918	Kirkpatrick, Kathleen (Kitty) Dulcie
Exmouth	Australian Inland Mission Hospital, Exmouth		1966, 1967	Closed by 1967. For information regarding AIM hospitals, contact National Director Frontier Services, Uniting Church of Australia, PO Box A2266, South Sydney NSW 1235. Ph: (02) 8267 4242; Fax (02 9267 3538).
Fitzroy Crossing	Australian Inland Mission Hospital, Fitzroy Crossing		1959, 1980	Became government controlled from 1.8.1980 (see Fitzroy Crossing District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals"). For information regarding AIM hospitals, contact National Director Frontier Services, Uniting Church of Australia, PO Box A2266, South Sydney NSW 1235. Ph: (02) 8267 4242; Fax (02 9267 3538).
Fremantle				See also East Fremantle, Beaconsfield, North Fremantle and South Fremantle
Fremantle	Nurse Sheedy	130 Hampton Rd	1918	Sheedy, Annie J (see Nurse Sheedy, Beaconsfield)
Fremantle	Arundall & Watson Maternity Hospital	144 Queen Victoria St	1928, 1932	Notes say "(Mangan)", which could have been name of other licensee/or the premises. Midwives known: Kidson-Hunter, ER (1932); Scott, Eva J (1936 - see Armadale, 1930)
Fremantle	Nurse Field	147 South St	1936, 1942	Midwife known: Field, Ethel May
Fremantle	Nurse Butson	161 South Tce	1928	Midwife known: Butson, Ruth
Fremantle	Nurse Beattie	30 Adelaide St	1918	Midwife known: Beattie, Margaret T
Fremantle	Nurse Carlton	6 Mary St	1920	Midwife known: Carlton, Rose
Fremantle	Nurse Stewart	61 or 63 Queen Victoria St	1918	Midwife known: Stewart, Isabella
Fremantle	Nurse O'Grady's Hospital	62 Queen Victoria St	1920, 1923	Midwife known: O'Grady, Mary
Fremantle	Nurse Beatty	72 Adelaide St	1918	Midwife known: Beatty, Mary A
Fremantle	Nurse Field	Barnett St	1920	Midwife known: Field, Ethel May (see 147 South St, 1936)
Fremantle	Ocean View	Solomon St	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Clune, Annie Jane

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Fremantle	Old Women's Hospital / Women's Home		1909, 1918	Moved from Perth in 1909 and was used for maternity among poor women. Midwifery Training School used these cases for practicum.
Geraldton	Nurse Olsen	Gregory St	1925	Midwife known: Olsen, Eliza Jane. Also practising 1919-1923, location unknown.
Geraldton	Geraldton (and District) Maternity Home	Marine Tce	1925, 1949	Midwife known: Cale, Leonore M. See Geraldton Regional Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals"
Geraldton	Nurse Davis		1928	Midwife known: Davis, ME. Also practising in 1920, location unknown.
Geraldton	Nurse Ethell		1918	Midwife known: Ethell, Rose
Geraldton	Rosella Hospital		1938, 1949	Known midwife: Lawson, Alice Irene (1933)
Gnowangerup	Glass, Beatrice		1918, 1920	Midwife known: Glass, Beatrice
Gnowangerup	Nurse Stutley		1918	Midwife known: Stutley, Caroline Rose
Gnowangerup	United Aborigine Mission Hospital		1959, 1962	Closed 1962. The Gnowangerup facility was succeeded by Marribank at Katanning, Roelands and the Church of Christ facility at Norseman. For history and contact details see reference to the Department for Community Development's Guide, *Signposts*, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Goomalling	Nurse Sefton		1914, 1918	Midwife known: Sefton, Annie D
Goongarrie	Goongarrie Hospital		1898	See contact details Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Gooseberry Hill	Nurse Beste	Williams Rd	1936	Midwife known: Beste, Mercy
Gosnells	Nurse Beaden	Mills Rd	1936	Midwife known: Beaden, A.
Greenbushes	Greenbushes Hospital		1909, 1932	See contact details Bridgetown District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Greenbushes	Nurse Lewis		1919, 1930	Midwife known: Lewis, Emma
Guildford				See also East Guildford and West Guildford
Guildford	Nurse Howe	13 Hubert St	1928	Midwife known: Howe, Elizabeth
Guildford	Nurse Jones	20 Hubert St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Jones, Ellen (Mrs ME Jones)
Guildford	Nurse Tuohy	21 Market St	1919, 1920	Midwife known: Tuohy, Agnes
Guildford	Seaton Ross Hospital	34 Johnson St	1930, 1939	Midwives known: Melsom, Annie (1930, 1943); Wright, LMJFH (1930)
Guildford	Nurse Ferguson	5 Stephen St	1920, 1923	Midwife known: Ferguson, Annie D
Guildford	D'Alton, Agnes Ann	7 Olive St	1926	

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Guildford	Nurse Fitzsimmons	Bridge St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Fitzsimmons, Agnes HJ
Guildford	St Ives	Turton St	1918	Midwife known: Nurse Peate
Guildford	Guildford Hospital		1898, 1904	See contact details Swan District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Halls Creek	Australian Inland Mission Hospital Halls Creek		1959, 1980	Became government controlled from 1.10.1980 (see Halls Creek District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals"). For information regarding AIM hospitals, contact National Director Frontier Services, Uniting Church of Australia, PO Box A2266, South Sydney NSW 1235. Ph: (02) 8267 4242; Fax (02 9267 3538).
Harvey	Nurse D'Evelynes	Uduc Rd	1918, 1930	D'Evelynes, Flora
Harvey	St Olaf's Hospital		1924	Midwives known: Fisher, Keziah (1924)
Helena Valley via Bellvue	Nurse Smith		1927	Midwife known: Smith Evelyn M. Hayes
Highgate Hill	Nurse Beaden (or Beadon)	10 Smith St	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Beaden, Annie.
Highgate Hill	Nurse Smith	Lincoln St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Smith, Myra K (or W)
Highgate Hill	Nurse Rust	Mary St	1923	Midwife known: Rust, K
Inglewood	Nurse Davis	Eighth Ave	1929	Midwife known: Davis, Ellen Beatrice
Jardee	Jardee Hospital		1930	For contact details see Manjimup Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Jarrahdale	Jarrahdale District Hospital		1913, 1962	Was a mill town hospital and registered lying-in home earlier in century, then a Nursing Post by 1959. No longer open.
Jarradup	Jarradup Hospital		1916	See Battye Library for information about Jarradup.
Jigalong	Aborigine Rescue Mission Hospital		1959, 1970	Became a Nursing Post in 1970. Information may be available through the Department of Health archives. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849. Telephone: (08) 9222 4414.
Kalamunda	Kalamunda Spa Hospital			It is not clear whether this was a predecessor of the current Kalamunda District Hospital (contact details are in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals").
Kalamunda	Nurse Kelly		1922	Midwife known: Kelly, Georgina
Kalamunda	Nurse Yurack(a)		1927	Midwife known: Yurack(a), Catherine
Kalgoorlie				See also Piccadilly and Lamington Heights

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Kalgoorlie		222 Egan St	1923	Known midwives: Philips, Miriam (1914, 1920); McLean, Harriet; Stewart, JM (1923).
Kalgoorlie	Nurse Smith	305 Egan St (1918); 70 George St (1920)	1918	Midwife known: Smith, Mrs E
Kalgoorlie		62 Ward St	1934	Midwives known: Bennett, Millicent Celeste; Donnell, Anne; Figgins, HM; Wallet, Hilda Gloria (1934).
Kalgoorlie	Thirloway (or Thisloway), Janet	Broad Arrow Rd (1919); 26 Park St (1928)	1919, 1928	Midwife known: Thirloway (or Thisloway), Janet
Kalgoorlie	Nurse Allen	Brookman St	1914	Midwife known: Allen, E&C
Kalgoorlie	Nurse Burnside	Brookman St	1928	Midwife known: Burnside, LJ
Kalgoorlie	Nurse McFadden	Cnr Graham & Campbell Sts	1932	Midwife known: McFadden, L
Kalgoorlie	St John of God Hospital, Kalgoorlie	Dugan St	1914, 1956, 1977	The Sisters of St John of God first went to Kalgoorlie during the gold rush years. The hospital appears to have closed in 1956, and then re-opened in 1971, to close again by 1977. Enquiries should be directed to Saint John of God Hospital, Subiaco (see the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals"). Status of records is unknown.
Kalgoorlie	Nurse Wallet		1943	
Kanowna	Kanowna Hospital		1898, 1918	Department of Health files show correspondence regarding a maternity ward in 1919. For contact details see Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Kanowna	White Feather Hospital		1908, 1918	For contact details see Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Karridale	Karridale Hospital		1909, 1924, 1930	Midwives known: Laffer, E (1924); Kenney, Rosina (1924- was also practising in 1918, location unknown). For contact details see Augusta District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Katanning		Aberdeen St	1931	Midwives known: Arnold, Mary & Halliday, DR
Katanning	Brockhurst Private Hospital	Amherst St	1918, 1925	Midwives known: Murray, Mary (1925); Nurse Brockhurst. Licensee with Nurse B. was Mrs FA Quartermaine (1918)
Katanning	Nurse Bell	Amherst St	1924	Bell, B
Katanning	Nurse Davies	Amherst St	1924	Davies, Lottie
Katanning	Nurse Palmer	Beaufort St	1936	Palmer, AM
Katanning	Nurse Halliday	Piesse St	1932	Halliday, DR
Katanning	Nurse Ross' Hospital	Richardson St	1930, 1953	Midwife known: Ross, Naomi S (Nurse Ross had been at Pinjarra District Hospital in the 1920s).

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Katanning	Coleraine Hospital		1943, 1949	Midwife known: Nurse Harris (1943). Department of Health files indicate possible closure of this hospital by 1961.
Katanning	Nurse Quartermain		1928	Midwife known: Quartermain, Fanny A. Also practising 1918, location unknown.
Katanning	Shields, ME		1914	Midwife known: Shields, ME. Also practising in 1922, location unknown.
Katanning	Strathfield Hospital		1928	Midwife known: Ross, Naomi S
Katanning			1936	Midwives known: Seaborn, Amy & Harris, DAM
Kellerberrin	Nurse Sampson	James St	1922	Midwife known: Sampson, Annie S
Kellerberrin		Massingham St	1926, 1930	Licensees known: Leedman, Dr CH (1926) & Thomas, Nurse Irene (1926, 1928). Midwives known: Norman, LG (1926); Baker, Margaret (1928); Jorgenson, Jane (1930).
Kellerberrin	Nurse Lamb		1920	
Kellerberrin			1918, 1928	Midwives known: Phillips and Edwards (see also facility at Plympton).
Kelmscott				See also Armadale
Kelmscott	Nurse Bellas	Albany Rd	1925	Midwife known: Bellas, Maud
Kelmscott	Hillrise Hospital	River Rd	1918	Midwife known: Nurse Millen
Kelmscott	Nurse Bellas	River Rd	1924	Midwife known: Bellas, Maud
Kelmscott	Nurse Bellas		1928	Midwife known: Bellas, Maud (also practising 1919, unknown location)
Kelmscott	Nurse Harper		1918, 1920	Midwife known: Harper, Hannah N
Kookynie	Kookynie Hospital		1901, 1918, 1924	For contact details see Leonora District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Kookynie	Nurse Smith		1918	Midwife known: Smith, Ellen
Koorda	Koorda & District Hospital		1932	For contact details see Wylkatchem-Koorda District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Kulin	Kulin Hospital		1921, 1930	For contact details see Kondinin District Hospital, in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Kununurra	Australian Inland Mission Hospital Kununurra		1963	Closed by 1970. For information regarding AIM hospitals, contact National Director Frontier Services, Uniting Church of Australia, PO Box A2266, South Sydney NSW 1235. Ph: (02) 8267 4242; Fax (02 9267 3538).
Kurnalpie	Kurnalpie Hospital		1897, 1907	Department of Health files contain correspondence regarding the sale of the hospital buildings in 1907. For contact details see Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".

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Lamington Heights				See also Kalgoorlie
Lamington Heights	Nurse Potter	132 Lyall St	1918	Midwife known: Potter, Eleanor A. Lamington Heights was a suburb of Kalgoorlie.
Lawlers	Lawlers Hospital		1902, 1916	For contact details see Leonora District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Leederville				See also West Leederville
Leederville	Nurse Drakeford	12 Shaftesbury St	1924, 1925	Midwife known: Drakeford, Julia
Leederville	Nurse Wahl	139 Loftus St	1918	Midwife known: Wahl, Elizabeth Agatha
Leederville		28 Shaftesbury St	1923	Midwife known: Nurse Murray
Leederville	Nurse Ryan	Cambridge St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Ryan, Madge Mary
Manjimup	Nurse Coleman		1923	Midwife known: Coleman, Minnie CJ
Manjimup	Nurse Sheard		1928, 1930	Midwife known: Sheard, Maria P
Maylands				See also Mt Lawley and Bayswater
Maylands	Nurse Hosking	17 Charles St	1930	Midwife known: Hosking, Elizabeth
Maylands	Nurse Dickson	36 Tenth Ave	1925	Midwife known: Dickson, Emily
Maylands	Nurse Short	55 Central Ave	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Short, Susannah
Maylands	Nurse Street	Caledonian Ave	1914, 1928	Midwife known: Street, Elizabeth
Maylands	Nurse Weaver's Hospital	Kirkham Hill Tce	1914, 1918, 1928, 1935	Midwife known: Weaver, Hannah (1914, 1918, 1928)
Meckering	Nurse Chadwick	Dempster St	1926	Midwife known: Chadwick, Emma
Meckering	Meckering Hospital		1926, 1930	For contact details see Northam Regional Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Meckering	Nurse Sparks		1928	Midwife known: Sparks, Edith. Also practising in 1923, location unknown.
Meekatharra	Nurse Woosnam		1924	Midwife known: Woosnam, MA
Merredin	Nurse Davidson	Cnr King & Coronation Sts	1926	Midwife known: Davidson, S
Merredin	Nurse Breheney	Coronation St	1923	Midwife known: Breheney, Sarah
Midland Junction				See also West Midland
Midland Junction	Nurse Hosking	17 Victoria St	1925, 1928	Midwife known: Hosking, EM

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Midland Junction	St Andrew's	24 Sayer St	1939, 1963	Midwife known: Niven, Margaret (1939, 1943). Department of Health records note the hospital's closure in 1963. Classification at closure suggests maternity services extended to that time.
Midland Junction		25 Amherst Rd	1920	Midwives known: Nurse Baker, Margaret (see also Beaufort Hospital, West Midland); Nurse Thomas; Nurse Barker, Lilian. See Kellerberrin for Baker and Thomas, later.
Midland Junction	Nurse Hosking	31 Montreal St	1923, 1928	Midwife known: Hosking, EM
Midland Junction	D'alton, Agnes	Amherst Rd	1918	Midwife known: D'alton, Agnes
Midland Junction	Private Hospital	Amherst Rd	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Hosking, EM
Midland Junction	Nurse Niven	Padbury Tce	1932	Midwife known: Niven, Margaret
Midland Junction	Nurse Hosking	Stafford St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Hosking, E
Midland Junction	Nurse Mosely's Hospital	York Rd (1918, 1923); 6 The Avenue (1923); Dudley St (1925)	1918, 1923	Midwives known: Mosely, Norah (1918, 1925); Neal, Isabel (1923)
Midland Junction	Midland Junction Hospital		1902, 1919	Not listed on Annual reports during this period as a government or assisted hospital. May have been private; may not have been maternity.
Midland Junction	Tresillian		1939	See also Tresillian, Nedlands
Mingenew	Mingenew Hospital		1937	For contact details see Morawa District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Mingenew	Nurse Larsen		1930	Midwife known: Larsen, Flora
Moora	Nurse Holst		1918, 1920	Midwife known: Holst, Rose
Moore River	Mogumber / previously Moore River Native Settlement		1917-1965	Pictoral Collection spanning years of operation is available for a fee, and an index which was compiled by the Aboriginal Wheatbelt Corporation is held by Manguri (formerly Sister Kate's). For information, see the Family Information Research System in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development" and that Department's Guide, "Looking West". See Battye Library for information on personal and administrative files.

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Mornington	Mornington (Mills) Hospital		1910, 1960	A mill town hospital which became an Outpatients Hospital in 1960 after only one admission in 1959. Midwives known: Appleton, Francis E; Appleton, Hilda M; Appleton, Gwendoline R (1949).
Mosman Park (earlier, Buckland Hill)	Leeton Park	1 Victoria St	1932, 1943	Midwives known: Kennedy, HW (1932); Nurse Brand (1943)
Mt Barker	Nurse Roatch		1925, 1928	Midwife known: Roatch, Mrs E
Mt Hawthorn	Hawthorn Hospital	Cnr Flinders & Woodstock Sts	1933, 1975	Known licensees: Thomas, IM & AJ. 1943 address given as 100 Flinders St. Known as Hawthorn Hospital by 1958. Became a Government Leased Hospital but maternity service ceased by 1975. Records may have gone to Osborne Park Hospital. A hospital still services patients from that site.
Mt Helena	Nurse Smith	Lion St	1924	Midwife known: Smith, Adelaide E
Mt Lawley				See also Perth, North Perth and Maylands
Mt Lawley	St David's Hospital	19 Lawley Cres	1938, 1943, 1954	Midwife known: Thompson, Elizabeth Jane (1938). Hospital closed in 1954. It has subsequently become a Nursing Home, which opened around 1976.
Mt Lawley	Nurse Binet	27 Hutt St, cnr Raglan Rd	1926	Midwife known: Binet, Martha
Mt Lawley	Nurse Binet	30 Learoyd St	1930	Midwife known: Binet, Martha
Mt Lawley	Faversham Hospital	35 Glenroyd St	1930, 1939	Midwife known: Monger, Norma Margaret Forrest.
Mt Lawley		672 Beaufort St	1928	Midwives known: Binet, Martha; Monger, N & E (1928).
Mt Lawley	"Mount Lawley"	681 Beaufort St	1925, 1939	Midwife known: Ashton, Lillian May (1925, 1939)
Mt Lawley		682 Beaufort St	1923	Midwives known: Ferguson, Annie D (1923); Binet, Martha (1927)
Mt Lawley		72 Guildford Rd	1942, 1943	Midwives known: Logan, Florence Mary (1942); Nurse Armstrong (1943)
Mt Lawley	Nurse White	87 Guildford Rd	1930	Midwife known: White, Elizabeth
Mt Lawley	Nurse Thornton	9 Vincent St	1928	Midwife known: Thornton, SM
Mt Lawley		Nanhob St	1935	Midwives known: Hansen, Matilda C & Thompson, E
Mt Malcolm	Mt Malcolm Hospital		1898, 1900	For contact details see Laverton District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals" .
Mt Margaret	Mt Margaret Mission Hospital		1965, 1975	Closed 1975. For contact details see Laverton District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals" .

