

La Grange Mission (also known as Bidyadanga)

In 1956 La Grange Mission, which had been a government ration depot, was transferred into the Catholic Church. Situated approximately 200 kilometres south of Broome, it was operated by the Diocese of Broome and staffed by the priests and brothers of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines), with additional assistance provided by the lay missionaries.

Location: Approximately 200 km south of Broome in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

Church organisation: Catholic Church — Pallottines

Years of operation: 1956 to 1981

Type of service: Mission

Location of records: Diocesan Office, Broome

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

Contact: The Archivist
Diocesan Office
Diocese of Broome
PO Box 76
Broome WA 6725

Tel (08) 9192 1060
Fax (08) 9192 2136

Land Records – State Records Office

The State Records Office holds a wide range of land related records from the Department of Land Information and its predecessors, covering the period 1829 to the present day. Within these records information relating to Aboriginal people may be found. The records have particular value for parties to Native Title claim. A number of finding aids and indexes to land records are held in the State Records Office Search Room.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	Microfilm and original files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	Relevant records include: Pastoral station files, reserve files, pastoral lease applications; general functional files which may contain information on various topics such as lease applications for land, reports on reserves, native missions, Aborigines and the <i>Land Act</i> , surveyors' field books and maps with Aboriginal place names. An example: exploration notes of Frederick Mackie Roe, second in command on C.C. Hunt's expedition to the eastern interior. Includes a glossary of Aboriginal words and place names and the story of dead Europeans seen by Aborigines before 1866. <i>Lands and Surveys Department, Fieldbook</i> , 1866, Cons 5000, Item 337, Series 32.
Access:	The majority of land records may be viewed in our Search Room. If restrictions do apply, permission to view the records must be requested from the Department of Land Information. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.
Contact:	State Records Office of Western Australia Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building James Street West Entrance Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9427 3360 Fax (08) 9427 3368 Email sro@sro.wa.gov.au Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

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

Lombadina Baptismal Records

The Lombadina Mission was administered by the Diocese of Broome and staffed by the priests and brothers of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines). They were joined in 1913 by the Sisters of St John of God. This index contains relevant information on Aboriginal people at the time of their baptism.

Location: Lombadina, approximately 189 km north of Broome in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

Church organisation: Catholic Church — Pallottines

Years of operation: 1909 to 1975
The Sisters of St John of God (1913 to 1969)

Type of service: Mission

Location of records: Diocesan Office, Broome

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Name of parents
Date and place of baptism
Name of celebrant
Name of sponsor
Notes

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Lost Lands Report

The *Lost Lands Report* was drafted by the former Aboriginal Affairs Department in 1997 in response to the recommendations of the 1996 Aboriginal Lands Trust Review.

The report contains information about lands set apart for the use of the Aboriginal community in Western Australia until December 1996. The report's principal source of historical land information is the Crown Reserves Register, which is maintained by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (formerly the Department of Land Administration).

The report also lists most of the land contained in the estate of the Aboriginal Lands Trust as at December 1996.

Location:	Reserved land located throughout Western Australia
Type of service:	Department of Indigenous Affairs Land Branch
Format of records:	Paper and PDF download from the internet
Size of records:	Published report
Location of records:	Department of Indigenous Affairs and Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Information in records:	The report includes information about lands that were reserved for the purpose of Aboriginal occupation and use, and lands which were reserved for Aboriginal people for purposes other than occupation. The information was obtained from government records and includes references to Aboriginal people who cooperated and contributed to the report.
Location of records:	Original records held by Department for Planning and Infrastructure Asset Management Services PO Box 1575 Midland 6936 Department of Indigenous Affairs Land Branch 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9235 8000 Fax (08) 9235 8088 Easy call line 1300 651 077 Refer also front pages of the <i>Lost Lands Report</i> for other contact details.

Mt Margaret Mission

Mt Margaret Mission was established in 1921 by Rodolphe Schenk and his wife Isobel May (Mysie) who was a missionary with the United Aborigines Mission. The book *Mt Margaret: A Drop in a Bucket*, is written entirely about the Mission. The Mt Margaret Mission records were donated to the Battye Library by Mt Margaret Mission nurse, Sadie Canning. The records contain information relating to people who resided at the Mission at the time.

