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## Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools of Victoria – Invergowrie Homecraft Hostel

(1929 - 1973)

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**Born** 1 January, 1929, Toorak Victoria Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1973

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**Occupation** Educational institution

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### Summary

Invergowrie Homecraft Hostel was established as the Homecraft Hostel in 1929 by the Association of Headmistresses of Independent Schools of Victoria (now the Association of Independent Girls Schools of Victoria). Their aims were two-fold: to provide girls on leaving school with a practical home-training; and to establish home and institutional management as a recognised profession for women. Mrs May Isabel Weatherly was the first Principal 1929-38, followed by Margaret Ellen Kirkhope 1938-1967 and Judith Secombe 1968-73. Administration of the school passed to the Invergowrie Council, formed from the Invergowrie Past Students Association, in 1967, when the Headmistresses Association no longer wished to run the Hostel. Dwindling enrolments and financial difficulties forced the Hostel's closure in 1973

(Source: Historical Note *University of Melbourne Archives*)

### Details

formerly Association of Headmistresses of Independent Schools of Victoria

### Published resources

#### Book

Feminine Singular: a history of the Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools of Australia, Hansen, D E and I V, 1989

A Woman's Place: A History of the Homecraft Hostel 'Invergowrie', Gardiner, Lyndsay, 1993

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### The University of Melbourne Archives

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