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Mt Morgans	Christisson Memorial Hospital	Mt Margaret United Aborigines Mission	1937	See Mt Margaret Mission Hospital.
Mt Morgans	Mt Morgans Hospital		1900, 1916	See Battye Library for information regarding Mt Morgans.
Mt Sir Samuel (or Sir Samuel)	Mount Sir Samuel Hospital		1908, 1910	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Health notes the establishment of Sir Samuel Hospital in 1908. See Battye Library for information regarding Sir Samuel .
Mullewa	Nurse Brindal	Gray St	1928	Midwife known: Brindal, Mildred
Mullewa	Nurse Dyer	Keefe St	1932	Midwife known: Dyer, Margaret Elrind
Mullewa	Nurse Harris		1928	Midwife known: Harris, Lily Bowra
Mulwarrie (Mt Higgins)	Mulwarrie (Mt Higgins) Hospital		1903, 1907	See Battye Library for information regarding Mt Higgins.
Nannine	Nannine Hospital		1902, 1918	For contact details see Meekatharra District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals" .
Nannup	Nurse Oxer		1936	Midwife known: Oxer, IAD
Narrogin	Nurse Monger	Cnr Earl & Falcon Sts	1939	Midwife known: Monger, Isabel Amy
Narrogin	Aniwa Private Hospital	Cnr Havelock & Homer Sts	1918, 1933	Midwives known: Kelleher, Bessie (1918, 1928); Cowan, Stella (1928); Monger, Isabel Amy (1933)
Narrogin	Nurse Ness' Hospital	Egerton St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Ness, Elizabeth A
Narrogin	Nurse Menzies' Private Hospital	Grant St (1918) Hansard St (1927)	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Menzies, Grace
Narrogin	Nurse Barrington		1925, 1943	Midwife known: Barrington, MA
Narrogin	Nurse Cowan		1930	
Narrogin	Valaima		1928, 1949	
Nedlands	Nurse Berryman	47 Vieway	1923	Midwife known: Berryman, Norah
Nedlands		7 Edward St	1928	Midwives known: Bennett, Millicent C (1928); Hayman, Bina (1928).
Nedlands	Nurse Connolly	Broadway	1918	Midwife known: Connolly, Edith May
Nedlands	Nurse Binet	Perth-Fremantle Rd	1924	Midwife known: Binet, Martha

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Nedlands	Tresillian	Cnr Tyrell & Edwards St	1932, 1965	Department of Health files note Tresillian at this address as a registered lying-in hospital by 1932. It was a Government Leased Hospital for some years prior to 1965. The facility remains open as a Community Centre. It is not known whether records from the hospital days exist, but some information may be available through the Department of Health archive. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849. Telephone: (08) 9222 4414
Newcastle	Newcastle Hospital		1916	See Battye Library for information regarding Newcastle.
Nornalup	Nornalup Hospital		1932	For contact details see Denmark Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
North Fremantle				See also Fremantle
North Fremantle	Nurse Johnson	Mason St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Johnson, Jean
North Perth				See also Perth and Mt Lawley
North Perth	Nurse Mitchell	188 Grosvenor St	1928	In 1939, was "Mussoorie Convalescent Home", run by Mrs CT Mitchell.
North Perth	Nurse Ash's Maternity Hospital	53 Wasley St	1914, 1943	Midwives known: Ash, ML (1914, 1932); Cummings, CM (1928); Groome, Pandita (1923)
North Perth	Nurse Fryer	Mabel St	1924	Midwife known: Fryer, Cordelia M (also practising in 1918, unknown location).
Northam	Nurse Rowe	26 Gordon St	1927	Midwife known: Rowe, Ida May (see also Rosslyn Hospital, below).
Northam	Rosslyn Hospital	59 Gordon St	1942, 1947	Midwives known: Rowe, Ida Mary (1942); Jones, Pauline (1945, 1947). St John of God Hospital Northam subsequently occupied this address (see entry below).
Northam	St John of God Hospital Northam	59 Gordon St	1947, 1963	No details regarding the SJOGH in Northam have been able to be found by St John of God Health Care. However, Health Department files note the hospital as a registered lying-in hospital from 1947 and as a Nursing Home by 1963. Inquiries should be directed to Ms Karen Burn, Health Information Manager, St John of God Health Care Subiaco, PO Box 142, Subiaco WA 6908. Tel: (08) 9382 6221 Fax: (08) 9382 6103 Email: karen.burn@sjog.org.au
Northam	Hellwig, Mary O	Duke St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Hellwig, Mary O
Northam	Lawler Hospital	Gordon St	1922, 1930	Midwife known: Lawler, Ellen M

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Northam	Nurse Scott	May St	1914, 1928	Midwife known: Scott, Edith G
Northam	Fermoy Hospital	off May St	1918, 1949	Midwives known: Conn, Margaret (1918); Sr Hutton (1920); Horne (1922); Pollard (1922, 1943); Leeds, EA (1922, 1928); Mauerman, CK (1922)
Northam	Nurse Leonard	Wellington St (1918); Charles St (1920, 1928)	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Leonard, Frances Mary
Northam	Nurse Jeanes		1930	Probably Jeanes, Charlotte C (see Northam West)
Northam	Nurse Leeds		1930	Probably Leeds, EA (see Fermoy Hospital, above)
Northam	Nurse Rowe		1939	Probably Rowe, Ida Mary (see Rosslyn Hospital, above)
Northam West	Nurse Jeanes	Lockyer Ave	1918	Jeanes, Charlotte C
Osborne Park	Nurse Reader	Powell St	1934, 1942	Midwife known: Reader, Florence M. 1942 date may be in error (deleted in list sent from Commissioner of Public Health to Deputy Director of Man Power)
Palmyra	Nurse Leggate	Forrest St	1925	Midwife known: Leggate, Caroline C.
Peak Hill	Peak Hill Hospital		1907, 1913	For contact details see Meekatharra District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Peppermint Grove	Nurse Piper	Irvine St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Piper, Martha Emma
Perenjori	Perenjori Hospital		1921	For contact details see Morawa and District Health Service in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Perth				See also North Perth, West Perth, East Perth and Mt Lawley
Perth	Nurse (Louise) Bevan's	122 Aberdeen St (1914); 700 Beaufort St (1918); 162 Aberdeen St (1920); later 419 Newcastle St	1914, 1940	
Perth	Nurse Rust	123 Wellington St (1918); 67 Chelmsford St (1923)	1918, 1923	Midwife known: Rust, Kate. See also Highgate Hill.
Perth	Nurse Skene	157 Claisebrook Rd	1918	Midwife known: Skene, Mary
Perth	Nurse Drakeford	160 Newcastle St	1920	Midwife known: Drakeford, Julia
Perth	Nurse Valance (or Valance)	17 Ord St	1918	Midwife known: Valance (or Vallance), May Barron
Perth	Nurse Jorgenson	20 Mabel St	1919, 1923	Midwife known: Jorgenson, Jane

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Perth	Stirling Private Hospital	216 Stirling St	1918	Midwife known: Cheatley, Rebecca
Perth	Nurse McNamara	22 Mount St	1918, 1923	Midwife known: McNamara, Kate
Perth	Kareenya Private Hospital	246 St George's Tce	1918, 1925	Midwives known: Kruger, Ottilie C (1918, 1920); Simpson, Misses E&R (1925)
Perth	Salvation Army Maternity Home	Lincoln St	1922, 1925	Cited in the Annual Reports of The State Children Department 1922-25. For people wishing to access information relating this facility, contact The Salvation Army Historical Society,333 William Street, Northbridge WA 6003 Telephone: (08) 9227 7010 Facsimile: (08) 9227 7134 Email: WA_HistoricalSociety@aus.salvationarmy.org
Perth	Valesco	3 Harvest Tce	1918, 1920	Midwives known: Anderson, KM (1914); O'Callaghan, Mary (1918; 1920); Philip, Ruby M (1918)
Perth	Lister Private Hospital	30 Bulwer St	1955	On site of Nurse Harvey's Maternity Hospital (see earlier entry)
Perth	Nurse Lappin's Hospital	343 Fitzgerald St (1918); 697 Beaufort St (1923, 1928); 681 Beaufort St (1925)	1923, 1925	Midwives known: Lappin, Margaret F (1918, 1925); Monger, Ethel J (1923); Pierssine, Angela Elizabeth (1925, 1928). "Mount Lawley" Hospital (see entry) appears to have shared the same address (681 Beaufort St) from 1925. Nurse Pierssine is noted as registered at 697 Beaufort Street until 1928).
Perth	Nurse Beatty	50 Ellen St	1923	
Perth	Alexandra Home (Home of Mercy)	55 Lincoln St	1913, 1954	Historical predecessors of Ngala. For contact details see information about Ngala in the section of ROADS, "Non-Government Sources".
Perth	Various Names: St Anne's Private Hospital (1926); West City Hospital (1939)	572 Newcastle St	1914, 1939	Midwives known: Smith, Susan (1914, 1920); Nurse McCreath (1918); Binet, Martha; Craig, BN; Pringle, Mary (all 1924); Sr ML Malpass (1926). See note at Nurse Stockley's Maternity Hospital.
Perth	Nurse Thompson	58 Ruth St	1918, 1925	Midwife known: Thompson, Mary Josephine
Perth	Nurse Yurack(a)	7 Bennett St	1918	Midwife known: Yuracka (or Yurack), Catherine
Perth	Nurse Neal	84 Colin St	1919, 1920	Midwife known: Neal, Isabel
Perth	Nurse Harvey's Maternity Hospital	Aberdeen St (1918) Charles St (1922) 30 Bulwer St (1923)	1918, 1945	Midwives known: Harvey, Eleanor Alice (1918, 1939); Osborne, EM (1945). By 1955, Lister Private Hospital was on the Bulwer Street site. Lister either was or became a C-Class hospital.

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Perth	Wanslea	Bulwer St	1945	For an historical overview of Wanslea, see the guide, *Signposts* as outlined in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development".
Perth	Nurse Smith's Hospital	Newcastle St	1913	
Perth	Swan Hospital	Newcastle St	1918, 1923	See Nurse Stockley's Hospital
Perth	St George's Hospital	St George's Tce	1925	A hospital run by Miss M. Anderson was at 253 St George's Tce from at least 1914 – 1920.
Perth	Nurse Stockley's Maternity Hospital, also known as "Swan Maternity Hospital" and "Blaich Appin Maternity Hospital"	590 Newcastle St	1914, 1949	Midwives known: Stockley, Alice MM (1918, 1939); Jackson, BE (1944, 1946). The Post Office Directory of 1925 lists Nurse Stockley's Maternity Hospital at both 572 and 590 Newcastle St - these hospitals, reported separately here, may well be one and the same, ie 572-590 Newcastle St.
Piccadilly	Nurse Dunlop	32 Ward St	1918	Midwife known: Dunlop, Sarah Ann. Piccadilly was a suburb of Kalgoorlie at that time.
Piccadilly	Nurse Mulder	84 Varden St	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Mulder, Mary. Piccadilly was a suburb of Kalgoorlie at this time.
Pingelly	Nurse Lukeis	Pitt St	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Lukeis, Alice L
Pingelly	Nurse Penny	Queen St (1919)	1919, 1930	Midwife known: Penny, Jenny
Pinjarra	Nurse Huxtable		1918, 1928	Midwife known: Huxtable, Gertrude J (or I)
Plympton				See also East Fremantle
Plympton		Silas St (1918); Off 95 Canning Rd (1928)	1918, 1928	Midwives known: Edwards, Mrs E and Nurse Phillips (see also Kellerberrin, 1918). Plympton was the area that is now known as East Fremantle / Palmyra / Bicton.
Port Hedland	Nurse Simpson		1918, 1920	Midwife known: Simpson, Ethel FM
Port Hedland	Port Hedland Native Hospital		1958	Closed 1958.
Port Hedland	Port Hedland Presbyterian Nursing Home		1918, 1928	For initial information, contact the National Director Frontier Services, Uniting Church of Australia, PO Box A2266, South Sydney NSW 1235. Ph: (02) 8267 4242; Fax (02 9267 3538). The Battye Library and Health Department of WA (Archives) may also have information on this hospital.
Queen's Park	Nurse Larsen	George St	1918	Midwife known: Larsen, Jean
Reedy	Reedy District Hospital		1936, 1949	Likely to have been a mining town near Reedy Creek, near Marble Bar. For contact details see Marble Bar District Hospital Records in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".

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Sandstone	Black Range Hospital		1906, 1949	Department of Health files note correspondence in 1906 regarding a new ward being needed. Midwives known: Donaldson, M (1918). Black Range is listed as both public and private hospital in 1949 Post Office Directory. For contact details, see Sandstone Nursing Post Records in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
South Fremantle				See also Fremantle and Beaconsfield
South Fremantle	Melville Private Hospital	96 Mandurah Rd	1925	Matron: Nurse J. Hornby-Brown (unsure if maternity)
South Fremantle		Nelson St	1924	Midwives known: Smith, Ellen & Attwood, M
South Murchison	South Murchison Hospital		1900	Information may be available through the Department of Health archives. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849. Telephone: (08) 9222 4414 Information may also be available from the Battye Library.
South Perth				See also Como
South Perth	Nurse Clifton	22 Stone St (1923); 12 Judd St (1928); Onslow St (1928)	1923, 1928	Midwife known: Clifton, Edith M
South Perth	Nurse Wilson	34 Onslow Rd	1923	Midwife known: Wilson, Emily
South Perth	Rooklands Maternity Hospital	42 Onslow St	1928, 1949	Midwives known: Buzzard, MM (1928); Sr RCW Midwinter (1928, 1939); Evans, Adelaide (1942, 1949).
South Perth	Thornlea	45 Angelo St	1936, 1943	Known midwife: Pearsall, Jessie Ada (1936, 1943)
South Perth	Nurse Pearsall	91 Angelo St	1931	Midwife known: Pearsall, Jessie Ada
South Perth	Nurse Jenkinson	Hensman St	1927, 1928	Midwife known: Jenkinson, Janet (Annie) (previously in Claremont)
Southern Cross	Nurse McLaren		1930	May be Lily McLaren (registered in 1920, location unknown)
Subiaco				See also Perth, West Perth, Wembley and West Leederville
Subiaco	Nurse Downey	10 Austin St	1928	Midwife known: Downey, Ellen
Subiaco	Nurse Cairn(e)s	128, 132 Nicholson Rd	1918, 1925	Midwives known: Cairnes, Alice (1918, 1925); Nurse McAdam (1920)

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Subiaco	St Vincent's Private Hospital	134 Nicholson Rd	1925, 1926	Known midwives: Seaborn, Amy; Smith, EM (see also 91 Berwick St, Victoria Park); Thornton, Sarah M. (all 1925). See also Nurse Cairnes (above) - adjacent address may have been the same facility.
Subiaco	Nurse Lynch	16 Rankin Rd	1918, 1920	Midwife known: Lynch, Elizabeth Marion
Subiaco		2 Nicholson Rd	1925	Midwives known: Fuller, Ethel K; Murray, Janet Whytock (1925)
Subiaco	"Narrabeen"	23 Coolgardie St	1924, 1928	Midwife known: Reid, Louise E. See also Nurse Lloyd's Hospital at same address.
Subiaco	Nurse Lloyd's Hospital	23 Coolgardie St	1918, 1935	Midwives known: Minnie Lloyd (all years); Blake, Charlotte; Speers, Eliza E (1924). See also Narrabeen at same address.
Subiaco	St Florence Private Hospital	282 Rokeby Rd	1930, 1939	Known midwives: Craig, AM; Johnston, DM; Mitton, EM (all 1930); Smith, EN (1939)
Subiaco	Nurse Binet	43 Forrest St	1923	Midwife known: Binet, Martha
Subiaco	Nurse Browne	49 Hay St	1925	Midwife known: Browne, Matilda
Subiaco	Nurse Binet	59 Hamersley Rd	1925	By 1939 the facility was known as St Andrew's Hospital (Sr Bruce, Matron - unknown if maternity).
Subiaco	Nurse Thornton	9 Austin St	1928	Midwife known: Thornton, Sarah M
Subiaco	Kensington Maternity Home (later Kensington Private Hospital and Kensington Nursing Home)	Cnr Heytesbury and Hensman Rds (114 Heytesbury Rd)	1930, 1955	Midwives known: Craig, AM & Johnston, DM (later at St Florence Private Hospital); Porter, WE (all 1937). Kensington became an annex of King Edward Memorial Hospital on 13.12.1957 and enquiries should be directed there (see entry in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals").
Subiaco	Victoria Hospital		1902, 1913	
Swanbourne	Nurse Smith	12 Otway St	1925	Midwife known: Smith, Adelaide AM
Swanbourne	Nurse Robbins	5 Hillside Ave	1930	Midwife known: Robbins, Florence
Tambellup	Nurse Turner's Hospital		1918, 1928, 1930	Midwife known: Turner, Susan
Three Springs	Three Springs Hospital			Remains open as North Midlands District Hospital. For contact details see entry in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Toodyay	Toodyay Hospital		1918, 1930	For contact details see entry for Northam Regional Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Victoria Park	St Ive's Hospital	159 Hubert St	1938, 1962	Midwives known: Fraser, Vera; Jones, Mary Edwardson (1938, 1943). Health Department files note that St Ive's became a C Class Hospital in 1963.

