

# Port Pirie Cottage

1962 – 1972

**Other Names:** • Port Pirie Family Home

## Details

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Port Pirie Cottage was opened in Port Pirie by the government in 1962. It initially accommodated only two or three children who were wards of the State in cottage -style living. Children attended local schools and churches. In 1972 Port Pirie Cottage was renamed Port Pirie Family Home.

Port Pirie Cottage, at 23 Butterick Street, Port Pirie, was the first country based cottage home run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department. It opened on 29 October 1962. It initially housed only two or three children.

Departmental Annual Reports from the 1960s stress the belief that cottage style care enabled greater individual attention to be given to each child. The Department also felt that children living in cottage style accommodation and attending local schools would be less conspicuous as 'State' children, making it easier for them to become part of the local community. The cottage system aimed to simulate a form of family life with children sleeping in bedrooms rather than dormitories. It also allowed for brothers and sisters to be placed together. It was expected that children would attend church and other social activities as members of the cottage family.

Departmental reports also noted that providing cottage style care was less costly for the government than running large institutions.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- **Port Pirie Cottage (1962 – 1972)**
  - Port Pirie Family Home (1972 - 1980)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1927 - 1966\)](#)  
Port Pirie Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.  
Date: 1962 - 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

# Records

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## Records held by other organisations

- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
- [Records of the Department for Community Welfare and Successor Agencies \(1972 - current\)](#)

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