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Register of New Committals

1931 – 1968

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Records Location	These records are part of Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors (1849 - c. 1987)

Details

The Register of New Committals (1931-1968) is a large, very thick volume held together with metal rivets. It contains general admission information relating to Homes under the control of the South Australian Government. These Homes include the Catholic Girls' Home, Parkside; Convent of the Good Shepherd 'The Pines'; Bedford Park Boys' Training Centre; Boys Reformatory, Magill; Edwardstown Industrial School; Glandore Industrial School; Glandore Children's Home; Glandore Boys' Home; Seaforth Home; Vaughan House and Barton Vale Girls' Home.

Access Conditions

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Records

Admission Information in the Register of New Committals relating to specific Homes

1. Catholic Girls' Home Parkside
Admissions to the Catholic Girls' Home at Parkside during the period 1/7/1931 until 30/6/1943 appear early in the volume under the title 'New Committals to the Catholic Girls Home Parkside'. Entries include: (1) Number, (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of Admission, (5) Religion, (6) Charge.

2. Convent of the Good Shepherd 'The Pines'
Admissions to the Convent of the Good Shepherd 'The Pines' appear in the volume as follows:
a. Admissions from 1943-1953 appear on one page titled 'New Committals to Home of the Good Shepherd'.

Entries include: (1) Number, (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of Admission, (5) Religion, and (6) Charge;
b. For the period 1945-1969 brief admission records relating to all government controlled homes are entered into hand-drawn columns across two pages. Each column is headed with an abbreviation of the name of a particular Home, such as ‘HGS’ for Home of the Good Shepherd;
c. Two further sections contain brief admission information relating to the Home of the Good Shepherd for the periods 1953-1959 and 1958-1965.

3. Bedford Park Boys’ Training Centre
Brief details regarding admissions to Bedford Park appear near the end of the volume and cover the period 30/6/1962-30/6/1965.

4. Boys Reformatory, Magill
Admissions to the Boys Reformatory, Magill, appear in the volume as follows:
a. Admissions in the period 1/7/1931-30/6/1942 are recorded on one page titled ‘New committals to Boys Reformatory, Magill’. Entries include: (1) Number, (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of Admission, (5) Religion, (6) Charge;
b. From 1945-1969 brief admission records relating to all government controlled homes are entered into hand-drawn columns across two pages. Each column is headed with an abbreviation of the name of a particular Home, such as ‘BRM’ for Boys Reformatory, Magill;
c. Two further sections contain brief admission information relating to the Reformatory. These entries cover the periods 1/7/1941-1961 and 1960-1968.

5. Edwardstown Industrial School
Admissions to the Edwardstown Industrial School appear in the volume as follows:
a. Admissions in the period 1/7/1931-30/6/1942 and 1/7/1941-30/6/1942 are recorded on one page titled ‘New committals/remands to the Industrial School’. Entries include: (1) Number, (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of Admission, (5) Religion, (6) Charge;
b. From 1945-1969 brief admission records relating to all government controlled homes are entered into hand-drawn columns across two pages. Each column is headed with an abbreviation of the name of a particular Home, such as ‘IS’ for Industrial School;
c. One further section contains brief admission information relating to the Industrial School. This entry covers the periods 1/7/1941-30/6/1959.

6, 7 & 8 Glandore Industrial School, Glandore Children’s Home and Glandore Boys’Home
Brief details regarding admissions to the Industrial School at Glandore, the renamed Glandore Children’s Home and Glandore Boys Home, appear in the latter half of the volume and cover the period 1/7/1941-1968.

9. Seaforth Home
Admissions to Seaforth Home appear as follows:
a. From 1945-1969 brief admission records relating to all government controlled homes are entered into hand-drawn columns across two pages. Each column is headed with an abbreviation of the name of a particular Home, such as ‘Seaforth’ for Seaforth Home;
b. Two further sections contain brief admission information relating to the Reformatory. These entries cover the periods 1/7/1944-1961 and 1960-1968.

10. Vaughan House
Admissions to Vaughan House are included in two sections near the end of the volume covering the period 1/7/1949-1960 and 1960-1965.

11. Barton Vale Girls’ Home
Admissions to Barton Vale Girls’ Home appear in the volume as follows:
a. Admissions in the period 1/7/1931-30/6/1943 are recorded on one page titled ‘New committals to Barton Vale School, Enfield’. Entries include: (1) Number, (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of Admission, (5) Religion, (6) Charge. Many girls’ names are crossed out – reason unknown.;
b. From 1945-1969 brief records relating to all government controlled homes are entered into hand-drawn columns across two pages. Each column is headed with an abbreviation of the name of a particular Home, such as ‘BVS’ for Barton Vale School.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- Boys Reformatory, Magill (1891 - 1967)
- Edwardstown Industrial School (1898 - 1949)
- Barton Vale Girls' Home (1922 - 1947)
  Held by State Records of SA. This thick register contains general admission information relating to Homes under the control of the government and includes admissions for Barton Vale Girls Home.
- Catholic Girls' Home Parkside (1930 - 1943)
  Held by State Records of SA. This register is a single thick volume that contains general admission information for homes under the control of the government. It includes a section titled New Committals to Catholic Girls Home, Parkside.
- Convent of the Good Shepherd "The Pines" (1942 - 1974)
- Glandore Industrial School (1949 - 1958)
- Glandore Children's Home (1958 - 1966)
- Bedford Park Boys' Training Centre (1961 - 1965)
- Department of Social Welfare, South Australian Government (1966 - 1970)
- Glandore Boys' Home (1966 - 1973)

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