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Victoria Park	Nurse Jones	23 Canterbury Tce (1926); 6 Basinghall St (1933, 1940)	1932, 1940	Midwife known: Jones, Mary Edwardson (see also St Ive's, Victoria Park)
Victoria Park	Nurse Brown	29 Cavendish St (1918); 29 Duncan St (1920)	1918, 28	Midwife known: Brown(e), Matilda
Victoria Park	Nurse Newington	34 State St, 47 Leonard St (1930); 11a Gresham St (1933)	1930, 1933	Midwife known: Newington, Decima
Victoria Park	Nurse Millen	53 Kitchener Ave	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Millen, Lydia
Victoria Park	Nurse Urry	68 Berwick St	1921, 1925	Midwife known: Urry, Marion Heloise
Victoria Park		91 Berwick St	1921, 1943	Midwives known: Seaborn, Amy & Smith, EM (1921, 1943 and see also St Vincent's Private Hospital, Subiaco). Urry, MH (1925, 1928). Became a C-Class hospital in 1963.
Victoria Park	Nurse Newington	97 Forrest St	1918	Midwife known: Mrs J Newington
Victoria Park	Nurse Baillie	Albany Rd	1914, 1920	Midwife known: Baillie, Elizabeth
Victoria Park	Nurse Cowling	Wakefield St	1918, 1928	Midwife known: Cowling, Edith
Victoria Park	Nurse Washer		1918	Midwife known: Washer, Elizabeth
Victoria Park	Rotunda Maternity & Surgical Hospital		1918	
Wagin	Nurse Johnston's Private Hospital	Jaloran Rd	1918	Midwife known: Johnston, Caroline
Wagin	Glen Iris Hospital		1922, 1949	Midwives known: Lawson, Alice Irene; Russell, Alice; Muller, Ivy; Blomfield, EF; Sands, Dora (all 1922)
Wagin	Nurse Brown's Hospital		1930	
Wagin	Nurse Hammer		1919, 1920	Midwife known: Hammer, Mary Anne
Wagin	Nurse Parker		1918	Midwife known: Parker, Rebecca
Wagin	Nurse Sands' Hospital		1918, 1943	Midwife known: Sands, Dora
Warburton	United Aborigine Mission Hospital		1959	Known as Warburton Range Hospital from 1976, but not mentioned after 1979 in Medical Department Annual Reports.

For information about the United Aborigines Mission at Warburton, follow the links in the guide, *Signposts*, which can be found in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development". |

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Wellington Mills	Nurse Smith		1918, 1920	Midwife known: Smith, Anne M
Wembley				See also West Leederville and Subiaco
Wembley	Nurse Morton	30 Alexander St	1918	Midwife known: Morton, Sophie
Wembley	Kiama Hospital	46, 48 Harborne St	1930, 1940	Midwives known: Doyle, Helen Grace (1930, 1940); Fuller, EK (1930)
Wembley	St Gerard's Maternity Hospital; St Margaret's Hospital (See also Niola Hospital, West Leederville)	61 Cambridge St	1926, 1972	Address in 1926: Station St, West Leederville. The facility was noted in Department of Health files as a registered lying-in hospital by 1945 and its closure is recorded in 1972 (though it may have ceased services earlier). Babes awaiting adoption may have been transferred to St Vincent's Foundling Home (see entry in the section of ROADS, "Non-Government Sources").
West Guildford				See also Guildford
West Guildford	Nurse Walker	Kenny St	1920	Midwife known: Walker, Margaret A. Also practising in 1918 and 1923, locations unknown.
West Leederville				See also Wembley, Leederville and Subiaco
West Leederville	Niola	61 Cambridge St	1925, 1959	Midwives known: Spence, Doreen H (1937, 1940); Erskine, Azelma A (1937); Prowse, Matilda Adelaide (1925, 1939). Niola was a Women's Hospital recorded at the same address as St Gerard's Hospital, above, but their relationship, if any, is unknown.
West Leederville	Nurse Erskine	66 Cambridge St	1943	Midwife known: Erskine, A (see Niola, above)
West Midland				See also Midland Junction
West Midland	Beaufort Hospital	2 Bayley St	1928, 1949	Midwife known: Baker, MJ (see also Amherst Rd, Midland Junction). By 1959, the site was occupied by Edgar Reade Hospital.
West Perth				See also Perth, Subiaco and West Leederville
West Perth	St Omer Hospital	1 Havelock St	1925, 1928	Midwife known: Spaven, Florence E
West Perth	Nurse Spaven	16 Rheola St	1933	Midwife known: Spaven, Florence E
West Perth	Various names: Nurse Reid's Hospital (1935); St Ive's Hospital (1939)	2 Kings Park Rd	1935, 1940	Midwives known: Reid, LE (1935, 1940); Kildahl, LE (1935)
West Perth	Southwell, Sara	44 Kings Park Rd	1942	
West Perth	Nurse Morrison	Kings Park Rd	1942	Midwife known: Morrison, FJM
West Perth	Parkview Maternity Hospital	Kings Park Rd	1933	See Park View Maternity Private Hospital

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West Perth (later Subiaco)	Parkview Maternity Private Hospital	105 Thomas St	1933, 1950	Midwives known: Dvoretsky, Helen Grecian; Shirley, Jessie Marjorie; Westwood, Etheline Margaret; Whyte, EM (all 1933); Fisher (1933, 1940). Possibly Parkview Maternity Hospital.
Westonia	Westonia District Hospital		1922, 1949	Information may be available through the Department of Health archives. For information, contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849. Telephone: (08) 9222 4414
Wickepin	Nurse Burns		1918	
Williams	Nurse Holmes		1918	Midwife known: Holmes, Ann
Wiluna	Lake Way Hospital		1907, 1918	For contact details see Cue District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals", as Lake Way was a government hospital.
Wiluna	Nurse Pollard		1933	Midwife known: Pollard, I
Wiluna	St Mary's Hospital		1933	Midwives known: Park, AM; Smith HE
Wittenoom	Wittenoom Gorge Maternity Hospital		1953	Hospital was still open in 1959 and probably remained open until the 1970s. Information may be available through the Department of Health archives. Contact The Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849. Telephone: (08) 9222 4414
Wongan Hills	Nurse Wiley		1930	Midwife known: Wiley, Dorothy Evelyn
Woodanilling	Woodanilling (Cottage) Hospital		1918, 1930	See Katanning District Hospital in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by Hospitals".
Wylkatchem	Nurse Reid		1922	Reid, Bessie Cecilia
Wyndham	Wyndham Native Hospital		1959, 1968	Closed 1968. Public Health Records for the Kimberley Region are held by the Department for Community Development. See "Record of Births – Kimberley District" in the section of ROADS, "Records Held by the Department for Community Development".
Yarloop	O'Connor, Ethel		1928	Midwife known: O'Connor, Ethel. Also practising in 1918, location unknown.
York	Nurse Hunt	McCartney St	1918	Midwife known: Hunt, Jane E
York	Nurse Duckham		1928, 1930	Midwife known: Duckham, Mary Ann. Also practising in 1918, location unknown.
York	Nurse Smith		1918, 1920	Midwives known: Smith, Charlotte & Maria
York	St Vincent's Private Hospital		1914, 1918	Midwife known: Nurse McLeod

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Youanmi	Youanmi Hospital		1921, 1936	Information may be available through the Department of Health archives. Contact the Freedom of Information Coordinator, Department of Health, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre WA 6849. Telephone: (08) 9222 4414

The names of registered midwives or licensees, for whom no practicing location was discovered are presented below.

Table 2: Previous Maternity Services (No Location) 1918 - 1933

Sources: *Department of Health File Numbers 2280/59, Acc.3713; AN 120/4, Acc.1003; Alphabetic Index No.26 PHD Health Department Records I to Q 1918-54 Lying-In Homes; Index Cards (Private Hospitals). Limited sample of Family Court Adoption Orders 1899-1958.*

Name of Registered Midwife or Licensee	Range of Years Noted	File or researcher's notes
Dr Merryweather	1918	Merryweather, Dr
Nurse Beck	1919	Beck, Dorothy J. See Nurse Beck's Private Hospital (East Guildford).
Nurse Brown	1918	Brown, Emily
Nurse Brown	1918	Brown, Jane H
Nurse Butcher	1918	Butcher, Elizabeth
Nurse Campbell	1918	Campbell, Eleanor D. In Albany, 1924 at The Rocks Maternity Home
Nurse Caporn	1918	Caporn, Ida A
Nurse Carter	1918	Carter, Lucy Ada
Nurse Chambers	1918	Chambers, Mary A
Nurse Couper	1919, 1920	Couper, Bessie
Nurse Curtis	1918	Curtis, Ada
Nurse Damerau	1918	Damerau, Catherine
Nurse Day	1918	Day, Annie
Nurse Day	1918	Day, Mary Jane
Nurse Downing	1918	Downing, Harriet M
Nurse Ducrow	1918	Ducrow, Catherine May
Nurse Edwards	1918	Edwards, Mary M
Nurse Giles	1920	Giles, Margaret C
Nurse Gould	1918	Gould, Flora Ann
Nurse Gourley	1921	Gourley, Hilda
Nurse Haines	1918	Haines, Marion
Nurse Halliday	1920	Halliday, Ethel Kay
Nurse Hamilton	1920	Hamilton, Katherine
Nurse Harding	1922	Harding, Edith F
Nurse Harris	1918	Harris, Margaret G

Name of Registered Midwife or Licensee	Range of Years Noted	File or researcher's notes
Nurse Higgs	1918	Higgs, Esther E
Nurse Hossack	1918	Hossack, Margaret
Nurse Hutchinson	1918	Hutchinson, Harriet M
Nurse James	1918	James, Eliza
Nurse Kilpin	1918	Kilpin, Louise
Nurse Kirk	1918	Kirk, Blanche
Nurse Lake	1919	Lake, Elizabeth
Nurse Lambe	1919	Lambe, Edith
Nurse McCallum	1919	McCallum, Bessie
Nurse McCormick	1919	McCormick, Sophia LF
Nurse McGregor	1918	McGregor, Maria E
Nurse Mesnil	1919	Mesnil, Juliette E
Nurse Mollan	1919	Mollan, FE
Nurse Oldfield	1918	Oldfield, Lena
Nurse Peake	1918	Peake, Jane
Nurse Pell	1918	Pell, Mrs EB
Nurse Pendreigh	1918	Pendreigh, Hannah
Nurse Peterson	1918	Peterson, Emily
Nurse Petterson	1918	Petterson, Kate
Nurse Pringle	1919	Pringle, Mary
Nurse Purcell	1918	Purcell, Ruth
Nurse Regan	1918	Regan, Hannah
Nurse Robinson	1918	Robinson, Sarah Ann
Nurse Ryan	1918	Ryan, Madge Theresa
Nurse Saint	1920	Saint, Mary
Nurse Savage	1920	Savage, Ena May
Nurse Scholey	1918	Scholey, Elizabeth A
Nurse Scott	1918	Scott, Matilda
Nurse Sharp	1918	Sharp, Jane E
Nurse Sharpe	1918	Sharpe, Frances Mary
Nurse Sievers	1918	Sievers, Christina
Nurse Sinclair	1933	Sinclair, MAS
Nurse Spencer	1918	Spencer, Annie
Nurse Thaw	1919	Thaw, Elizabeth Matilda
Nurse Tinker	1918	Tinker, Albina
Nurse Tresidder	1919	Tresidder, Dorothy
Nurse Trestrail	1918	Trestrail, Constancy
Nurse Turton	1925	Turton, Mollie Hallet Wilson
Nurse Whittleston	1918	Whittleston, Catherine
Nurse Wilkes	1918	Wilkes, Kathleen Dulcie
Nurse Williams	1918	Williams, Sophie
Nurse Wyatt	1918	Wyatt, Sarah
Nurse Young	1918	Young, Minna G

USEFUL LINKS

There are a range of sources of information available to people who are exploring their own and their family's origins. In addition to the reference points included in ROADS, the following organisations may be able to assist people.

Support for People involved in Adoptions

The **Adoption Research and Counselling Service** (ARCS) provides support and assistance to people directly affected by adoption. For further information contact them at 38 Queen's Crescent Mt Lawley WA 6926. Telephone (08) 9370 4914

Website: www.adoptionwa.org.au

Jigsaw (Adoption) WA Inc also provides support for people directly affected by adoption – providing mediation, counselling and information and maintaining a contact register for people searching for birth family. For further information contact them at 91 Hensman Road, Subiaco WA 6008. Telephone (08) 9388 1922 Facsimile (08) 9388 3364

Email: jigsaw@jigsaw.org.au .

Other Sources of Information

1. The State Records Office in Western Australia (www.sro.wa.gov.au), and the National Archives of Australia (www.naa.gov.au).

    Indigenous students who were placed in subsidised Education Hostels by parents and who were Commonwealth Secondary Grant holders, may have Commonwealth records. The National Archives of Australia may be the best source for tracking these.

2. According to the The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies website   www.aiatsis.gov.au , the State Records Office in Western Australia "holds extensive records relating to missions" at its site http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/pdfs/cpaf-stations.pdf , the earliest of which is dated 1898.

3. For general information relating to missions:
    State Records Office, Alexander Library Building
    James St West Entrance
    Perth WA 6000.
    Search Centre: Ground Floor Mon-Fri: 9.30am-4.30pm
    Telephone: (08) 9427 3360
    Facsimile: (08) 9427 3368
    email: sro@sro.wa.gov.au
    Website: http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/pdfs/cpaf-stations.pdf

4. Another useful source of information for people wanting to know about a range of records held by various agencies on people from indigenous backgrounds is the Department for Community Development's new publication, *Looking West*. Contact Past Adoption Services, Department for Community Development, 189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6004.

    Telephone: (08) 9222 2555 Freecall (STD) 1800 622 258
    Email: www.communitydevelopment.wa.gov.au .

5. For people wishing to access the Battye Library's collection of historical material:
    The State Library of Western Australia,
    Alexander Library Building, State Cultural Centre, Perth WA 6000.
    Telephone: (08) 9427 3111 (local) or 1800 198 107 (WA country callers)
    Facsimile: (08) 9427 3256 Email: info@liswa.wa.gov.au
    Opening hours for the Battye Library at time of publication are:

    Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm; Friday 9am-5:30pm; Saturday/Sunday 10am-5:30pm

6. The Department of Health in Western Australia holds a range of records that may be relevant to people searching for information about births. For further information, contact The Medical Records Officer, Department of Health, 189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6008.   Telephone (08) 9222 4228   Facsimile (08) 9222 4236 Email: www.health.wa.gov.au .

7. The Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. may also be able to provide help in tracking down records and information. The postal address for the Society is 6/48 May Street, Bayswater WA 6053.
    Telephone: (08) 9271 4311 Facsimile (08) 9370 1572

    Email: www.wags.org.au and follow the directions to other useful links, which are graded by users, on this site.

8. For historical family information, the Mormon Church family archive is extensive and may provide some assistance. There are three Family History Centres in WA:

    Attadale Family History Centre
    308 Preston Point Road
    Attadale
    Western Australia 6156
    Telephone (08) 9330 3750

    Dianella Family History Centre
    163 Wordsworth Avenue
    Yokine
    Western Australia 6060
    Telephone (08) 9275 2608

Warwick Family History Centre
44 Hawker Avenue
Warwick
Western Australia 6024
Telephone (08) 9448 4222

9. The Australian Medical Association may be able to assist people with the current address of obstetricians involved in the birth of children who were subsequently adopted. For more information, please contact The President, Australian Medical Association WA Branch, 14 Stirling Highway, Nedlands WA 6009. Telephone (08) 9273 3000.

10. The Law Society may be able to assist people with the current address of solicitors who were involved in processing the Application for Adoption. For more information, please contact The Law Society of Western Australia, Level 4/89 St George's Terrace, Perth WA 6000. Telephone (08) 9324 8646

SNAPSHOTS OF MATERNITY AND ADOPTION IN WA

Snapshot: Acute Hospitals in Early Colonial WA

The following information is drawn from research undertaken by Frank Hansford-Miller for a much broader, and very interesting, study into medical services in the colony.

Reference: Hansford-Miller, Frank. (1997). Hospital Services in Early Colonial Western Australia. A History of Medicine in Western Australia 1829 – 1870. Vol. 11.

