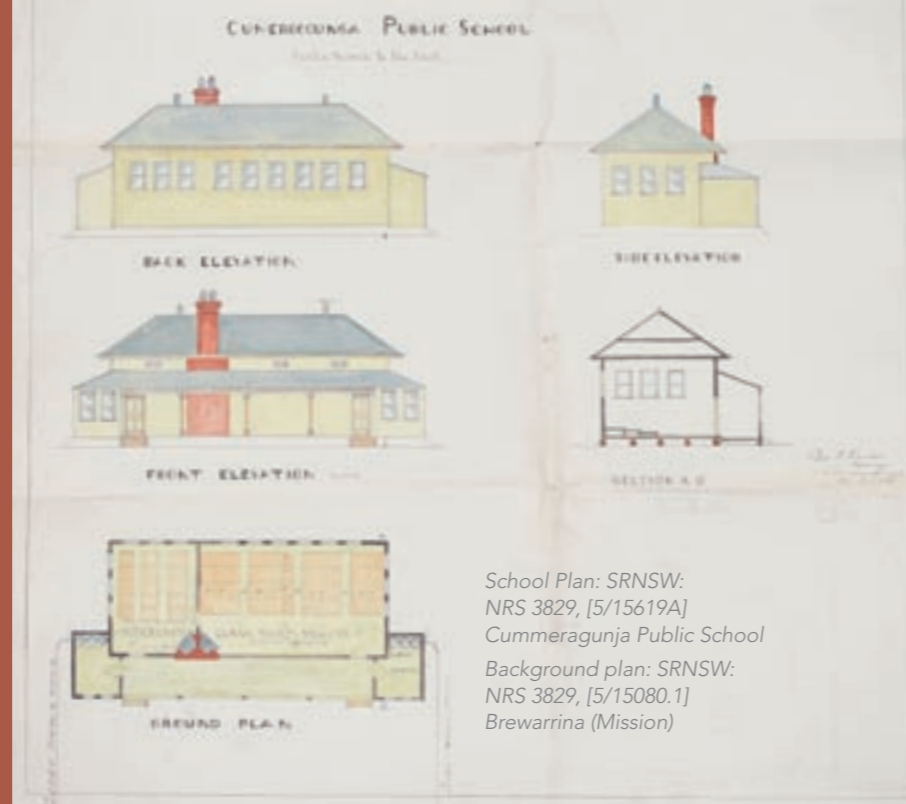


The Aborigines Welfare Board is one of many government agencies to have had a significant impact on the lives of Aboriginal people in New South Wales. Researchers looking at any area of government will find evidence of the ways officials made and implemented policies that continue to affect Aboriginal people. Today these records can provide people with an important link to past communities and times



Aboriginal Schools in NSW

The State archive collection includes a number of records about schools and those who have passed through them. The NSW Government took an early interest in the schooling of Aboriginal children and established two Native Institutions between 1812 and 1830. By the time primary school education was made compulsory for all children in 1880, policies supporting segregation permitted Aboriginal children to attend school only if they were thought to be adequately dressed and well fed.

By 1902, Aboriginal children could be removed from schools upon the request of white parents. The resulting removal of children led to the establishment of separate Aboriginal schools. A list of these schools operated by the Department of Public Instruction (now the Department of Education and Training) can be found in Archives in Brief No. 44 (see www.records.nsw.gov.au)

The main records of interest are School files and School records. The series of School files, 1876–1979, (NRS 3829) includes information on Aboriginal schools, applications for the establishment of schools, and information about the school's progress, physical conditions and teachers. The files rarely contain the names of pupils attending the schools.

School records, 1881+ (NRS 3931) hold more personal information, including the following:

Admission registers record the admissions and departures of children, including personal details, date of leaving last school and details of parent or guardian

Examination books record pupils' examination results, including subject, place in grade as well as personal details.

Observation books consist of observations by school inspectors on the operations of schools. They do not generally mention individual pupils.

Program and lesson registers list the lessons and curricula that were followed by various classes in a school. They cover the whole range of subjects taught to a particular class.

Punishment books consist of details of punishments given to pupils. They provide name, age, nature of offence, amount of punishment, instrument of punishment, and the name of the person inflicting the punishment

The Aboriginal School files and the records created by the schools are open to public access after 30 years (except for the Punishment books, which hold more sensitive information, and therefore, are closed to public access for 50 years).

OUT AND ABOUT HISTORY WEEK 2006

Annual State Conference 16-24 September 2006

Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies hosted by Liverpool Genealogy Society. Christine Yeats (Manager, Public Access) will present a talk titled Grandfather Worked for the Railways: NSW Railway Employment Records.

Hunts Convention Centre, Liverpool

Saturday 16 September 2006

enquiries: Liverpool Genealogy Society

email: info@lgs.org.au

mail: PO Box 830, Liverpool, NSW 2170

Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts

Alan Ventress (Associate Director, City) will give an illustrated talk on Treasures of the State Archives, from bushrangers to the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Mitchell Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street

Thursday 21 September, 6pm

enquiries: Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts

ph: (02) 9262 7300

email: programs@sydneymsa.com.au

Royal Australian Historical Society Annual State Conference

Conference theme — Roads, Rates and Records: Governing the Neighbourhood. Christine Yeats will speak about accessing local government records held in the State archives.

