

# Central Region Admission Unit

1979 – 1980

**Other Names:** • CRAU

## Details

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During the 1970s and into the 1980s, the department used smaller residential care units for State children rather than large institutions. Each metropolitan region had a number of units which were used for different purposes. Admission Units provided short term crisis care; Assessment Units were used for teenage young offenders and other units provided therapeutic care for children with specific needs. Community Units provided longer term care and also assisted young people to move gradually back into the community.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Reception Cottage, Glandore/Somerton Park (1973 - 1979)
  - **Central Region Admission Unit (1979 – 1980)**
    - Western Region Admission Unit (1980 - 1986)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)

#### Related Events

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

## Records

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- [Records of the South Australia Youth Remand and Assessment Centre \(c. 1961 - c. 1999\)](#)
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