Table 3: Acute Hospitals in Early Colonial Western Australia

Source: Hansford-Miller, Frank. (1997). Hospital Services in Early Colonial Western Australia. A History of Medicine in Western Australia 1829 – 1870. Vol. 11

Hospital	Year	Location/Comments
Garrison Hospital (Tent)	1826	Military Compound, King George Sound, Albany.
Military Infirmary (Built)	1829	Western side of Parade Ground, Albany.
Colonial Hospital (Tent)	1829	Garden Island, as first immigrants awaited settlement on mainland. First English baby born to colonists here on 3 August 1829.
Perth Military Hospital (Marquee)	1829	Near Town Hall and Cathedral Ave, Perth. First English baby born on mainland on 17 September 1829.
Colonial Hospital (Rented Hut)	1830	St George's Tce, opposite Government House, east of Irwin St, Perth.
Temporary Hospital, Augusta	1830	To service the garrison and families attached to it at Augusta after their arrival there in August, 1830.
Hospital, Albany	1838	Established in the Government Reserve.
Colonial Hospital (Built – but not well fit for purpose)	1840	Central square, near St George's Tce and Hay St. It was poorly designed and located, being near the residential housing of the wealthier citizens on St George's Tce and Hay St (none of whom used the hospital, being treated at home).
New Colonial Hospital, Perth	1855	Eastern end of Murray St (then Goderich St), near the Roman Catholic church (now St Mary's Cathedral). Parts of this building, which used convict labour in construction, remain in use by Royal Perth Hospital.
District Hospital, Bunbury	1850's	Established after the arrival of convicts.
District Hospital, York	1860's	On the site of the Convict Depot (in what had been previously used as a kitchen), using convict orderlies to cope with demand.
Military Hospital, Fremantle	1860's	

Convicts were transported from England from 1850 to 1868. There were 9,668 men (no women) convicts sent to the Colony and housed in Depots throughout the State. Each of the depots had an Infirmary attached and these often became that district's hospital once transportation ceased. The Colony operated a "Ticket of Leave" system whereby the convict could move gradually from government control to work for an employer and eventually a Conditional Pardon leading to freedom provided he did not return to England until the expiration of his initial term. By 1865, there were 7,113 convicts resident in the Colony in various stages of 'freedom'.

Table 4: Convict Hospitals Established by 1865

Source: Hansford-Miller, Frank. (1997). Hospital Services in Early Colonial Western Australia. A History of Medicine in Western Australia 1829 – 1870. Vol. 11

Convict Hospitals Established by 1865 (by District)	Comments
Fremantle	Attached to Fremantle Gaol in the early 1850s. The complex also contained a large residence for the Comptroller of Convicts, known as "The Knowle", which became Fremantle hospital and remains in use as part of the modern facility. The first Medical Board for Fremantle was set up in 1852.
Swan Valley Plantagenet (including Albany) Victoria (including New Norcia) Wellington (including Bunbury) Sussex (including Busselton) York Murray (including Mandurah) Toodyay	Each of these regions would have been serviced by what started as a Convict Hospital (a fairly primitive infirmary) which were often demolished and developed into a Government Hospital (not always on the same site) with a Government Medical Officer appointed from Perth as the region prospered. Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton, Northam, Busselton and York had hospital services dating from at least the 1860s and possibly the 1850s, with one of the earliest being at Roebourne.

Snapshot: Maternity Hospitals – Issues 1909-1916

The following information is drawn from the "Maternity" and "Vital Statistics" sections of Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Public Health 1909 to 1916. It briefly outlines a range of issues germane to our topic, including the training and licensing of midwives and maternity homes, and general attitudes to birth and children.

It is implied from the Commissioner's reports, and explicit in correspondence, that women in the State were organized and vocal in their call for a dedicated maternity and gynaecological facility that was owned and controlled by the State. They were also concerned about the access of poor women and women in outlying districts to appropriate nursing and medical care. By 1909 the Government was funding qualified midwives in regional areas and had a couple of nurse inspectors on the payroll to verify practice.

However, as noted below, the women in the State were largely in the care of untrained and unqualified midwives until the Health Act, 1911 was enacted and its concession clauses expired in 1913. Even so, there remained so many midwifery practitioners throughout the next few decades that it is unlikely that standards were either uniform or enforced for some many years to come.

Table 5: Maternity Issues of Concern to Authorities 1909 – 1916

Source: *Annual Reports* of the Commissioner of Public Health 1909 - 1916

Issue	Annual Report Year	Comments
Licensing of Maternity Hospitals	1913	Maternity Hospitals are registered under the Charities Department. Commissioner argues that Charities should be under control of Health Act and administered by Health Dept, as per private hospitals. Home of Mercy ("which caters for a limited class") and private maternity hospitals are under Health Dept control.
Registration of Lying-In Homes	1914	In this year, there were 48 Lying-In Homes registered in the metropolitan area (263 beds) and 99 registered in the country (318 beds).
	1915	Lying-In Homes are registered with the State Children Department. Commissioner argues that it should reside with the Public Health Department. Both Departments agreed and amendments to the Health Act had been drafted but not actioned.
Registration of Midwives	1915	1,095 midwives were registered under the Health Act but only 244 held qualifications. The remaining 851 were on the roll due to a concession clause granting registration to any midwives practising prior to 1 June 1909. The concession clause ceased on 31 May 1913, so registrations subsequently were supported by qualification (ie. "recognised training in midwifery").
Establishment of a Government Maternity Hospital	1913	Was initially planned as an adjunct to the Home of Mercy, but this failed. Commissioner states that a new wing of Perth Public Hospital for maternity is the favoured option.

Issue	Annual Report Year	Comments
	1914	Due to advocacy from women in Perth, a separate institution is now planned.
	1916	King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women opened on 14 July 1916. The Commissioner notes, with pleasure that "in spite of the fact that no bar has been placed upon anyone entering, that no abuse of privilege has been observed, so that beds have always been available to those cases most in need of State assistance. The fee of £3 3s. for confinement and fourteen days' care thereafter, has enabled many a mother to pass through this trying period in unwonted comfort…" 101 babes born in first 6 months of operation.
Midwifery Training School, Fremantle	1909, 1914	The 1909 Annual Report expresses the Commissioner's (and the State's) concern at the lack of maternity nurses and the need for a training facility. There are adequate facilities and 'material' (ie maternity cases) for the training in Fremantle. The School opened in 1910 and trained midwives with cooperation of the Maternity Branch of The Women's Home and the Salvation Army Maternity Home in Fremantle.
Government Scheme to assist midwifery in outlying areas	1911	Difficulties were reported by the Commissioner to arise when "settlers have not combined to secure for the nurse a suitable place to reside…"
Provision of Hospitals to Rural Areas	1913	The Commissioner noted: "Many hospitals on the goldfields were erected in response to calls from people who hoped that a prominent mining centre would be established. In the mutability of things in this life, many of such hopes have only proved too ephemeral, and places have dwindled down in importance with only a few people left in these centres; yet these hospitals are kept open when there is very little call for them."
The value of children to the State	1911	As the Commissioner noted: "The lessened number of children born increases the value of those who survive, although the quality of the survivals is of equal, if not greater, importance, than the quantity. Still, as we are set to obey the dictates of humanity, all must be cherished with the hope that any hereditary tendencies to baseness may be overcome by environment, so that each generation be raised towards the attainment of a more perfect standard of mentality and physically endowed community".
Termination of Pregnancy	1909, 1910, 1911	The Health Act, 1911 (S.263.4) contained a clause to assist in the detection of houses where abortions were performed. The Commissioner noted in 1909: "During the decline of Rome, it was common for children to be destroyed, because the parents considered they were doing them a kindness to rid them from facing all the vicissitudes of life. In these cases the men were responsible for this work, but in our modern civilisation, it is the women who have to bear all obloquy, suffering and death".

Snapshot: Births in WA 1909 – 1916 (Legitimate and Illegitimate)

The following information is drawn from the Annual Reports of the Commissioner for Public Health in the years 1909 to 1916, from the Vital Statistics and Maternity sections of the reports. Notably, the categories for reporting varied with the years, and the separate reporting of illegitimate births in the Health Department's Annual Report had ceased by 1914.

Table 6: Legitimate Births in WA 1909 – 1916

Source: *Annual Reports* of the Commissioner of Public Health 1909 - 1916

Year	Males	Females	Total
1909			7601
1910			7585
1911			8095
1912	4472	4226	8698
1913	4717	4516	9233
1914	4664	4542	9206
1915	4579	4439	9018
1916	4439	4124	8563
Total for Period			67,999

Family Court of Western Australia records show that during the period 1899 to 1914, 363 applications for adoption were filed with the Court. This period is a decade longer than the data presented here for illegitimate births, so clearly there was no great demand to adopt illegitimate children in the first two decades of the Adoptions Act.

Comparing legitimate to illegitimate births for the period 1919-1914 shows that illegitimate births represented around 4% of total births registered in the State.

Table 7: Illegitimate Births in WA 1909 – 1914

Source: *Annual Reports* of the Commissioner of Public Health 1909 - 1914

Year	Total
1909	346
1910	313
1911	363
1912	382
1913	411
1914	387
Total for Period	2202

Snapshot: Maternity Homes and Midwife Activity in the 1930s and 1974

The following information was provided by the Secretary of the Health Department in response to an enquiry from the Country Women's Association of WA regarding inspection activities undertaken by the Health Department to ensure adequate maternity care was provided to women in rural and regional Western Australia.

Table 8: Maternity Homes and Midwives in Regional Areas 1930

Source: Department of Health file no. 2280/59, Acc.3713 p.83

Region	No. Maternity Homes	No. Practising Midwives
Kalgoorlie / Boulder	3	18
Northam	3	12
Albany	4	8
Geraldton	2	9
Bunbury	2	16
Collie	2	8
Narrogin	3	6

In response to an enquiry from a doctor in Penang, the Secretary, Health Department forwarded the names of some leading maternity homes (private providers) in 1932.

Table 9: Leading Maternity Homes in Perth 1932

Source: Department of Health file no. 2280/59, Acc.3713 p.110

- Miss Harvey, 30 Bulwer St, Perth

- Miss Ash, 53 Wasley St, North Perth

- Tresillian Hospital, Tyrell St, Nedlands

The following was provided by the Secretary, Health Department in response to a request for information from the British Medical Association in 1939. The remainder of maternity hospitals or lying-in homes had less than seven beds.

Table 10: Principal Maternity Hospitals in WA (7 or more beds) in 1939

Source: Department of Health file no. 2280/59, Acc.3713

Hospital Name	Suburb/Town	No. Beds
King Edward Maternity	Subiaco	48
St John of God Subiaco	Subiaco	30
Hillcrest	Fremantle	18
Kensington	Subiaco	16
Nurse Harvey	Perth	12

Hospital Name	Suburb/Town	No. Beds
Tresillian	Midland Junction	12
St David's	Mt Lawley	11
Wiluna	Wiluna	11
Devonleigh	Cottesloe	10
Geraldton	Geraldton	10
Nurse Ash	North Perth	10
Seaton Ross	Guildford	10
St Clair's	Bunbury	10
Stockley	West Perth	10
Nurse Bevan	West Perth	9
Park View	West Perth	9
Beverley	Beverley	8
Dalwallinu	Dalwallinu	8
Fermoy	Northam	8
Nurse Rowe	Northam	8
Lucknow	Claremont	7
Nurse Sand	Wagin	7
Nurse Thomas	Mt Hawthorn	7
Nurse Watts	Bunbury	7
Three Springs	Three Springs	7

Table 11: Principal Maternity Hospitals in WA 1974

Source: Department of Health file no. 2280/59, Acc.3713 p.197

Hospitals with >1000 deliveries per annum	Hospitals with 1000>deliveries>500 per annum
King Edward Memorial Hospital	Bentley Hospital
St John of God Hospital, Subiaco	South Perth Community Hospital
St Anne's, Mt Lawley	Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital
Woodside Maternity Hospital, East Fremantle	Armadale-Kelmscott Hospital
Osborne Park Hospital	
Swan Districts Hospital	

Snapshot: Numbers of Children Adopted 1964 to 1974

One of the problems in reporting data across years in this fashion is that the categories of reporting change over time. However, the following Table gives an indication of adoption trends over the eleven years 1964 to 1974, inclusive.

Categories 1 to 11 refer only to adoptions arranged by the Department, except in 1968, when private solicitors' adoptions were included for categorisation.

The data in this Table should be read in conjunction with its notes, which provide explanation for some of the figures.

Table 12: Status of Children Adopted 1964 - 1974

Source: Annual Reports of the Child Welfare Department and the Department for Community Welfare 1964-1974

1 = Wards; 2 = Adopted by Relatives; 3 = Migrant Children Adopted; 4 = Foster Children Adopted; 5 = Ex-nuptial Children Adopted by Birth Mother and her Husband; 6 = Children of Former Marriage Adopted by Mother and her Husband; 7 = Legitimate Children Adopted by Approved Applicants; 8 = Children Placed by Native Welfare Department; 9 = Part Asian Children Adopted; 10 = Boys Adopted; 11 = Girls Adopted; 12 = Adoptions Arranged by the Department; 13 = Adoptions Arranged by Private Solicitors; 14 = Total Orders Granted														

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Notes from the Annual Reports of the Child Welfare Department
1964	13	1			5	7		1		73	84	157	291	448	Categories refer to adoptions arranged by the Department, not privately.
1965	11	8			5	11	6	15		125	107	232	255	487	Aboriginal children are now classified "native or part-native". Departmental adoptions included 2 sets of twins (sex not specified).
1966	5	1			12	3	9	19		147	138	285	276	561	Departmental adoptions included 1 set of twins.
1967	13	3			14	5	8	18	2	203	173	307	263	570	Wards adopted included 2 native wards. Departmental adoptions included 5 sets of twins, with the Annual Report noting them being all placed together.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Notes from the Annual Reports of the Child Welfare Department
	1 = Wards; 2 = Adopted by Relatives; 3 = Migrant Children Adopted; 4 = Foster Children Adopted; 5 = Ex-nuptial Children Adopted by Birth Mother and her Husband; 6 = Children of Former Marriage Adopted by Mother and her Husband; 7 = Legitimate Children Adopted by Approved Applicants; 8 = Children Placed by Native Welfare Department; 9 = Part Asian Children Adopted; 10 = Boys Adopted; 11 = Girls Adopted; 12 = Adoptions Arranged by the Department; 13 = Adoptions Arranged by Private Solicitors; 14 = Total Orders Granted														
1968	6	7			32	44	11	15				376	235	611	Wards adopted included 2 private solicitor's adoptions, adoption by relatives included 5 private solicitor's adoptions; adoption of ex-nuptial children included 6 private solicitor's adoptions; adoption of children of former marriage included 31 private solicitor's adoptions; adoption of legitimate children by approved applicants included 5 private solicitor's adoptions.
1969		7			10	31		1		165	140	305	235	540	Departmental adoptions included 1 ex-nuptial child adopted by the natural father.
1970	17											410	293	703	The Annual Report notes that from May 1, 1970 "a number of major changes to the Adoption of Children Act and Regulations became effective", including matters of consent for adoption; all adoptive parents to obtain Departmental approval; transfers of children; and the guardianship of children awaiting adoption.
1971	6							6				136	330	466	The drop in Departmental adoptions in this year was attributed to the changes to the Act, which required more information to be presented to the Court.

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Notes from the Annual Reports of the Child Welfare Department
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1972	15							8				306	151	457	Decrease in number of children available for adoption (the "main factor" for this, according to the Annual Report, is that "many more mothers are now keeping their babies"). Decrease also in the number of applications for adoption. Due to an increase in staff, Departmental adoption applications increased. The Adoptions Branch moved from Claver House to 45 Havelock St in November, due to overcrowding in the previous premises.
1973	19							5				538	179	717	Wards included 3 Aboriginal children adopted. Indigenous children are now referred to as "Aboriginal or part-Aboriginal". On July 1, 1972, there were further changes to the Act. These included the primacy of consideration being for the child's welfare; slight relaxation of rules to enable single persons to adopt; requirement for Director to advise the Court of the suitability of applicants; age of majority reduced to 18 years.
1974										334	247	581	202	783	Due to overcrowding at Havelock St, the Adoptions Branch moved to 30 Ord St, West Perth.

Snapshot: Government Attitudes to Adoption 1939-1997

Unless otherwise indicated, the following information is drawn from the Annual Reports of what is now the Department for Community Development and gives some insight into how public agencies thought about adoption; why they believed it was best for the children; and how it should best be managed, including changes to legislation.

"The Department communicates with every unmarried mother and after the birth of her child is always ready to offer advice and assistance…Probably the best solution of the problem of the unmarried mother and the illegitimate child is for the child to be legally adopted. By this means the child is happily settled in life and the mother is free to pick up the threads of her life and make a fresh start." (1939).

"The Department is instrumental in arranging the legal adoption of children. Orders of adoption are granted by the Judges of the Supreme Court and the applications are handled either by this Department or by solicitors. Applicants to adopt children through the Department are visited by its officers, who report on the home circumstances and suitability of the people for the information of the Judges. Children made available for adoption are examined by doctors to determine their physical fitness, blood tests are taken and their hereditary backgrounds studied before they are placed with applicants. Finally, the legal papers are drawn up and lodged in the Supreme Court to await the Judge's decision." (1947)

"For the past ten years the number of applicants desiring to adopt a child has far exceeded the babies available. There does not appear to be a conclusive solution regarding the shortage of adoptable babies. Years before the war, when the number of babies available for adoption far exceeded the number of applicants desiring to adopt a babe, there was more of a choice. Three to four weeks is about the age a babe is generally adopted and it is very rarely an older child is available for adoption. Applicants prefer to adopt a babe as young as possible and baby girls are in great demand. There are quite a number of applicants awaiting a second child to be placed with them for adoption. Several applicants desire twins."

