

Aboriginal Land Inquiry

A collection of private tape recordings of hearings between Indigenous people and Mr Paul Seaman conducted as part of the Aboriginal Land Inquiry in 1984.

Location:	Throughout Western Australia
Type of service:	State Government
Size of record collection:	.96 metres
Format of records:	Audio tapes
Information in records:	Information on land issues
Location of records:	State Records Office
Access:	DIA Native Title Access Policy — restricted to Native Title representative bodies for purposes of Native Title litigation. The information is not available to external researchers. For permission to access contact: Department of Indigenous Affairs Family History Unit 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9235 8000 Fax (08) 9235 8125 Easy call line 1300 651 077
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Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries (ACCIM)

The Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries (ACCIM) was formerly called the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board Inc (CCFAMBI). The Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board Inc officially became part of Churches of Christ in Australia in 1942. The WA Government authorised the CCFAMBI to conduct a mission at Norseman (Native Reserve number 22179) on 19 January 1943.

This index relates to the following five missions in Western Australia:

- Bamberra Hostel, Yokine
- Carnarvon Mission, Carnarvon
- Fairhaven, Esperance
- Norseman Mission, Norseman
- Roelands Mission, Collie

The index contains the following information:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Name of parents
- Dates of admission
- Reason for admission
- Notes

Thousands of photos and slides taken at the missions have been copied and identified where possible.

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Bamburra Hostel

Bamburra Hostel operated in Yokine from 1971 to 1984 and provided a place for teenage girls from remote areas to stay during the school year so they could attend high school and other educational opportunities.

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Location:	Yokine
Years of operation:	1971 to 1984
Type of service:	Hostel accommodation
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J S Battye Library of West Australian History

The Battye Library is the primary centre for the collection and storage of Western Australia's documentary heritage. Its purpose is to hold materials that provide a wide, representative sample of Western Australia's historical, developmental, cultural, economic and political life. The collections of original materials, published and unpublished works are of enduring cultural, informational and historical significance and capable of supporting in depth research into Western Australia.

Location:	Battye Library, Perth
Type of service:	Western Australian Library and archival collections. It collects and preserves material from all over Western Australia and the world, if it relates to Western Australia
Size of collection:	More than 1 million items
Format of records:	The Battye Library holds printed works (government and private), maps, private archives which are original non-government records, pictorial material (including photographs and negatives), films, oral histories and ephemera collections
Location of records:	Battye Library, Perth
Information in records:	All information about Western Australian individuals, families, organisations, businesses, and cultural groups. Contains printed records of the Western Australian Government and private (non-government) original records
Access:	Online catalogue at http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au
Contact:	J S Battye Library of West Australian History State Library of Western Australia Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9427 3111

Note: These records were correct at the time of printing, however, record collections are continually being updated and increased.

J S Battye Library of West Australian History – Private Archives Collections

The Private Archives Collection holds records that document the concerns and activities of Western Australia's private sector. The collection contains original papers, letters, diaries, journals, and manuscripts of individuals and families as well as records of political and social movements, non-government agencies, businesses, and community organisations. There is also a large collection of baptism, marriage, and burial registers from the Anglican and Uniting churches.

Through the Private Archives Collection, it's intended to build and preserve a wide ranging, representative and unique body of documents and related archival material. The Private Archives exists to help and encourage in depth research into Western Australia's history, its many cultures, business and industry activities, its social and recreational life, politics, and contemporary concerns.

Special emphasis is given to acquiring and preserving documentary materials from Western Australia's Aboriginal people and ethnic groups.

Location:	Battye Library, Perth
Type of service:	Western Australian archival collection. It collects and preserves material from all over Western Australia and the world — if it relates to Western Australia
Size of collection:	2,900 metres
Format of records:	Records are held as originals and some as copies on microfilm. Manuscript Notes (MNs) are available for most of these collections
Location of records:	Battye Library, Perth
Information in records:	All information about Western Australian individuals, families, organisations, businesses and cultural groups
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Beagle Bay

Beagle Bay Mission was administered by the Diocese of Broome, which was known as the Vicariate of the Kimberley prior to 1967. It was staffed initially by the Trappist Order and then, from 1901, by the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines). The Sisters of St John of God joined them in 1907.