Location: Mt Margaret in the eastern Goldfields region of Western Australia

Church Organisation: Baptist mission

Years of operation: 1922 to 1953

Type of Service: Mission/community

Location of records: Battye Library, Perth

Information in records: Name
Surname
Parentage
Date of birth
Place of birth
Name of spouse
Address
Admission date
Place received from
Discharge date
Destination after discharge

Contact: J S Battye Library of West Australian History
State Library of WA
Alexander Library Building
Perth Cultural Centre
Perth WA 6000

Tel (08) 9427 3111
Fax (08) 9427 3256
Toll Free 1800 198 107

Email info@liswa.wa.gov.au
Website <http://www.liswa.wa.gov.au>

Marribank Mission (also known as Carrolup)

Established as a government settlement in 1915, Carrolup was closed in 1922 and all residents were transferred to Moore River Native Settlement. Carrolup was reopened in 1940 as a farm training school for Aboriginal boys. In 1952 it was handed over to the Baptist Church and became known as Marribank.

Location: Katanning, Great Southern of Western Australia

Years of operation: 1915 to 1922 and 1940 to 1952

Type of service: Residential/training school

Format of records: 20 paper files from 1952 onwards

Information in records: Registers of inmates
Departmental administration files

Location of records: State Records Office

Access: Department of Indigenous Affairs
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197 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

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'Mission Files Index' – State Records Office

The Mission Files Index was produced by the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority (now the Department of Indigenous Affairs) in 1988. It lists files relating to missions within Western Australia which were created by the various Aboriginal departments from 1909 to the 1970s and which are now held by the State Records Office. The index includes a list of general files relating to missions as well as listing files held for the following missions:

Aboriginal Mobile Mission of Australia
Applecross Methodist Children's Cottage
Australian Aborigines Mission (AAM)
Australian Inland Mission
Badjaling Mission
Bayswater Mission Hostel
Balgo Mission
Bassendean Mission
Beagle Bay Mission
Bindoon Boy's Town
Broome Convent and Holy Child Orphanage
Collie Salvation Army Home
Cosmo Newberry Mission
Cundeelee Mission
Derby Mission (UAM)
Disaster Bay Mission
Drysdale River Mission
Dulhi Gunyah Orphanage
Ellensbrook Home
Fitzroy Crossing Australian Inland Mission
Fairhaven Mission
Fitzroy Crossing (UAM)
Forrest River Mission
Geraldton Girl's Home
Geralling (AAM)
Gnowangerup Mission (UAM)
Holy Child Orphanage, Broome
Jigalong Mission
Kalgoorlie Girl's Home (Salvation Army)
Kalumburu Mission
Karatundi Mission
Katakutu Mission
Katanning Mission

'Mission Files Index' – State Records Office (cont.)

Kellerberrin Mission
Kunmunya Mission (Port George IV)
Kurrawang Mission
Lake Grace
La Grange Bay Mission
Lombadina Mission
Marribank Baptist Aborigines Mission
Methodist Inland Mission
Mogumber Methodist Mission
Moore River Native Settlement
Morgans Gospel Mission
Mt Barnett Mission
Mt Magnet Mission
Mt Margaret Mission
Mowanjum Mission
Norseman Mission
New Norcia Mission
Quairading Mission
Riverton Hostel
Roelands Mission
Rossmoyne Mission
Sister Kate's Children's Home
St Joseph Boy's Town, Bindoon
St Joseph's Hostel, Derby
St Michael's Anglican Mission Farm, Newdegate
St Vincent's Foundling Home
Sunday Island Mission
Swan Native and Half Caste Mission, Middle Swan
Swan Boy's Home
Tardun Farm School
Turkey Creek Mission
Victoria Park (AAM)
Walcott Inlet
Wandering Mission
Warburton Ranges Mission
Western Desert Mission
White Springs Mission
Wiluna Mission
Wongutha Mission Farm
Wotjulum Mission
Yarrabah Mission

'Mission Files Index' – State Records Office (cont.)

Location:	Western Australia
Type of service:	Missions information
Size of collection:	The index includes references to approximately 1,050 files
Format of records:	Original files Index — paper
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	Records include files relating to establishment of missions, annual reports from missions, register of inmates, general correspondence, accounts records, subsidies for and grants in aid for various missions, health and medical treatment of inmates, rations, education and training of inmates, punishments of inmates, deaths, inspections, admission files and personal details
Access:	<p>Due to the sensitive nature of records of the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) access restrictions apply for files from 1909 onwards. To view restricted files listed in the Mission Files Index, clients will need to apply to DIA for access. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.</p> <p>Department of Indigenous Affairs Family History Unit 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Tel (08) 9235 8000 Fax (08) 9235 8125 Easy call line 1300 651 077</p>
Contact:	<p>State Records Office of Western Australia Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building James Street West Entrance Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Tel (08) 9427 3360 Fax (08) 9427 3368 Email sro@sro.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday</p>

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Moore River Index

Mogumber Heritage has undertaken research relating to Aboriginal people who were institutionalised at the Moore River Native Settlement between 1918 and 1951.