"The applicants approved by the Department will in general have to wait three years before their turn for a child comes. This long wait prevents many persons approaching the Department and causes a certain number of Departmental applicants to withdraw their request. In the interests of the children concerned it is desirable that adoptions be arranged through the Department so that the homes to which children go can be inspected and approved by some impartial authority accustomed to the social assessment of homes and families. It seems desirable to contemplate some method by which all prospective adoptions should be scrutinised by the Child Welfare Department." (1958)

"On 1st May, 1970, a number of major changes to the Adoption of Children Act and Regulations became effective. The most significant of these amendments concerned:

1. Consents to Adoption

   A judge shall not now make an order to adoption unless consent to the adoption has been given by the appropriate person or persons. Consents if signed within 7 days of confinement are not valid unless a legally qualified medical practitioner or midwife certifies that the mother was in a fit condition to give such consent. Consents signed before the birth of the child, or obtained by fraud or duress, or altered without authority, or given by a person who does not understand its nature are defective. Valid consent, once given, and not revoked within 30 days becomes irrevocable.

2. Prior approval for Adoptive Parents

   Persons wishing to adopt a child must obtain the prior written approval of the Director of Child Welfare in all cases.

3. Transfer of a Child for Adoption

   It is now an offence to transfer without the written permission of the Director, the possession, custody or control of a child with a view to having it adopted.

4. Guardianship of Children Offered for Adoption

   The Director now automatically becomes the guardian of every child, for whom consent for adoption has been signed, pending an adoption order being granted, the consent being revoked, or a Judge of the Supreme Court making some other order in respect of that child.

With these amendments, a number of defects in the earlier legislation have been overcome." (1970)

"Some babies are not immediately available for adoption for legal reasons or because further medical investigation is indicated. To avoid the detrimental effects of such babies remaining too long in hospital the Department this year began a temporary foster mother scheme which enables babies to be cared for within a normal family setting while awaiting final adoption placement." (1971)

"On 1st July, 1972, the amendments passed in 1971 together with the new Rules for the Adoption of Children Act came into operation. The amendments brought in several significant changes to the Department's responsibilities and procedures. The principal changes were:-

1. The addition of a new section which stated that the welfare and interests of the child should be regarded as the paramount consideration.

2. Emphasis was laid on the desirability of husband and wife jointly adopting a child, however some restrictions covering the making of orders in favour of one person only have been relaxed.

3. The Director's rights and responsibilities of guardianship were stated. Among the responsibilities was the requirement that the Director should provide, in writing, to the Court his opinion as to whether the applicants were proper persons to adopt a child.

4. The age of majority was reduced to 18 years of age and certain other amendments were made to age limitations to allow for much more flexibility in the operation of the Act."

In addition to the above, the Annual Report noted the decreasing number of babies being put up for adoption. "This trend is evident all over Australia and in many other countries. The reason for the decrease is that more unmarried mothers are keeping their children. The significant factor in this appears to be a change in the community's attitude towards the expectant and unmarried mother and, more importantly, the unmarried mother's own perception of her acceptance in the community."

In order to deal with the decrease in supply of babies for adoption, relative to the demand for them, the Department introduced "a set of criteria which must be met before applicants can be assessed for approval. These criteria relate to age, ability to have children, length of time applicants have been married, the number of children they have and the length of time they have been and intend to remain in Australia."

The Adoptions Branch also provided a counselling service for "unmarried pregnant girls. The counselling aims to help the girl sort out her own feeling regarding her expected child and to provide information about the services available through the Department, and private agencies, so that she makes an informed and realistic decision whether to place the child for adoption or whether to keep it."

The Department, in collaboration with KEMH and a visiting geneticist, Dr Hockey, "standardised interviewing techniques and the assessment of mothers in order to obtain a more complete genetic background of babies subsequently made available for adoption."

The Branch also made it a matter of policy that "strenuous attempts should be made to contact all putative fathers" prior to adoption, and also to cooperate in supplying genetic information.

Areas which need improved services were identified by the Branch as being: early care, contact and aftercare for unmarried mothers who keep their babies; techniques of assessment of applicants via group sessions; aftercare for adoptive parents; attraction of more applicants, particularly Aboriginal adoptive parents for children of Aboriginal descent. (1973)

Due to the decline in numbers of children available for adoption, selection criteria are applied as above. "At present applicants who are approved are being allowed a total of two children (either natural or adopted). Applicants who take difficult-to-place children are not subject to the normal criteria but are carefully assessed for motivation."

The Department "also gave permission for 60 children to be placed for adoption by hospitals and doctors. This number is also a considerable reduction from numbers placed the previous year."

"On 1st March 1974, amendments to the Adoption of Children Act, passed in November 1973 were put into effect. The amendments had the effect of strengthening the protection the Act provides in 3 areas to the parties involved in adoption processes. The amendments:

1. Closed a loophole, relating to consents to adopt, in the legislation which in some rare cases placed in jeopardy the prospective Adopters' right to the child which was placed with them for adoption.

2. Extended the restriction on the publication of the identity of parties involved in the adoption processes.

3. Removed the provision which made an investigation by the department necessary whenever a parent of the child wished to adopt the child into the marriage."

The Annual Report also noted that it had been the practice of the Department (since 1970 only) to refer applications for adoption where the child was related to one or both applicants to a private solicitor. As many of these applicants could not afford the fees charged by solicitors, they had, instead of continuing with the application to adopt, been applying to the Crown Law Department for "their child to have their child known by the same name as other members of the family. This method does not give the child the same status within the marriage as would be the case if they were legally adopted." Shortage of staff, it was reported, would mean that these ex-nuptial adoptions would continue to be given low priority, with the undesirable outcomes for children remaining.

"In order to improve and standardise assessment procedures" the responsibility for these matters in the metropolitan area, which had resided with officers in the Field Division, was centralised to Adoptions Branch.

"The adoption of Aboriginal children by Aboriginals has also received considerable attention and has far reaching implications relating to the values and attitudes of our culture reflected in our assessment processes that should be applied when assessing Aboriginal families." (1974)

At the End of the Twentieth Century

In terms of the prevailing attitudes to adoption at the conclusion of the twentieth century, The Adoption Legislative Review Committee, in its "Adoption legislative review Adoption Act (1994) Final Report", wrote in 1997:

"The changes to the adoption regulations and practice have reflected developing community attitudes and social mores. There has been a gradual worldwide trend towards more openness in adoption, especially in regard to the exchange of information and contact between various parties to an adoption.

The call for more openness has resulted in two major shifts in Western Australian adoption legislation. One has been the recognition of the importance of a child's birth parents and the other, the capacity for parties to an adoption (and in certain circumstances close relatives) to access identifying adoption information. Thus the *Adoption Act 1994* promotes the notion that adoption should not be a secretive process and acknowledges the reality that adoptees have two sets of parents, adoptive and birth, with two sets of family backgrounds.

While it is acknowledged in the Act that adoptive parents have a right to raise their adopted child without fear of interference and to have their family privacy respected, there is also an expectation that they be conscious of their child's original family background. Recognition is also given in the Act to the stresses associated with relinquishment and provision is made for the rights of birth parents. It is acknowledged in the Act that there is a need for people affected by past adoption practices to have access to adoption information."

The mooted changes to the new legislation would be retrospective so it would contain provisions to protect the privacy of people involved in adoption prior to 1995.

Snapshot: Status of Children Prior to Adoption

The first five years of the 1970s provided the community with a changing social climate and attitudes both to adoption and the retention of children by the birth mother.

The Annual Reports of the Department also report adoption activity differently within the decade, so a brief snapshot only has been provided here, indicating not only adoption statistics, but also the type of information the Department felt it was relevant to report to Parliament.

Table 13: Status of Children Prior to Adoption 1970-74

Source: Annual Reports of the Child Welfare Department and the Department for Community Welfare 1970-1974

Year	Ex-Nuptial Adoptions			Legitimate Child Adoptions		
	Total	Dept	Private	*Total*	Dept	Private
1970	*650*	400	250	*53*	10	43
1971	*271*	135	136	*30*	1	29
1972	*426*	289	137	*31*	17	14
1973	*630*	509	121	*87*	29	58
1974	*700*	562	138	*83*	19	64

The overwhelming majority of adoptions were of ex-nuptial (that is, illegitimate) children. As a general observation, it would appear that the private sector handled most of the adoptions for legitimate children, but may have been affected by policy as well as the choice of the adoptive parents. The Annual Reports note that the Department had determined it would not process adoptions where one of the applicants was related to the child, except in extreme circumstances.

While there were no figures to indicate how many 'ex-nuptial' children were not put up for adoption at this time, the Annual Reports note anecdotally that there were increasingly fewer children available as the 1970s progressed (see the earlier section of this document, "Snapshot: Government Attitudes to Adoption 1939 to 1974").

Figure 1: Status of Children Prior to Adoption 1970-1974
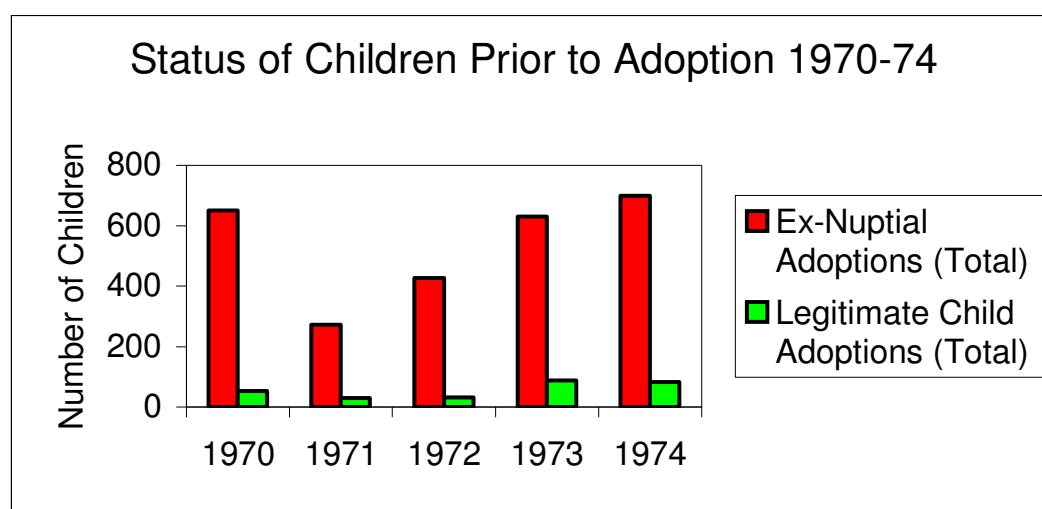
Snapshot: Child's Age at Adoption 1970 to 1974

It may seem surprising that children appeared to become older at adoption as the decade progressed. However, what these figures report are Adoption Orders granted, so the babes may well have been with their prospective adoptive parents since early infancy. Changes to the Act and Regulations, which required more complex assessment and reporting to be put before the Court, meant that the workload in the Department was frequently too great for the existing complement of staff to handle *(Annual Report of the Department for Community Welfare, June 30*[th] *1974)*. Thus, procedural and staffing issues contributed to a backlog of applications and, possibly, older ages by the time the final Order was granted.

Table 14: Age of Children at Adoption 1970-74

Source: Annual Reports of the Child Welfare Department and the Department for Community Welfare 1970-1974

Year	Under 1 Year			1 Year			2 to 5 Years			6 to 12 Years			Total 13 to 15 Years	Total 16 to 20 Years
	Tot*	**Dep***	**Pri***	*Tot**	**Dep***	**Pri***	*Tot**	**Dep***	**Pri***	*Tot**	**Dep***	**Pri***		
1970	*424*	228	196	*154*	123	31	*64*	37	27	*49*	21	28	*6*	*6*
1971	*144*	27	117	*98*	86	12	*28*	17	11	*23*	5	18	*4*	*4*
1972	*120*	24	96	*186*	158	28	*111*	100	11	*32*	18	14	*6*	*2*
1973	*89*	17	72	*230*	203	27	*310*	291	19	*74*	21	53	*9*	*5*
1974	*68*	21	47	*287*	243	44	*336*	297	39	*74*	15	59	*13*	*5*

*Tot = Total number of adoptions; *Dep = Number of adoptions from orders sought by the Department for Community Welfare; *Pri = Number of adoptions from orders sought by a private solicitor

Figure 2: Age of Children at Adoption 1970-1974
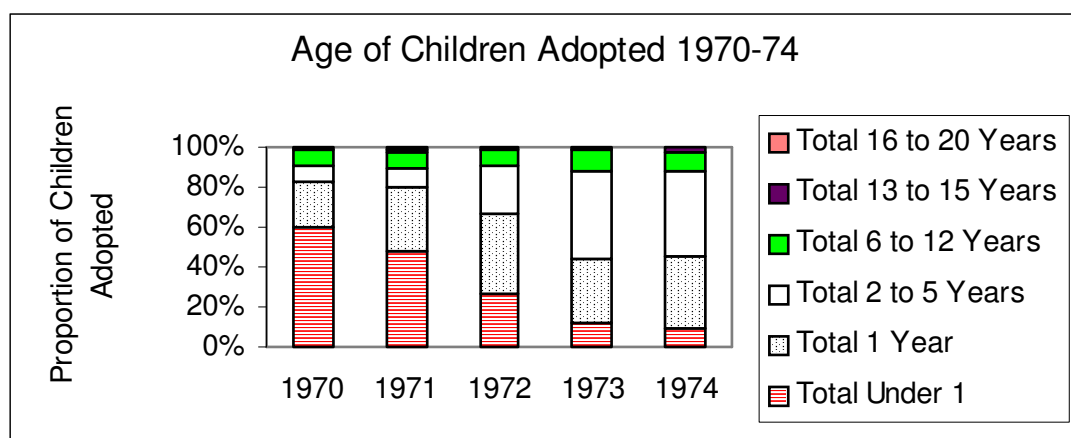
Snapshot: Relationship of Child to Adoptive Parents 1970 to 1974

On the Figure following the Table below, the numbers of children adopted by relatives are too small to register. Overwhelmingly, adoption was used as a remedy for unrelated adults to obtain a child of their own. The only other main type of adoption at this time was by a natural parent, adopting their child into a later marriage.

Table 15: Relationship of Child to Adoptive Parents 1970-74

Source: Annual Reports of the Child Welfare Department and the Department for Community Welfare 1970-1974

Year	Adopted by Natural Parent			Adopted by Relative			Adopted by Unrelated Persons		
	Total	Dept	Private	*Total*	Dept	Private	*Total*	Dept	Private
1970	*60*	9	51	*6*	0	6	*637*	401	236
1971	*41*	7	34	*5*	2	3	*255*	127	128
1972	*39*	18	21	*5*	4	1	*413*	284	129
1973	*76*	10	66	*11*	3	8	*630*	525	105
1974	*110*	6	104	*14*	0	14	*659*	575	84

The Departmental. Private split further indicates the Department's policy not to process applications of parents who were related to the child being adopted.

Figure 3: Relationship to Adoptive Parents 1970-1974
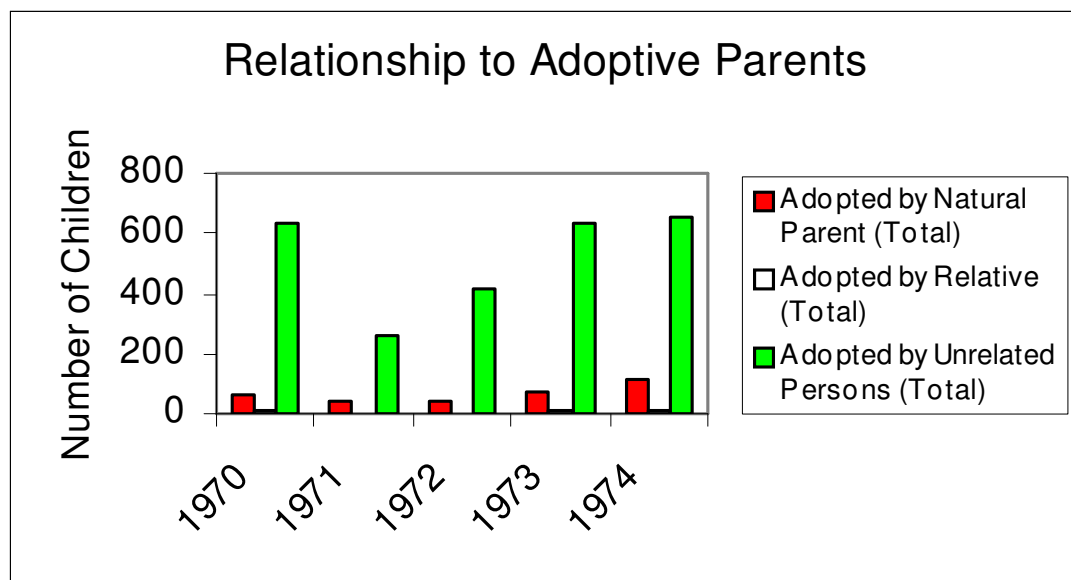
Snapshot: The Type of Information Held on Court Files

From a sample of 211 Adoption Files at the Family Court of Western Australia, it was possible to generate an impression of the type of information recorded on files during different periods to the modern period.

This information is presented below:

Years	Type of Information Held in Files
1899-1914	Decision of the Court; statements from referees for the adoptive parents. No government involvement
1917	Secretary, State Children Department gives permission for a "State Child" to be adopted
1925	Information presented by Solicitors as well as the State Children Department.
1935	Solicitors' cases and Child Welfare Department reports
1958	Application - Includes adoptive parents' names; child's birth name; adoptive parents' place of birth/history of residence
	Consents - Includes birth parents' names (if known); their parents' consent if minors; explanation if father not named
	Affidavit by solicitor - Occasionally, solicitor will attest to fitness and ability to understand responsibilities of adoptive parents
	Affidavit by adoptive parents - Adoptive parents' names; child's birth name; birth mother's name, former and current addresses; social context of the birth; reason for adoption and description of any other children in adoptive parents' household; record of adoptive father's current employment; record of adoptive parents' assets and liabilities
	Letter denying / acknowledging paternity
	Order of Adoption - Will include solicitor's name if private adoption
	References for adoptive parents
	Police Service
	Report on adoptive parents - Time in residence; ownership of residence; differing degrees of detail regarding the residence; occupation of father; police record of adoptive parents.
	Contact with putative father and follow up on search for father if required
	Child Welfare Department
	Report on adoptive parents, which includes social background; reasons for adoption; statement of assets / liabilities; fitness to be parents;
	Children's Court report re adoptive parents, which includes adoptive mother by maiden name;
	Contact with putative father, which includes details of contacts or attempts to contact him;
	Report on birth parents - if birth parent (mother) was a Ward of State or known to the Department, the Department will give history of them (her) and details of any other known offspring; Departmental allowances paid, etc.