Location: Beagle Bay, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

Church organisation: Catholic Church — Pallottines

Years of operation: 1897 to 1990

Type of service: Aboriginal community mission

Location of records: Diocesan Office, Broome

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Parentage
Date and place of baptism
Name of celebrant
Name of sponsor
Family information

Contact: The Archivist
Diocesan Office
PO Box 76
Broome WA 6725
Tel (08) 9192 1060
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Bungarun (also known as Derby Leprosarium)

This index contains significant family history information from 1936 to 1986. Some records span entire lives and some people lived there until the 1970s. A surveillance program was carried out on many of the people who lived there, once they left, to study how they integrated back into society. It's a small collection, including photographs, with some records held in Perth by the Department of Health. Each card has at least one, and often as many as 10 photographs.

Location:	Derby, 2643 km north of Perth in the Kimberley region of Western Australia
Church organisation:	Catholic Church — Sisters of St John of God
Years of operation:	1936 to 1986
Type of service:	Aboriginal community/hospital
Location of records:	Kimberley Population Health, Broome
Information in records:	Name Where they were living With whom they were living Name of parents Medical history Information on longer genealogies
Contact:	Kimberley Population Health PO Box 525 Broome WA 6725 Tel (08) 9192 5333 Fax (08) 9192 5400

Combined into and known as: Kimberley Population Health Index

Carnarvon Mission

Carnarvon Mission was established in 1945 by Mr and Mrs David Hammer, pioneer missionaries to Carnarvon. This mission provided shelter and schooling to local children and adults. Childcare ceased in 1984.

This information forms part of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries' index.

Thousands of photos and slides taken at the Missions have been copied and identified where possible.

Location:	Carnarvon, 904 km north of Perth
Years of operation:	1945 to 1984
Type of service:	Accommodation/schooling
Location of records:	Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and Family Information Records Bureau
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Place of birth Name of parents Dates of admission Reason for admission Notes

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Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898-1908 Index and Records – State Records Office

In 1898 the Aborigines Protection Board was abolished and its functions taken over by the Aborigines Department, which acted under the direction of the Chief Protector of Aborigines, who was responsible to Parliament. The Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898–1908 Index contains a comprehensive listing of all the names of Aboriginal people mentioned within the Chief Protector of Aborigines files (Acc 255, AN 1/2). References to the names and designations of settlers and officials who were directly connected to the events detailed within the files have also been listed, as have references to non-Europeans. The files are arranged by subject and have been numbered consecutively, as they were created, with the numbering sequence starting at the beginning of each year.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Almost 1,500 files, containing approximately 14,000 pages relating to the administrative functions of the Aborigines Department between 1898 and 1908
Format of records:	Microfilm Index — electronic and hardcopy
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	The Chief Protector of Aborigines Files deal with a wide range of topics relating to the welfare of Aboriginals and the general administration of the <i>Aborigines Act 1897</i> (and later <i>1905 Act</i>). It includes the admission of Aboriginal children to missions, the distribution of government rations to the old and infirm, and criminal investigations and court cases concerning Aboriginal people.
Access:	The files listed in the 'Chief Protector of Aborigines Files 1898–1908 Index' may contain sensitive information; however, they are not restricted and may be viewed on microfilm at the State Records Office or online via the State Records Office website: http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/community/aboriginalhistory-index.html

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See also Native Welfare Index and Personal Client Files

Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO) Records – State Records Office

The Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO) originated with the appointment of Peter Brown Esq as Colonial Secretary of the Swan River Colony on 30 December 1828. As such, the records of the CSO hold a large quantity of information relating to Aboriginal people. Between 1828 and 1886 Aboriginal affairs in Western Australia were the administrative responsibility of the Colonial Secretary, who operated in accordance with policy dictated by the Colonial Office (UK). The CSO continued to manage Aboriginal affairs up until 1887, when the Aborigines Protection Board was established. After Federation, the Office of the Colonial Secretary continued, although with reduced functions, as many of the CSO's responsibilities passed over to various State and Commonwealth departments. In 1924 the CSO was renamed the Chief Secretary's Department.

Correspondence relating to Aboriginal people may be located by searching the indexes and registers to the Colonial Secretary's Office correspondence located in the SRO Search Room.

Dr Neville Green has compiled indexes of names of Aboriginal people found in the CSO records for the Murchison, Southwest, Pilbara, Gascoyne, and Kimberley regions. CSO records have also been partially indexed in *The Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians*, which includes four volumes devoted to Aboriginal people: Vol VI Albany Region 1821–1898; Vol VII New Norcia 1845–1914; Vol VIII Southwest Region 1829–1840; and Vol X Rottneest 1838–1931.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	The CSO indexes and registers are available in microfilm and hardcopy. The majority of the material from 1828 to 1883 has been microfilmed, after this period you will need to request the original files for viewing in the State Records Office Search Room.
Information in records:	Records from the Colonial Secretary's Department include inward and outward correspondence, minutes, reports, indexes, registers and some personal Aboriginal files.
Location of records:	State Records Office

Colonial Secretary's Office (CSO) Records – State Records Office (cont.)