Location:	Mogumber approximately 100 km north of Perth
Type of service:	Community based program now run by the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Corporation
Years of operation:	1918 to 1951
Size of record collection:	The Moore River Index contains approximately 3,000 names of Aboriginal people, including over 400 photographs taken between 1920 and 1960
Format of records:	Electronic database and paper
Location of records:	Mogumber Heritage
Type of information:	Surname Given name Aliases Date of birth Parents Age Sex Removal information Photograph references Family information
Access:	Contact Jenny Mogridge at Mogumber Heritage on (08) 9651 9010
Contact:	Mogumber Heritage PO Box 70 Mogumber WA 6506 Tel (08) 9651 9010 Fax (08) 9651 9028 Index available at the Department of Indigenous Affairs Family History Unit 1st Floor 197 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9235 8000 Fax (08) 9235 8125

National Archives of Australia Collection

The National Archives of Australia's collection documents mainly Commonwealth Government activities since Federation in 1901. The collection also includes some material transferred to the Commonwealth by colonial and state governments.

Records include information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their history, particularly of Northern Territory and Victorian people. The records cover:

- Administration of the Northern Territory (including Aboriginal affairs from 1911 to 1978)
- Administration of Aboriginal affairs in Victoria from 1860 to about 1970
- Commonwealth Government activities affecting the general community including Aboriginal people, eg employment, social security, education
- Commonwealth Aboriginal affairs from the early 1970s (after the 1967 constitutional referendum).

Location: Australia-wide, but mainly relating to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory and Victoria

Type of Service: Commonwealth Government Departmental records (1901 to present); Victorian Government Aboriginal affairs records (1860 to c1970); Northern Territory administration records, including Aboriginal welfare records (1911 to 1978).

Format of records: Mainly files, but also includes photographs, maps, plans, films and sound recordings

Location of records: The National Archives holds records about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in its National Office in Canberra and in regional offices in each state and mainland territory capital. The most extensive holdings are located in Canberra, Melbourne and Darwin.

Information in records: Information about Northern Territory and Victorian Aboriginal people, places and events, social welfare activities, missions, children's institutions, reserves, and stations. There is some information about people in other States. Information about some Western Australian people is included in records relating to the Northern Territory and South Australia.

National Archives of Australia Collection (cont.)

Access:

Researchers can apply for access to records more than 30 years old under the *Commonwealth Archives Act 1983*. Sensitive information about personal affairs is withheld from general public access. However, if the information is about the individual requesting information or if the information is required to assist people separated by former government policies to link up with family and community, access may be given.

Access to records less than 30 years old needs to be arranged through the agency that controls the records or, where appropriate, by use of the *Commonwealth Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

Contact:

Visit the Perth reading room:
National Archives of Australia Perth Office
Public and Reader Services
384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park

Tel (08) 9470 7500
Fax (08) 9470 2787

Opening hours 9.00am to 4.30pm
Monday to Friday, except public holidays

Or contact the National Reference Service:
Tel 1300 886 881
Fax 1300 886 882
TTY (02) 6212 3689
Email ref@naa.gov.au
Website <http://www.naa.gov.au>

PO Box 7425
Canberra BC ACT 2610

National Archives of Australia – Bringing Them Home Name Index

The National Archives of Australia's *Bringing Them Home* Name Index was created as part of the Commonwealth Government's response to Recommendation 22 of the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families.

Archives staff have indexed many of the major groups of records referring to Aboriginal people from the records relating to:

- Administration of the Northern Territory from 1911 to early 1970s
- Administration of Aboriginal affairs in Victoria from 1860 to about 1970

In addition, Aboriginal names in a small number of records more than 30 years old relating to general Commonwealth Government activities have been indexed.

Location: Australia-wide, but mainly about Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory and Victoria

Type of service: The index includes Northern Territory administration records including Aboriginal welfare records (1911 to early 1970s); Victorian Government Aboriginal affairs records (1860 to c1970); and Commonwealth Government Departmental records (1901 to early 1970s).