Years	Type of Information Held in Files
	Registrar-General
	Original birth certificate (for private adoptions, the hospital is named);
	Document of identity (for Departmental adoptions, the area of birth, not the hospital, is supplied);
	Adoptive parents' marriage certificate is supplied for private adoptions;
	Document attesting to marriage details of adoptive parents is supplied for Departmental adoptions.
1968	In addition to the above for 1958, the Child Welfare Department also provided:
	Record of interview with applicant parents;
	Statement of assets and income of applicant parents;
	House report;
	Statement of convictions of applicant parents which was based on police records, with additional comments;
	Statement regarding health of applicant parents which was based on Health Dept and other medical data, sometimes with comment;
	Domiciliary details of adoptive parents, including the place of birth of applicant parents and intended place of residence with child;
	Reason for adoption;
	Report on relationship between child/applicant parents and report on child to date; and
	Recommendation.
	Health Department
	TB clearance for applicant parents;
	King Edward Memorial Hospital medical certificate and blood tests (baby), if applicable;
	Hillcrest medical certificate and blood tests (baby), if applicable;
	Ngala medical certificate (if applicable).
	Supplied by Health Dept
1978	Family Court used checklist to process applications
	Registrar-General:
	New and original birth certificates for child
	Department for Community Welfare:
	Similar to 1968, with additionally:
	Financial assessment which includes wife's income and joint assets/liabilities;
	Director's Opinion of Applicants
	Health Department similar to 1968, with additionally:
	KEMH social worker statement to the effect that the babe remained at KEMH from birth to age 6 months, when placed for adoption (if applicable);
	Affidavit regarding the identification of child (eg from Matron, Ngala), which gives the name of the birth mother and her date of birth; name of babe and where born; placement of child while awaiting adoption; name of examining doctor; name of adoptive parents;

Years	Type of Information Held in Files
	Statement that the child is "not white" (eg "part-Asian") and that the applicant parents are aware of this (if applicable).
	In addition to other details, Department for Community Services provided:
1988	School reports for adoption of older children, eg in step-parent adoptions;
	Report on the child's placements prior to adoption if the child had been in care.

STATISTICS APPENDIX

Age of Children Adopted

Presenting an aggregate picture of the age at which children were adopted over time is problematic for a number of reasons:

1. In the absence of an electronic index of basic data from the Adoption Orders held by the Family Court of Western Australia, each file would have to be opened to retrieve this information.

2. Where age of child is reported in Departmental Reports, the age categories are not consistent, so aggregating is not possible (except for the under 1s, but only where the data is reported, which was not every year). For example, the Tables presented below show that the age categories could change within a single reporting year (as they did in 1975 and '76, where different age categories were used to report Departmental and privately arranged adoptions).

3. Where the age categories are reported, the relationship of the child to the adoptive parents is not necessarily consistent across years. Thus, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare *Adoptions Australia* reports record the age of children who were adopted by relatives and non-relatives during the years 1991/92 to 1994/95, but thereafter only report Australian aggregated (not State-based) data on ages.

4. Because there could be a long, sometimes unpredictable lapse of time between placement of a child with a family and the actual Adoption Order being granted, the child's age at their change of legal status is not necessarily a relevant piece of information in terms of their lived history.

The best this project can do is to present a snapshot of information at various times since adoption became a legal possibility in this State and note some of the policy decisions that impacted on the age at adoption.

For example, the period depicted in Chart A was a time when the Department undertook around 85% of applications for adoption. As indicated in the Annual Reports of this time, adoption was seen as a permanent solution to children remaining in the care of the State as well as providing them with legitimacy and social acceptance. Of the 77 Adoption Orders granted in 1936/37, 11 were to relatives adopting children "most of these…being children over ten years" (Annual Report of the Child Welfare Department, June 30th 1937). On the whole, the older the child being adopted, the more likely the adoption was of a 'known' child. The Department's policy and practice throughout the twentieth century was to encourage the placement of babies and very young children with 'suitable' adoptive parents, presumably so the familial bond could be established early in the child's life.

The Charts following show that at the close of the century the relativity in ages of adoption continued to reflect the trend in the 1930s – children who are related to their adoptive parents were adopted later in childhood; those who were unrelated tended to be adopted as babies or young children.

Figure 4: Ages of Children Adopted

Chart A:

Age of Children at Adoption 1936 - 1939 (All Adoptions)

Legend: 1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39

Age	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
Less than 1 Year	22%	29%	43%
1 to Less than 2 Years	22%	11%	19%
2 to Less than 5 Years	19%	22%	21%
5 to Less than 10 Years	22%	20%	11%
Over 10 Years	14%	18%	7%
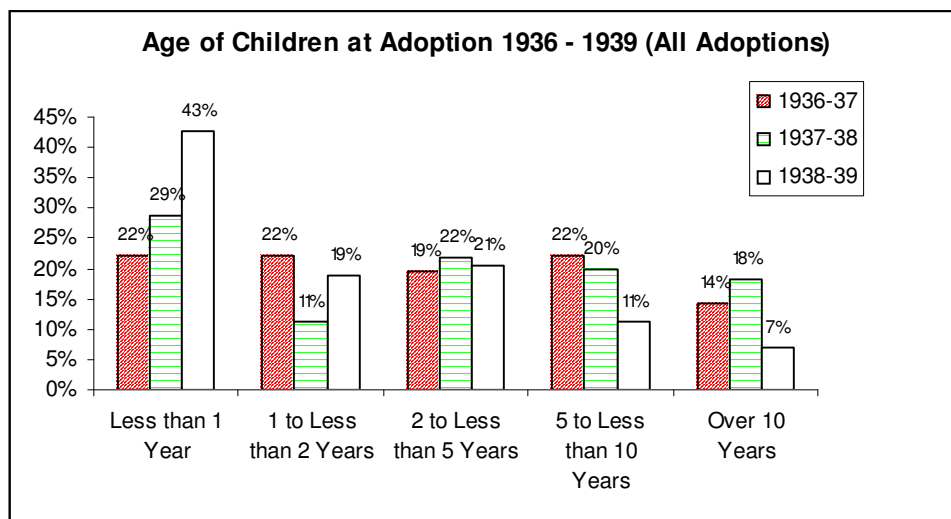
The data in Chart A refer to the following total number of adoptions:
1936/37: 77
1937/38: 115
1938/39: 117

Chart B:

Age of Children at Adoption 1974/75 to 1975/76 (Arranged by Department)

Legend: 1974-75, 1975-76

Age	1974-75	1975-76
Less than 1 Year	8%	10%
1 Year	56%	42%
2 to 5 Years	31%	33%
6 to 12 Years	4%	13%
13 to 15 Years	1%	1%
16 to 20 Years		1%
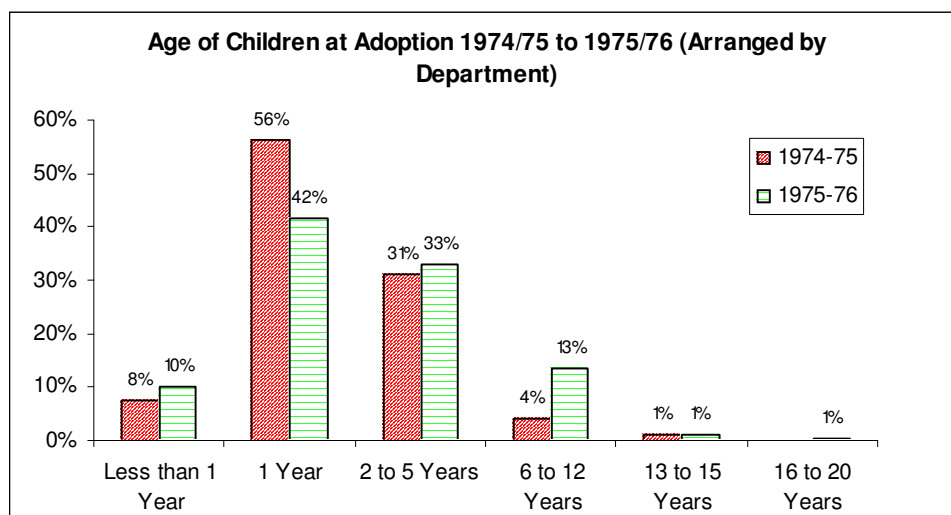
The data in Chart B refer to the following total number of adoptions:
1974/75: 326
1975/76: 364

Chart C:

Age of Children at Adoption 1974/75 and 1975/76 (Arranged by Private Solicitors)

Legend: 1974-75, 1975-76

Age	1974-75	1975-76
Less than 1 Year	23%	17%
1 to 2 Years	22%	14%
3 to 5 Years	19%	24%
6 to 12 Years	29%	37%
13 to 15 Years	5%	7%
Over 16 Years		2%
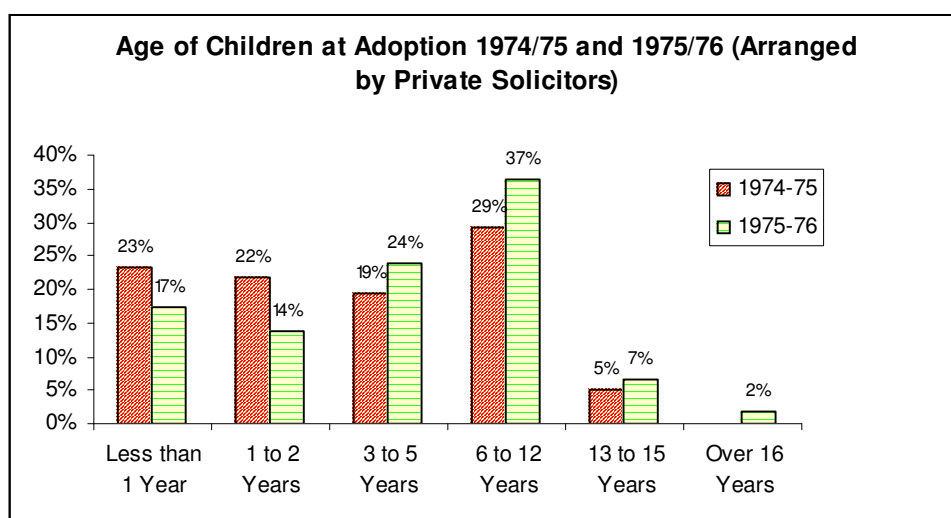
The data in Chart C refer to the following total number of adoptions:
1974/75: 202
1975/76: 167

Chart D:

Age of Children at Adoption 1991/92 to 1994/95 (All Adoptions by Relatives)
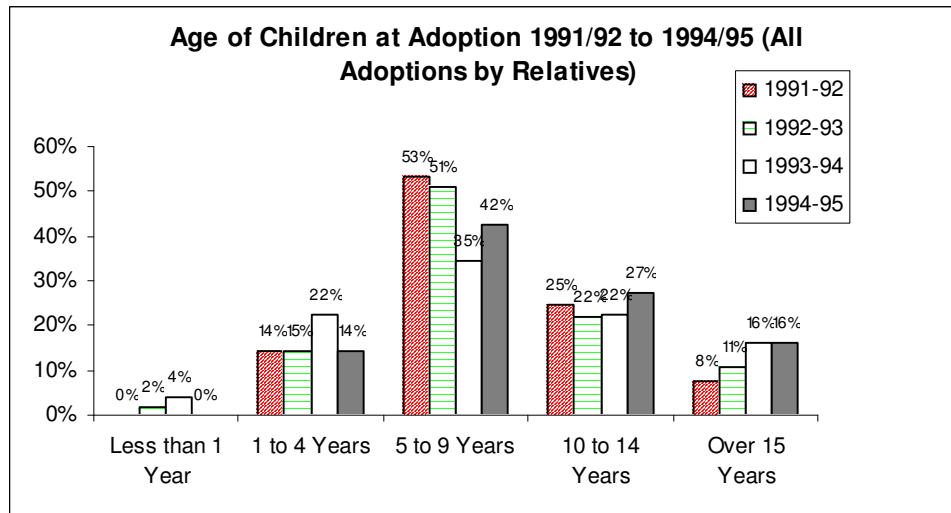
The data in Chart D refer to the following total number of adoptions:
1991/92: 77
1992/93: 55
1993/94: 49
1994/95: 92

Chart E:

Age of Children at Adoption 1991/92 to 1994/95 (All Adoptions by Non-Relatives)
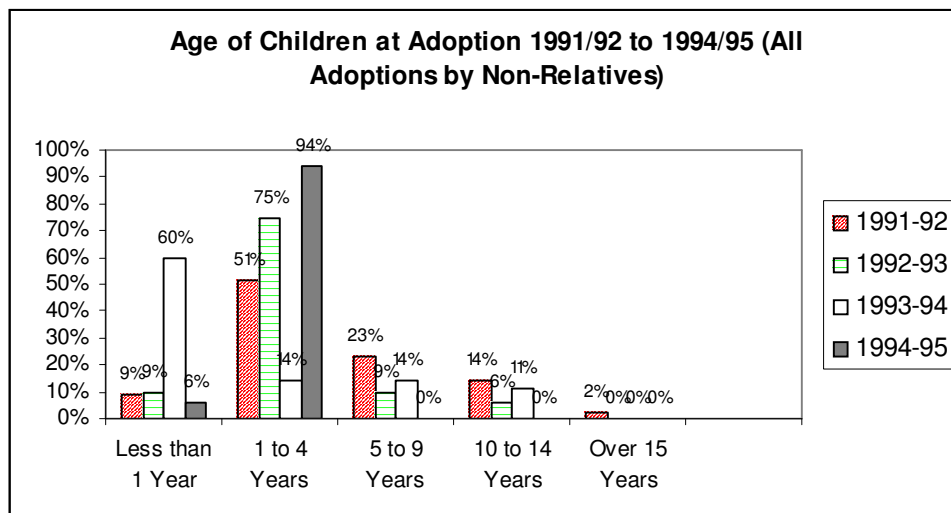
The data in Chart E refer to the following total number of adoptions:
1991/92: 43
1992/93: 32
1993/94: 35
1994/95: 34

Essentially, what the Charts above demonstrate is that the age of children adopted by non-relatives has not changed to any remarkable degree since the 1930s. Charts D and E indicate quite clearly the older profile of children adopted by relatives.

Comparative Activity: Departmental and Private Adoptions

In the very early years of the Adoptions Act, there was little state involvement in the process of applying for adoptions. However, by the 1920s the State Children Department was seeing a clear role for itself in assessing applicants and arranging adoptions. Annual Reports from these years indicate the Department was the main player in adoption – processing around 85% of applications.

It was not until the post-WW2 years that "private adoptions" gained momentum again, really hitting their stride in the 1950s and remaining a significant force – particularly during the years when the Department absented itself from the process of applying for stepchildren adoptions. Taking up this role again in the 1970s, the Department was deemed the sole agency able to apply for an Adoption Order under the Adoption Act 1994.

Table 16: Adoptions by Arranging Body in Western Australia – Certain Years from 1921 to 2003

Year	Adoptions arranged by Department	Adoptions arranged by Private Solicitors	"Other" = Privately arranged and legalised through solicitors	Total to June 30 of Reported Year	Notes
1921	92			*92*	Annual Reports of the Department at this period indicated that the Department processed around 85% of all adoption applications.
1922	48			*48*	
1923	71			*71*	
1924	91			*91*	
1928	63			*63*	
1929	70			*70*	The totals in italics refer only to those Orders granted upon application from the Department. Given the above, the actual number of Orders granted would be around 15% higher.
1930	89			*89*	
1931	74			*74*	
1937	81			*81*	
1938	115			*115*	
1939	117			*117*	
1940	122	11		133	
1941	149	17		166	
1942	201	14		215	
1943	123	17		140	
1944	154	34		188	
1945	123	108		231	
1946	128	115		243	
1947	161	83		244	
1948	150	94		244	

Year	Adoptions arranged by Department	Adoptions arranged by Private Solicitors	"Other" = Privately arranged and legalised through solicitors	Total to June 30 of Reported Year	Notes
1949	183	70		253	
1950	198	76		274	
1951	191	84		275	
1952	145	113		258	
1953	113	160		273	
1954	70	167		237	
1955	76	212		288	
1956	68	194		262	
1957	50	227		277	
1958	85	205		290	
1959	89	227		316	
1960	118	214		332	
1961	128	211		339	
1962	164	196		360	
1963	134	192		326	
1964	157	291		448	
1965	232	255		487	
1966	285	276		561	
1967	307	263		570	
1968	376	235		611	
1969	305	235		540	
1970	410	293		703	
1971	136	330		466	
1972	306	151		457	
1973	538	179		717	
1974	581	202		783	
1975	326	202		528	
1976	364	167		531	
1977	376	121		497	
1978	311	106		417	
1980	307	80		387	Private solicitors now called 'non-Government organisation'
1981	232	73		305	
1982	180	81		261	
1983	181	89		270	

Year	Adoptions arranged by Department	Adoptions arranged by Private Solicitors	"Other" = Privately arranged and legalised through solicitors	Total to June 30 of Reported Year	Notes
1984	150	100		250	
1985	168	125		293	
1988	115	74	2	191	
1989	103	44		147	
1990	65		63	128	
1991	81		55	136	
1992	52		68	120	
1993	34		53	87	
1994	35		50	85	
1995	32		95	127	
1996	75			75	
1997	56			56	
1998	69			69	
1999	64			64	
2000	79			79	
2001	74			74	
2002	79			79	
2003	76			76	

Sources. 1. Years 1921 to 1980: Annual Reports of the Department for Community Development or its Predecessors. 2. Years 1981-82 to 1991-92: *Adoptions Australia 1991-92* Australian Institute for Health and Welfare: Child Welfare Series No.4, AGPS, Canberra. 3. Years 1992-93 forward: *Adoptions Australia* reports for years cited.

