

Clark Cottage, Clarence Park

1963 – 1979

Details

Clark Cottage was opened at Clarence Park by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department in 1963. It accommodated up to ten children who were wards of the State in cottage -style living. They attended local schools and churches. Clark Cottage closed in 1979. The site was then used for the Southern Region Admission Unit.

Clark Cottage at 28 William Street, Clarence Park, was acquired by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department in 1962. It was one of a number of properties purchased by the government in the 1960s to be used as cottage style accommodation for State children. Departmental Annual Reports from the period stress the belief that cottage style care would enable greater individual attention for each child and that children living in cottage style accommodations would be less conspicuous as 'State' children.

After some renovation, Clark Cottage was opened on 31 January 1963 and accommodated up to ten children. Children attended local schools and churches. Miss EM Dobbin was the first cottage mother. Clark cottage was named after Miss CE Clark who was an early member of the State Children's Council.

Clark cottage closed on 24 May 1979. The site was then used for the Southern Region Admission Unit.

Gallery



Clark Cottage

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Clarke Cottage - children's playroom and sitting room

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More info

Chronology

- **Clark Cottage, Clarence Park (1963 – 1979)**
 - Southern Region Admission Unit (1979 - c. 1990)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1927 - 1966\)](#)
Clark Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1963 - 1966
- [Department of Social Welfare, South Australian Government \(1966 - 1970\)](#)
Date: 1966 - 1970
- [Department of Social Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs, South Australian Government \(1970 - 1972\)](#)
Date: 1970 - 1972
- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)
Date: 1972 - 1979

Related Events

- [Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry, South Australia \(2004 - 2008\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Merrilama Cottage, Glenelg \(1960 - 1979\)](#)
The Department created six Cottage Homes in the 1960s. These included Merrillama Cottage, Stirling Cottage, Clark Cottage, Spence Cottage, Colton Cottage and Hay Cottage.
- [Stirling Cottage, St Peters \(1962 - 1979\)](#)
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- [Spence Cottage, Kensington Gardens \(1963 - 1980\)](#)
The Department created six Cottage Homes in the 1960s. These included Merrillama Cottage, Stirling Cottage, Clark Cottage, Spence Cottage, Colton Cottage and Hay Cottage.
- [Colton Cottage, Thorngate \(1965 - 1982\)](#)
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- [Hay Cottage, Lockleys \(1968 - 1979\)](#)
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Records

For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

Records

- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
- [Records of the Department for Community Welfare and Successor Agencies \(1972 - current\)](#)
- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
Item B588 of the Child Endowment correspondence files relates to Clark Cottage, Clarence Park

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