Size of collection: The index includes more than 330,000 name index entries and entries are being added

Location of records: National Archives of Australia

Format of records: Mainly files and photographs

Information in the index: Names of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Names of non-Indigenous people related to or associated with Indigenous people.

Names of missions, stations and institutions where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people lived.

The index itself does not contain the information about the people named — the index entries refer the researcher to the original file or photograph. The researcher then needs to request access to the original item (see next page).

National Archives of Australia – *Bringing Them Home* Name Index (cont.)

Access:

The index is searched by Archives staff on behalf of researchers. Most of the index entries refer to records held in the National Archives offices in Darwin, Melbourne and Canberra, with some entries referring to records held in Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney.

Researchers seeking access to enable them to link up with Aboriginal families and communities can request a search be made of the *Bringing Them Home* Name Index.

If relevant entries are identified then researchers can apply for access to the records referred to in the index entries under the Commonwealth *Archives Act 1983*. Sensitive information about personal affairs is withheld from general public access. However, if the information is about the individual requesting information or if the information is required to assist people separated by former government policies to link up with family and community, access may be given.

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Native Welfare Index and Personal Client Files

This index was created from index cards from the Department of Native Welfare and previous departments dealing with Aboriginal affairs. These cards list surnames and given names of family members, often date of birth and the client file number. Most of these personal client files were transferred onto microfilm in the mid 1970s. These files have now been transferred from microfilm to CD and have been downloaded into the Family Information Research System (FIRS) database.

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

- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Date of marriage
- Employment permits
- Employment records, ie wages
- Medical expense records

This index includes some of the following information:

- Family name
- Given name
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Place of birth/locality
- File number
- Notes such as parent's name, spouse's name and children's names

Years of operation: 1921 to 1972

Type of service: Welfare

Location of records: Department for Community Development

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

Contact: Family Information Records Bureau
Department for Community Development
189 Royal Street
East Perth WA 6004

Tel (08) 9222 2777
Fax (08) 9222 2776
Freecall 1800 000 277

Native Welfare Administrative Records

Administrative records of various WA State Aborigines departments dating from 1886 to 1992. Records dating from 1909 are classed as 'restricted'. The files mainly contain administrative information but may include some personal information.

Type of records:

- Departmental
- Missions
- Stations
- Royal commissions
- Aboriginal Land Inquiry
- Reserves
- Staff personnel files
- Minister of Native Affairs

Type of service:	Welfare
Size of collection:	Approximately 18,000 records
Format of records:	Paper and microfilm
Location of records:	Department of Indigenous Affairs
Information in records:	Departmental administration information; Indigenous family names; personal information including dates of birth and deaths, mission lists, names of people in missions, movement of families, various royal commissions, pastoral station files and ongoing policies of Aboriginal Affairs departments
Location:	State Records Office
Access:	By completion of application form and approval by DIA Assistant Director Information Management.
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

New Norcia – Benedictine

The Benedictine Community of New Norcia was originally founded as a monastery in 1846 and provided education and community care for Aboriginal people.

This index contains the names of Aboriginal people who resided at the Benedictine Community of New Norcia from the mid 1800s to the early 1970s.

Location:	New Norcia, 132 km north of Perth
Church organisation:	Benedictine
Years of operation:	Mid 1800s to early 1970s
Type of service:	Mission community
Information in records:	ID numbers Family name Given name Date of birth Date of death Place of birth Admittance date Discharge date
Access:	Via the Archives at New Norcia
Contact:	Archives Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc New Norcia WA 6509 Tel (08) 9654 8018 Fax (08) 9654 8097 Email archives@newnorcia.wa.edu.au

Note: 740 names recorded by Bishop Salvado in 1858 and more than 2,000 names of New Norcia residents (1853 to 1914) are also listed in *The Aborigines of New Norcia 1845–1914* by Neville Green and Lois Tilbrook. See listing under 'West Australian Publications of Interest'.

Norseman Mission

The Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Board Inc officially became part of the Churches of Christ in Australia in 1942. The Norseman Mission was officially established in 1943. It provided childcare until 1984. In 1987 the Mission property was handed over to the local Erragul Community.