RSL, High Street, Hornsby

Sunday 15 October 2006

enquiries: Royal Australian Historical Society

ph: (02) 9247 8001 fax: (02) 9247 7854

email: history@rahs.org.au

Australian Society of Archivists Annual State Conference

Conference theme Connections and Conversations: Archives at Work. Kirsten Thorpe (Archivist, Aboriginal Liaison) and Christine Yeats will present papers.

Quality Resort Sails, Port Macquarie

Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 October 2006

enquiries: Australian Society of Archivists

website: www.archivists.org

Lake Macquarie Family History Group

Lindsay Allen (Senior Archivist, Access & Information) will address the October meeting of the group about a range of records useful to family historians. These include immigration, insolvency and prisoner records.

Community Hall, George Street, Marmong Point

Saturday 21 October 2006

enquiries: Elspeth Bradbury

website: www.lmfhg.hl.com.au

Lost in NSW Land Records weekend The Society of Genealogists

Christine Yeats will speak about land grants and leases, depasturing licences and conditional purchase records.

Saturday 4 – Sunday 5 November 2006

enquiries: Danielle Tebb

ph: (02) 9347 3953

email: danielle@sag.org.au

Blue Mountains City Council Annual History Conference

Lindsay Allen will address the conference on discovering information about the local area through the use of State archives.

Wentworth Falls School of Arts, Great Western Highway

Saturday 11 November 2006

enquiries: Robyn Menzies

ph: (02) 4723 5028

email: RMenzies@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

Goulburn & Murray Association of Local & Family History Groups

Annual General meeting & Magazines Expo. Christine Yeats will speak about the resources at State Records which can be accessed by remote users.

Mulwala & District Services Club, Melbourne Street, Mulwala

Saturday 18 November

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COMING EVENTS & State RECORDS

HISTORY WEEK 2006 Saturday 16 – Sunday 24 September

> AGENDA

Artefacts & Memories: Lebanese Migration and Settlement in NSW

Throughout History Week there will be a display in the city reading room of photographs and collectables from the personal collections of Lebanese families who settled in NSW in the late 19th century

Sydney Records Centre

9.00am – 5.00pm

FREE

Remembering Gallipoli

This lunchtime lecture presented by Bruce Scates (Associate Professor of History, University of New South Wales) will discuss the memorialisation of those who lost their lives at Gallipoli and other WWI battlefields.

Sydney Records Centre

Monday 18 September, 12.30am – 1.30pm

FREE Bookings essential

In Living Memory exhibition guided tour

You are invited to a tour of the exhibition *In Living Memory* by Sue Newman (Project Officer – Aboriginal Liaison), where you can view surviving photographs from the former Aborigines Welfare Board, 1919–66 and hear about the project to bring the 1000 black and white images to life.

Sydney Records Centre

Tuesday 19 September, 10.00am – 12.00 noon

FREE Bookings essential

Local government: Everyday matters touching Everyone's lives

This seminar, which is being conducted in conjunction with the City of Sydney, will look at the wide range of records that have been generated by the City of Sydney and other local authorities since 1842 and how they can be used by researchers. Speakers will include the custodians and the researchers who use these records.

Sydney Records Centre

Saturday 21 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm

FREE Bookings essential

When Were You Born?

The official records of births, deaths and marriages are crucial for family history research, but sometimes cannot be located. This seminar will explore some of the alternative sources in the NSW State archives for locating date and place of a person's birth.

Western Sydney Records Centre

Friday 22 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm

FREE bookings essential

Reflections on the History of Nursing in NSW

Historian Judith Godden, biographer of Lucy Osburn (established the first School of Nursing at Sydney Hospital), will discuss her research. Christine Yeats (Manager, Public Access) will speak about the resources in the State archives collection and the Curator of the Lucy Osburn Museum will take participants on a tour of the Museum.

Worrell Theatre, Sydney Hospital

Macquarie Street, Sydney

22 September 10.30am – 12.30pm

FREE Bookings essential

Railways: Tracking Back in Time

A presentation of photographs from the State Rail collection, including photos of Class 38 and Garratt locomotives, as well as State Rail publications and staff newsletters.

Sydney Records Centre

Wednesday 11 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Western Sydney Records Centre

Wednesday 18 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

FREE Bookings essential

My House: Sources Within the NSW State Archives

Sources held by State Records where you may find information on your house or property, such as valuation records, rate books, maps and plans, photographs, census, records of special events, probate and deceased estates.

Sydney Records Centre

Wednesday 8 November, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Western Sydney Records Centre

Thursday 16 November, 10.30am – 12.30pm

FREE Bookings essential

Introducing Soldier Settlement Records

This seminar will provide background information and some useful tips when using records relating to the administration of the Soldier Settlement Scheme in NSW after WWI.

Western Sydney Records Centre

Tuesday 28 November, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Sydney Records Centre

Tuesday 5 December, 10.30am – 12.30pm

FREE Bookings essential

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