Access:

The majority of Colonial Secretary Office records are on open access and may be viewed in the State Records Office Search Room. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be applied for through the Department of Indigenous Affairs. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office. Further information is also available in the Colonial Secretary's Office records collection guide on our website: <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/colonial.html>

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Community Welfare Index and Files

The Department for Community Welfare was established in 1972 when the *Community Welfare Act* came into being and through the amalgamation of the Child Welfare and the Native Welfare Departments. The Department has undergone several name changes since then and is now known as the Department for Community Development.

This index contains details held on the Department for Community Development's record information management system TRIMS, and complements the Native Welfare index and files held in the Family Information Research System.

The following is an example of the type of information that may be found in the Community Welfare files:

- Date of birth
- Copies of birth certificates
- Date of marriage
- Medical records
- School reports
- Family information

The index contains some of the following details:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- File number

Years of operation: 1972 to present

Type of service: Welfare

Access: An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only.
There is no charge. This information is not available to researchers.

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Community and Welfare Records – State Records Office

The State Records Office holds archival material from various community and welfare-related State Government departments. These records may contain Aboriginal related records. Certain series of community and welfare records, including early adoption files, are held by the Department for Community Development and are not accessible through the State Records Office.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Approximately 55 metres of records
Format of records:	Original files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	Administration files — South West Division, general files (includes files on subjects such as missions, Aboriginal housing and Education, Children’s homes and living conditions), correspondence files, Homemaker Service Files, policy files (includes files on subjects such as Aboriginal poverty and land rights), submissions, review, hearing and special project files, correspondence files, minutes, statistics, Aboriginal health and nutrition files and Youthfest files
Access:	Due to the sensitive nature of community and welfare records, access restrictions may apply. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be applied for through the Department for Community Development. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.
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Court Records – State Records Office

The SRO holds the records of the Supreme Court of Western Australia as well as records from lower courts located throughout the metropolitan and country areas of the State. These include the Children’s Court of Western Australia, Clerk of Courts, Police Courts, Local Courts, Licensing Courts, Warden’s Courts, and Coroner’s Courts. Indexes to these records are available in the Search Room of the State Records Office.

Type of service: State Archives Collection

Format of records: Microfilm and original files

Location of records: State Records Office

Information in records: Supreme Court records include criminal related records such as records of conviction, criminal record books, criminal registers, and criminal indictment files. Information relating to Aboriginal people may be found in these records. Other records include divorce records, bankruptcy records, and probate (wills) records. The lower court records may also include information relating to Aboriginal people. Some selected examples of lower court records are:

Broome “Native Court”, Evidence Book, 1947–1952, Acc 4108, WAS 564

Busselton Courthouse, Legal Memoranda, 1830–1834 & 1852–1854, Acc 594, Item 2, AN 17 includes records of marriage between Aborigines, names of Aborigines on charge, and Aborigines serving as constables.

Derby Clerk of Courts, Registers — Local Court, Applications for Citizenship Rights, 1946–1959, Cons 4706, WAS 564

Access: Due to the sensitive nature of information that can be found within court records, access restrictions apply. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office. Further information is available in the Court Records Collection Guide at <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/court.html>

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Department of Indigenous Affairs

The Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) (previously known as the Aboriginal Affairs Department) has information relating to personal history cards. These cards contain information such as:

- Family name
- Given name
- Name of parents
- Date of birth
- Address
- With whom they lived
- Employment
- Names of children
- Dates of birth

They also have:

- Personal Files
- Mission Files
- Station Files
- Tindale Collection of photos, genealogies and journals (see listing under Tindale)

Location:	Western Australia
Years of operation:	Personal history files from 1920 to 1948 Tindale records from 1926 to 1954 Mission records and station files 1886 to 1970s
Type of service:	Indigenous information
Location of records:	Department of Indigenous Affairs
Access:	An Aboriginal Family History application form needs to be completed and access is restricted to direct line family descendants only. No charge applies. DIA Native Title Access Policy — restricted to Native Title representative bodies for purposes of Native Title litigation. This information is not available to researchers.
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Disaster Bay

This index of baptismal records was handed over by Bishop Saunders of the Broome Diocese as part of the Kimberley indexes.

Location: Kimberley region of Western Australia

Church Organisation: Catholic Church — Pallottines

Years of operation: 1897 to 1904

Type of service: Catholic Church

Location of records: Diocesan Office, Broome

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Parent's names
Age at baptism
Name of celebrant
Name of sponsor
Notes

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