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: Norseman approximately 850 km east of Perth

Years of operation: 1942 to 1987

Type of service: Family accommodation

Location of records: Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries and the Department for Community Development

Information in records: Family name
Given name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Name of parents
Dates of admission
Reason for admission
Notes

For photographs

contact: Deslee Moyle
Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries
PO Box 1199
Wangara WA 6947
Tel (08) 9309 3922
Fax (08) 9309 4101
Email cofcfab@msn.com.au

For personal record cards

contact: Family Information Records Bureau
Department for Community Development
189 Royal Street
East Perth WA 6004
Tel (08) 9222 2777
Fax (08) 9222 2776
Freecall 1800 000 277

Personal History Cards and Files

In the period from 1920 to 1948, the Native Welfare Department or its predecessor departments compiled a collection of personal files with information about Aboriginal people and their families, which was often highly intrusive.

The personal history cards are extracts from the personal files and contain information relating to individuals and families, particularly those who had been sent to the Moore River Native Settlement.

Location:	Moore River Native Settlement, Mogumber — approximately 100 km north of Perth
Years of operation:	1917 to 1965
Type of service:	Welfare
Size of collection:	5,500 cards and files
Location of records:	Department of Indigenous Affairs
Information in records:	Name (alias) Age Date of birth Sex Caste Marital status Parentage Health Employment details Location Registration
Format of records:	Database 'In-Magic' gives access to the name and number of the card pertaining to individual Aboriginal people and their families Microfiche — the entire collection of personal history cards Paper — personal files Excel spreadsheet — index to individual and family names corresponding to the personal history cards numbers and personal files

Personal History Cards and Files (cont.)

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.

Contact: Department of Indigenous Affairs
Family History Unit
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Note: Copies of this index are also held at the State Records Office of Western Australia.

Pilbara Census Book

These handwritten books, originally from the Department of Native Welfare district offices, were given to the Family Information Records Bureau. The details have been transferred into an electronic format to form the Pilbara Census Book Index.

Location:	The Pilbara, 1,600 km north of Perth
Years of operation:	Dates of birth range from the late 1800s to 1970s
Location of records:	Department for Community Development
Information in records:	Family name Given name Date of birth Parents' names Family relationships Religion Location
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.
Contact:	Family Information Records Bureau Department for Community Development 189 Royal Street East Perth WA 6004 Tel (08) 9222 2777 Fax (08) 9222 2776 Freecall 1800 000 277

Police Records – State Records Office

The State Records Office holds archival records from the Western Australia Police Service local police stations in Western Australia. Indexes to these records are available in the Search Room of the State Records Office. Please note that many police station records either have not survived or are still held by the individual stations.

Location:	Western Australia
Years of operation:	1861 to present
Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	Microfilm and original paper files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	Police records held include early Police Service records, general files, administration files, Circular Orders, photographs, occurrence books, correspondence / letterbooks, police reports, charge books, Police Court returns, duty books and police journals. Information contained in police records is wide and varied and can include information on rationing of Aboriginal people at local stations, gathering of witnesses for trials, records relating to Aboriginal trackers, as well as various criminal matters pursued by the police.
Access:	Police records generally have a restricted access period of 50 years. Permission to access these records may need to be obtained from the Western Australia Police Service. For help in accessing restricted records please contact the State Records Office.

Further information is also available in the Police Records Collection Guide on the website:

<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/police.html>

Police Records – State Records Office (cont.)

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Prison Records – State Records Office

The State Records Office holds records from the Gaols Department, its successor agencies and other related agencies. General information on prisons and gaols (some of which dates back to 1830) from throughout the State can be located through the records of these departments. The SRO also holds collections of records that relate specifically to individual prisons — the largest collection being that of Fremantle Prison. Records are also held for Albany Prison, Coolgardie Gaol, Geraldton Prison, Perth Gaol and Rottneest Native Prison. Indexes to these collections are available in the Search Room of the State Records Office.

Type of service:	State Archives Collection
Size of collection:	Unknown
Format of records:	Microfilm and original files
Location of records:	State Records Office
Information in records:	Photographs of prisoners are held for Fremantle Prison. Other examples of records held include indexes to prisoners, reports and occurrence books and Prison Registers. Registers of prison inmates may contain such information as name, nationality, place of birth, age, physical details, marital status, religion, trade and whether they can read and write. Particulars of conviction may also be shown including date, place, before whom, offence, sentence, and remarks.
Access:	Various access restrictions may apply to prison records. For assistance with accessing restricted records please consult with the staff of the State Records Office. Further information is available in the Prison Records Collection Guide on the website: http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/collection/prison.html
Contact:	State Records Office of Western Australia Ground Floor, Alexander Library Building James Street West Entrance Perth Cultural Centre Perth WA 6000 Tel (08) 9427 3360 Fax (08) 9427 3368 Email sro@sro.wa.gov.au Opening hours 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

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