

# Western Region Admission Unit

1980 – 1986

**Other Names:** • WRAU

## Details

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The Western Region Admission Unit (WRAU) was opened by the government in 1980 at Somerton Park. It was located on the former site of Central Region Admission Unit, the name given to Reception Cottage from 1979. In 1983 the WRAU moved to the former site of Hay Community Unit which moved to Mile End. The Admission Unit provided short term care, assessment and outreach facilities for teenaged young offenders. It closed in 1986.

The Western Region Admission Unit (WRAU) was opened by the Department for Community Welfare in 1980 at 20 Tarlton Street, Somerton Park on the former site of Central Region Admission Unit, the new name for Reception Cottage from 1979. In 1983 WRAU moved to 4 Rowells Road, Lockleys, the former site of the Hay Community Unit which was transferred to a new location at Mile End.

After the passing of the 1972 Community Welfare Act, the department was restructured and the management of residential care was decentralised. The metropolitan area was divided into regions and each region was provided with a similar group of facilities for smaller group care. In keeping with a new focus on assessment of children after they were admitted into care and developing individual programs for children, each region had an Admission Unit, a Community Unit and a Group Home. Admission Units, like the Western Region Admission Unit provided short term care, assessment and outreach facilities for young offenders. The WRAU accommodated up to eight teenagers at one time and was often used for emergency placement of children.

Western Region Admission Unit closed in 1986.

## More info

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### Chronology

- 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 \(2004 - 2008\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Hay Community Unit \(1979 - 1989\)](#)

The Western Region Admission Unit moved to the former site of the Hay Community Unit at Lockleys in 1983.

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

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

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