Total Adoption Applications Filed with the Court

The Family Court of Western Australia collates its adoption files in year groups – starting at January 1 and ending at December 31 for any given year. Each file is given a sequential number and, in the absence of an electronic indexing system, counting the numbers allows a total of Applications Filed to emerge.

It is currently not possible to easily distill from the Registers the number of Orders Granted in any calendar year as the Registers are arranged alphabetically.

Table 17: Total Applications for Adoption Filed in Western Australia to December 31 for Certain Years

Year	Total Applications Filed to December	Year	Total Applications Filed to December	Year	Total Applications Filed to December	Year	Total Applications Filed to December
1899-1914	363	1940	148	1965	575	1990	138
1915	51	1941	206	1966	514	1991	125
1916	53	1942	184	1967	594	1992	102
1917	63	1943	143	1968	620	1993	102
1918	62	1944	212	1969	640	1994	175
1919	56	1945	210	1970	666	1995	59
1920	98	1946	222	1971	465	1996	88
1921	75	1947	271	1972	634	1997	82
1922	61	1948	219	1973	811	1998	78
1923	83	1949	261	1974	676	1999	62
1925	61	1950	310	1975	565	2000	74
1926	64	1951	233	1976	366	2001	89
1927	108	1952	286	1977	514	2002	74
1928	81	1953	240	1978	421	2003	49
1929	99	1954	286	1979	384		
1930	94	1955	298	1980	383	Source: Adoption Applications Filed: Years 1921- 2003 Physical count of Adoption Order Numbers held in the Family Court of Western Australia to year end (December 31 of the year recorded).	
1931	87	1956	150	1981	312		
1932	69	1957	220	1982	331		
1933	108	1958	284	1983	285		
1934	86	1959	363	1984	331		
1935	100	1960	315	1985	280		
1936	105	1961	250	1986	202		
1937	102	1962	341	1987	181		
1938	121	1963	405	1988	181		
1939	124	1964	434	1989	176		

Total Applications Filed 1 January 1899 to 31 December 2003: 21,269

Comparing Applications with Orders Granted

Given the limitations on available retrospective data, it is possible to make a rough comparison between Applications Filed and Orders Granted for the years 1940 to 2003.

> Total Applications Filed 1 January 1940 to 31 December 2003 (from Table 17): 18,895

> Total Orders Granted 1 July 1939 to 30 June 2003 (from Table 16): 17,839 (data missing from 1979, 1986 and 1987). Substituting the decade average for the missing years gives 17,839 + 566 (for 1979) + 263 + 263 (for 1986 and 1987) = 18,931 Total Orders Granted for the period.

In these comparative figures, Orders Granted slightly exceeds Applications made. However, allowing for the estimations above, the comparison does indicate that most Applications proceed to an Order being granted. Certainly, this accords with anecdotal opinion expressed by Family Court staff that the number of failed or withdrawn Applications has always been small. In counting the number of files held by the Family Court, then, we are able to gain a fairly clear picture of the number of actual Adoptions recognised by the Western Australian jurisdiction.

Relationship of Children to the Adoptive Parent(s)

Children can come to an adoption in a variety of ways. They may be entirely unknown to the Applicants or have a pre-existing relationship.

Of those children who were unknown to the Applicants prior to the adoption process, most were children born in the State and whose needs were not distinguishable from children who were not available for adoption. Sometimes, however, children available for adoption had what the Department termed "special needs" and parents who could meet these needs were actively sought. Another category of child who came into the system in the 1970s was the child who had been born overseas and adopted by parents resident in Western Australia – an "International Adoption". While there was sometimes a pre-existing relationship between international adoptees and their adoptive parents, the most common scenario was that a couple sought to include a previously-unknown child in their family.

Table 18: Children Adopted by Non-Relatives and, later, Children Adopted by Applicants Not Previously Known to the Child

Year	Total	Notes from the Annual Report
1969/70	637	
1970/71	255	
1971/72	413	
1972/73	630	
1973/74	659	
1974/75	401	
1975/76	329	

Year	Total	Notes from the Annual Report
1976/77	255	"Children placed by the Adoption Centre and Solicitors", distinguished from "children from a previous marriage and ex-nuptial children placed into a marriage".
1977/78	214	
1978/79	190	Includes 3 children adopted from overseas countries and 3 'Special Children' [children "with known needs (perhaps mental, physical, social or legal) for whom parents are sought who are capable of meeting these needs"].
1979/80	176	Includes 12 children adopted from overseas countries and 8 'Special Children'.
1980-81	127	Includes 9 children adopted from overseas countries and 4 'Special Children'.
1981/82	119	Includes 12 children adopted from overseas countries and 8 'Special Children'.
1982/83	153	Includes 17 children adopted from overseas countries and 2 'Special Children'.
1983/84	104	Includes 26 children adopted from overseas countries (including 3 validations of "an adoption order granted by an overseas country") and 15 'Special Children'.
1984/85	112	Includes 51 children adopted from overseas countries (including 2 validations of an adoption order granted by an overseas country) and 14 'Special Children'.
1985/86	n/a	Source Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's publications "Adoptions Australia" 2001-2002. National data was not collected in 1985-86. Department Annual Report cites the number of "Children placed with Approved Applicants" not the number of adoption orders granted. Of the 69 children were placed with approved applicants this includes 35 from overseas countries and 3 'Special Children'.
1986/87	n/a	Source Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's publications "Adoptions Australia" 2001-2002. National data was not collected in 1986-87. Department Annual Report cites the number of "Children placed with Approved Applicants" not the number of adoption orders granted. Of the 75 children were placed with approved applicants this includes 22 from overseas countries and 5 'Special Children'.
1987/88	102	Source henceforth is the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's publications "Adoptions Australia" from 1991-92 (retrospective dates used from 1987-88). Includes 37 children adopted from overseas countries.
1988/89	87	Includes 36 children adopted from overseas countries.
1989/90	47	Includes 20 children adopted from overseas countries.
1990/91	56	Includes 22 children adopted from overseas countries.
1991/92	43	Includes 24 children adopted from overseas countries.
1992/93	32	Includes 14 children adopted from overseas countries.
1993/94	35	Includes 16 children adopted from overseas countries.
1994/95	35	Includes 9 children adopted from overseas countries.
1995/96	54	Includes 29 children adopted from overseas countries.
1996/97	26	Includes 13 children adopted from overseas countries.
1997/98	37	Includes 14 children adopted from overseas countries.
1998/99	26	Includes 6 "Local Placement Adoptions" and 20 "Intercountry Placement Adoptions".
1999/2000	36	Includes 10 "Local Placement Adoptions" and 26 "Intercountry Placement Adoptions".

Year	Total	Notes from the Annual Report
2000/01	26	Includes 6 "Local Placement Adoptions" and 20 "Intercountry Placement Adoptions".
2001/02	42	Includes 13 "Local Placement Adoptions" and 29 "Intercountry Placement Adoptions".
2002/03	30	Includes 6 "Local Placement Adoptions" and 24 "Intercountry Placement Adoptions".

Children from the family have always been included in Adoption statistics. It was not uncommon in the early years, for example, for an 'illegitimate' child to be adopted by a family member, or for an orphan to be adopted by members of his/her extended family. Over time, the adoption of step-children, too, became increasingly acceptable until today this type of adoption is the most common. Another form of previous relationship arises through fostering – since 1998-99 this type of adoption has no longer been distinguished in the statistics but is included along with other types of 'known child' adoptions.

Table 19: Children Adopted by Relatives and/or People Known to Them

Year	Total	Notes from the Annual Report and Other Named Sources
1969/70	66	
1970/71	46	
1971/72	44	
1972/73	87	
1973/74	124	
1974/75	127	
1975/76	202	
1976/77	242	"Children of a previous marriage and ex-nuptial children adopted into a marriage" (Annual Report, DCW)
1977/78	203	"It had been expected that greater use would have been made of the Amendment to the Adoptions Act 1976 which allowed a new spouse alone to adopt his partner's ex-nuptial/former marriage child. This has not eventuated." (Annual Report, DCW).
1978/79	201	Includes 5 orders granted to previous foster parents
1979/80	211	Includes 10 orders granted to previous foster parents
1980/81	178	Includes 11 orders granted to previous foster parents
1981/82	142	Includes 5 orders granted to previous foster parents
1982/83	117	Includes 16 orders granted to previous foster parents
1983/84	146	Includes 11 orders granted to previous foster parents
1984/85	177	Includes 14 orders granted to previous foster parents
1987/88	89	Source henceforth is the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's publications "Adoptions Australia" from 1991-92 (retrospective dates used from 1987-88)
1988/89	60	

Year	Total	Notes from the Annual Report and Other Named Sources
1989/90	81	
1990/91	80	
1991/92	77	
1992/93	55	
1993/94	50	Now known as 'step parents and other relatives'
1994/95	92	
1995/96	21	
1996/97	30	
1997/98	32	
1998/99	38	Now called 'known child' adoptions and includes adoptions by carers, not only step parents and other relatives
1999/2000	43	
2000/01	48	
2001/02	37	
2002/03	46	

The information from the preceding Tables can be represented graphically, and it is here that the change in relationships over time becomes more apparent.

Figure 5: Relationship of Child to Adoptive Parents in WA 1969-2003

Relationship of Child to Adoptive Parents Western Australia 1969/70 to 2002/03
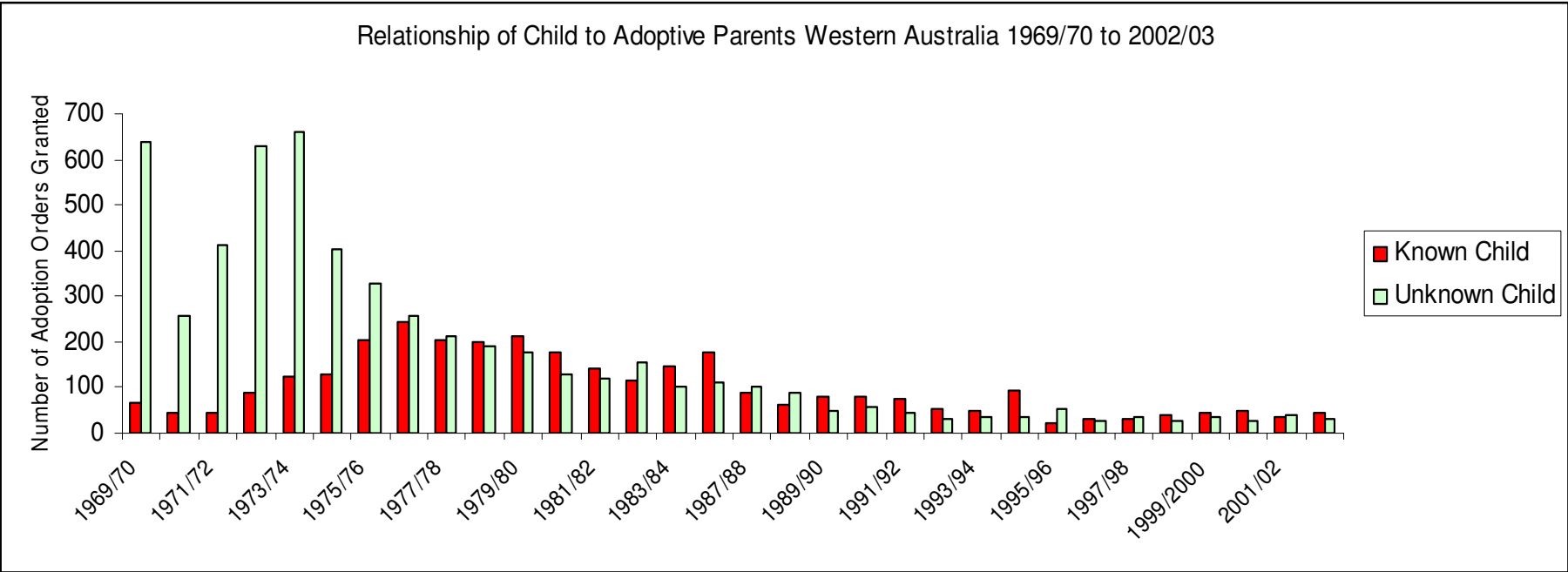
Enquiries and Information

Adoptees, their birth parents, adoptive parents and other relatives have been shown to have an interest in information about the adoption and sometimes wish to have contact. The Department has been keeping statistics on enquiries prior to the introduction of the formal Contact Register. Applications for information and/or contact and the vetoes that are applied in this regard are now reported nationally. In the period for which statistics have been recorded, notable jumps in the number of enquiries occurred in 1987 and again in 2001. While no data has been kept which explains the increased interest, it is possible that reviews of existing Adoption legislation which brought the topic into the public arena were a factor.

Table 20: Enquiries about the Contact Register Western Australia to June 30 by Person Enquiring 1981-2004

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Close Relatives	Other	Total	Notes
1981	41	9	37	5	0	92	Includes 36 enquiries from relinquishing mothers and 1 joint enquiry from relinquishing birth parents; and 6 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father, and 2 joint enquiries from adoptive parents. Close relatives include uncles, aunts, grandparents, brothers and sisters. The Annual Report of the Department for Community Services 30th June 1985 states that "The official Contact Register was introduced in August 1983, however enquiries made prior to that date were recorded by the Department."
1982	58	12	52	4	0	126	Includes 47 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 3 from relinquishing fathers and 2 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 10 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father, and 1 joint enquiry from adoptive parents.
1983	64	19	71	10	0	164	Includes 63 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 6 from relinquishing fathers and 2 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 14 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father, and 4 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1984	99	23	111	17	0	250	Includes 104 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 6 from relinquishing fathers and 1 joint enquiry from relinquishing birth parents; and 16 enquiries from adoptive mothers and 7 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1985	111	40	104	21	0	276	Includes 86 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 10 from relinquishing fathers and 8 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 22 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 2 from adoptive fathers, and 16 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Close Relatives	Other	Total	Notes
1986	153	38	94	23	7	315	Includes 89 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 3 from relinquishing fathers and 2 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 27 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 3 from adoptive fathers, and 8 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1987	476	20	163	18	1	678	Includes 143 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 16 from relinquishing fathers and 4 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 12 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father, and 7 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1988	333	26	155	24	2	540	Includes 127 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 17 from relinquishing fathers and 11 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 13 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father, and 12 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1989	325	35	142	34	3	539	Includes 130 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 9 from relinquishing fathers and 3 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 10 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 2 from adoptive fathers, and 23 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1990	345	27	134	39	1	546	Includes 112 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 18 from relinquishing fathers and 4 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 15 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father, and 11 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1991	371	12	195	39	0	617	Includes 180 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 12 from relinquishing fathers and 3 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 3 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father, and 8 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1992	355	19	141	33	4	552	Includes 116 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 19 from relinquishing fathers and 6 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 4 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 2 from adoptive fathers, and 13 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1993	382	60	208	78	10	738	Includes 163 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 36 from relinquishing fathers and 9 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 14 enquiries from adoptive mothers and 46 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1994	414	62	153	69	3	701	Includes 132 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 19 from relinquishing fathers and 2 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 18 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 1 from an adoptive father and 43 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Close Relatives	Other	Total	Notes
1995	738	353	477	126	0	1,694	"The large increase in most categories reflects the effect of the Adoption Act 1994". Includes 421 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 33 from relinquishing fathers and 23 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 57 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 12 from adoptive fathers and 284 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1996	551	95	277	133	7	1,063	Includes 225 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 44 from relinquishing fathers and 8 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 28 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 11 from adoptive fathers and 56 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1997	463	81	265	137	7	953	Includes 222 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 36 from relinquishing fathers and 7 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 20 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 2 from adoptive fathers and 59 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1998	451	57	246	145	16	915	Includes 200 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 37 from relinquishing fathers and 9 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 21 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 9 from adoptive fathers and 27 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
1999	362	56	184	108	19	729	Includes 151 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 31 from relinquishing fathers and 2 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 7 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 3 from adoptive fathers and 46 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
2000	343	45	180	94	13	675	Includes 151 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 25 from relinquishing fathers and 4 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 13 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 4 from adoptive fathers and 28 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
2001	316	26	129	88	7	566	Includes 110 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 14 from relinquishing fathers and 5 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 6 enquiries from adoptive mothers and 20 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
2002	317	26	93	58	3	497	Includes 67 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 24 from relinquishing fathers and 2 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 8 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 2 enquiries from adoptive fathers and 16 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Close Relatives	Other	Total	Notes
2003	286	14	93	67	3	463	Includes 63 enquiries from relinquishing mothers, 27 from relinquishing fathers and 3 joint enquiries from relinquishing birth parents; and 4 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 2 enquiries from adoptive fathers and 8 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.
2004	211	21	76	60	4	372	Includes 76 enquiries from relinquishing mothers and 12 from relinquishing fathers; and 4 enquiries from adoptive mothers, 3 enquiries from adoptive fathers and 14 joint enquiries from adoptive parents.

Source: Annual Reports of the Department for the years included in the Table.

Some of the information from Table 20 is represented graphically, below, to more clearly indicate both the trends in enquiries (surges in 1987 and 1995 being associated with publicity and enabling strategies, including the introduction of the 1994 Act) and the relative interest shown by particular groups. Adoptees remain the main group of enquirers.

Figure 6: Enquiries to the WA Contact Register 1981 to 2004 by Adopted Persons, Adoptive Parents, Birth Parents and Other Close Relatives
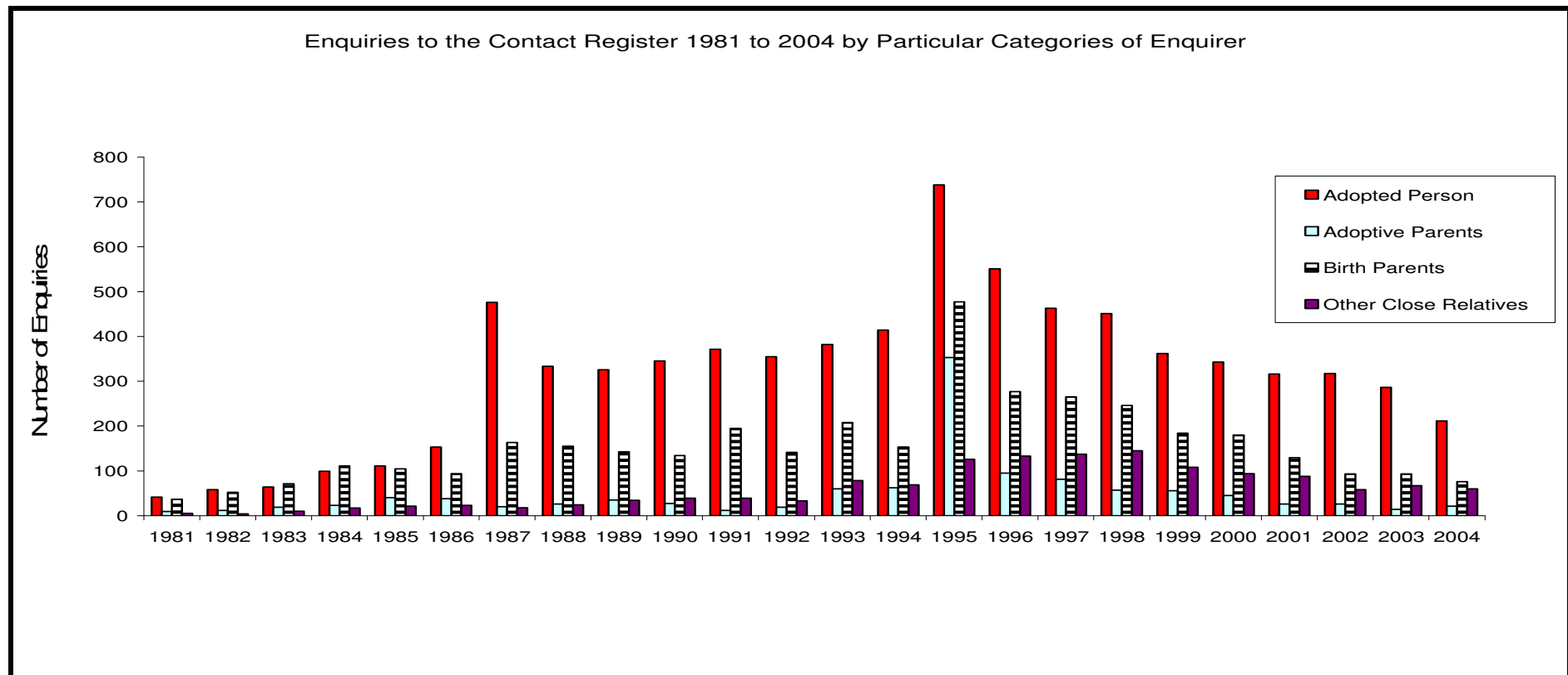
Table 21: Applications for Information – Western Australia 1992/93 to 1997/98

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Birth Relatives	Other Adoptive Relatives	Child of Adopted Person	Total
1992/93	382	n/a	208	n/a			590
1993/94	414		153	69			636
1994/95	511	66	307	71			955
1995/96	500	51	225	98			874
1996/97	412	30	182	94			718
1997/98	407	34	172	104			717
Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table							

Table 22: Application for Identifying Information Western Australia 1998/99 to 2002/03

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Birth Relatives	Other Adoptive Relatives	Child of Adopted Person	Total	
1998/99	330	48	121	20	15	19	553	Includes applications from 26 adoptive mothers and 22 adoptive fathers; and 103 birth mothers and 18 birth fathers. Applications may be lodged in more than one relative status category, and a person may also lodge separate applications for identifying an
1999/2000	277	28	120	22	0	10	457	Includes applications from 16 adoptive mothers and 12 adoptive fathers; and 102 birth mothers and 18 birth fathers.
2000/01	290	14	91	21	0	20	436	Includes 4 applications by adoptive mothers, 10 joint applications by adoptive parents; and 80 applications from birth mothers, 4 joint applications by birth parents and 7 from birth fathers.
2001/02	288	10	65	32	0	19	414	Includes 3 applications by adoptive mothers, including 5 joint applications by adoptive parents and 2 from adoptive fathers; and 46 applications from birth mothers, including 2 joint applications by birth parents and 17 from birth fathers.
2002/03	259	6	67	18	0	14	364	Includes 2 applications by adoptive mothers, including 4 joint applications by adoptive parents; and 45 applications from birth mothers, including 1 joint application by birth parents and 21 from birth fathers.

Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table

A person may lodge an application in more than one 'relative status' category. A person may also lodge separate applications for identifying and non-identifying information.

Table 23: Application for Non-Identifying Information Western Australia 1998-99 to 2002-03

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Birth Relatives	Other Adoptive Relatives	Child of Adopted Person	Total	
1998-99	285	47	108	13	9	18	480	Includes applications from 25 adoptive mothers and 22 adoptive fathers; and 92 birth mothers and 16 birth fathers.
1999-2000	234	21	94	31	1	8	389	Includes applications from 12 adoptive mothers and 9 adoptive fathers; and 78 birth mothers and 16 birth fathers.
2000-01	239	14	84	47	11	0	395	Includes 6 applications by adoptive mothers, 8 joint applications by adoptive parents and 72 applications from birth mothers, 4 joint applications by birth parents and 8 from birth fathers.
2001-02	267	11	68	30	1	14	391	Includes 4 applications by adoptive mothers, including 6 joint applications by adoptive parents and 1 from adoptive fathers; and 49 applications from birth mothers, including 2 joint applications by birth parents and 17 from birth fathers.
2002-03	232	6	60	26	0	7	331	Includes 2 applications by adoptive mothers, including 4 joint applications by adoptive parents and 42 applications from birth mothers, including 1 joint application by birth parents and 17 from birth fathers.

Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table

With the exception of Victoria, most States allow a person to veto contact arising from the adoption from a party or related person. Western Australia allows joint vetoes (that is, vetoes on contact and on identifying information) but other States report these separately. Hence, the Adoption Australia reports distinguish the vetoes and this is reflected in the Tables which follow. However, we do have information for joint lodgements for two years in WA, and this is presented in the third Table in this series.

Table 24: Contact Vetoes Lodged Western Australia 1993-94 to 2002-03

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Birth Relatives	Other Adoptive Relatives	Total	Notes
1993-94	27		2	0		29	
1994-95	22	17	14	2		55	
1995-96	45	31	26	1		103	
1996-97	19	15	18	1		53	
1997-98	13	5	12	0		30	
1998-99	8	8	7	0	0	23	Includes vetoes from 2 adoptive mothers and 2 adoptive fathers; and 7 birth mothers and no birth fathers. A person may lodge a veto in more than one relative status.
1999-2000	8	5	3	0	0	16	Includes vetoes from 4 adoptive mothers and 1 adoptive father; and 3 birth mothers and no birth fathers. A person may lodge a veto in more than one relative status.
2000-01	2	0	10	0	0	12	Includes vetoes from 10 birth mothers and no birth fathers.
2001-02	7	0	4	0	0	11	Includes vetoes from 3 birth mothers and 1 birth father.
2002-03	7	0	3	0	0	10	The three vetoes from birth parents includes 2 birth mothers, and one joint veto from both birth parents.
Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table							

Table 25: Identifying Information Vetoes Lodged Western Australia 1993-94 to 2002-03

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Birth Relatives	Other Adoptive Relatives	Total	Notes
1993-94	n.a	n.a	2	n.a		2	Prior to 1 January 1995, only birth parents could veto the release of identifying information.
1994-95	20	16	7	0		43	
1995-96	34	25	11	0		70	
1996-97	16	13	11	0		40	"Other birth relatives" cannot lodge information vetoes unless they were a party to the adoption. For adoptions granted after 1 January 1995, different veto lodgement rules apply.
1997-98	9	5	5	0		19	Total includes two orders issued by the Family Court, preventing information being released.
1998-99	4	4	3	0	0	11	Includes vetoes from 4 adoptive mothers and 1 adoptive father; and 3 birth mothers and no birth fathers. A person may lodge a veto in more than one relative status. Includes two orders issued by the Family Court, preventing information being released.
1999-2000	6	5	3	0	0	14	Includes vetoes from 4 adoptive mothers and 1 adoptive father; and 3 birth mothers and no birth fathers. A person may lodge a veto in more than one relative status.
2000-01	2	0	10	0	0	12	Includes vetoes from 10 birth mothers and no birth fathers.
2001-02	5	0	2	0	0	7	Includes vetoes from 1 birth mother and 1 birth father.
2002-03	3	0	2	0	0	5	The 2 vetoes from birth parents are all birth mothers, but include one joint veto from both birth parents.

Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table

Table 26: Contact and Identifying Information Vetoes Lodged WA 1992-93 and 1994-95

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Total	Notes
1992-93	24	n.a	11	35	A veto placed by a birth parent is treated as a veto on both identifying information and contact, which are not recorded separately.
1994-95	220	246	113	579	These figures show joint lodgement of contact and information vetoes across all groups and are in addition to the separate lodgement of either contact or information vetoes reported in the previous tables.
Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table					

The flurry of activity in lodging vetoes around the time of the 1994 Act has impacted on the total number of vetoes in the WA system thereafter, as the following Tables demonstrate.

Table 27: Number of Contact Vetoes in Place in Western Australia at 30 June by Person Lodging

| Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Birth Relatives	Other Adoptive Relatives	Other	Total	
1999	339	583	218	4	0	0	1,144	Includes vetoes from 306 adoptive mothers and 277 adoptive fathers; and 199 birth mothers and 19 birth fathers. Their veto can be lodged in more than one relative status.
2000	330	389	200	0	0	0	926	Includes vetoes from 207 adoptive mothers and 182 adoptive fathers; and 183 birth mothers and 17 birth fathers.
2001	332	389	210	5	1	1	938	Includes vetoes from 207 adoptive mothers and 182 adoptive fathers; and 193 birth mothers and 17 birth fathers.
2002	339	389	214	5	1	1	949	Includes vetoes from 207 adoptive mothers and 182 adoptive fathers; and 196 birth mothers and 18 birth fathers.
2003	337	387	209	5	1	1	940	Includes vetoes from 205 adoptive mothers and 182 adoptive fathers; and 192 birth mothers and 17 birth fathers.
Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table								

Table 28: Identifying Information Vetoes in Place in Western Australia at 30 June by Person Lodging

Year	Adopted Person	Adoptive Parents	Birth Parents	Other Birth Relatives	Other Adoptive Relatives	Unknown	Total	
1999	304	555	154	0	0	1	1,014	Includes vetoes from 290 adoptive mothers and 265 adoptive fathers; and 148 birth mothers and 6 birth fathers. From 1 January 1995, a person may lodge an information veto only if they were party to the adoption. Their veto can be lodged in more than one relative status.
2000	298	369	144	1	0	0	812	Includes vetoes from 194 adoptive mothers and 175 adoptive fathers; and 138 birth mothers and 6 birth fathers.
2001	300	369	154	1	0	0	824	Includes vetoes from 194 adoptive mothers and 175 adoptive fathers; and 148 birth mothers and 6 birth fathers.
2002	305	369	156	1	0	0	831	Includes vetoes from 194 adoptive mothers and 175 adoptive fathers; and 149 birth mothers and 7 birth fathers.
2003	301	367	152	1	0	0	821	Includes vetoes from 192 adoptive mothers and 175 adoptive fathers; and 146 birth mothers and 6 birth fathers.

Source: Adoptions Australia reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for the years included in the Table

Some of the information in Tables 22, 23, 27 and 28 shows the type of interest Adopted Persons are taking in the registration of formal requests for information and contact. While the sample years are small, they do represent the greater freedom of information allowed under the Adoption Act 1994 and, while applications for information appear to be trending down, they are not inconsiderable. Vetoes, which are carried forward from one year to the next (unless lifted), are increasing at a very slow rate, as demonstrated in Tables 25 and 26.

Figure 7: Applications for Information and Contact Vetoes Lodged through the Contact Register by Adopted Persons in Western Australia, 30/6/1999 to 30/6/2003.
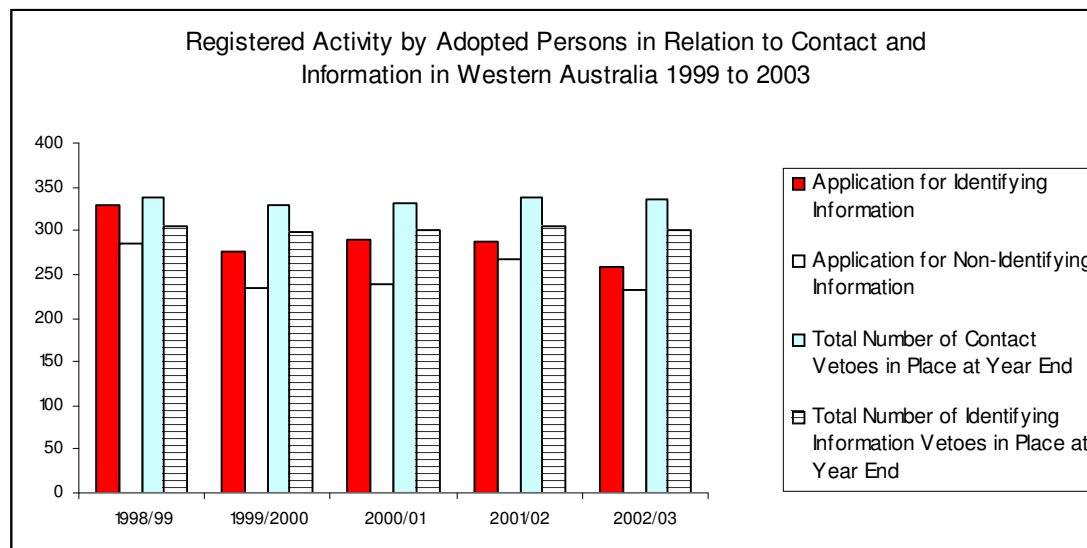
The Figure below, again drawing on information in Tables 22, 23, 27 and 28 shows the type of interest Birth Parents are taking in the registration of formal requests for information and contact. Again, trends are downward, but steady. As in the preceding Figure, it is interesting to note the relativity between requests for identifying and non-identifying information. In some ways, this may point to an interest or need to have information about context and circumstances almost as much as the 'owned stories' or facts of someone's life.

Figure 8: Applications for Information and Vetoes Lodged through the Contact Register by Birth Parents in Western Australia, 30/6/1999 to 30/6/2003.
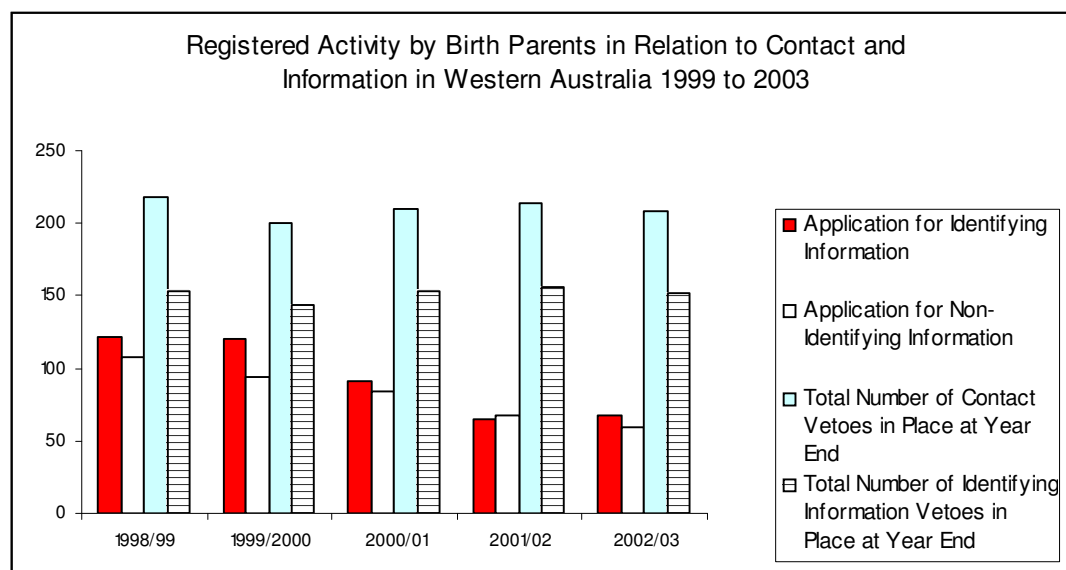
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