

Annual Reports of the State Children's Council and the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department

1887 – 1960

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Records Location

These records are part of [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)

Details

The Archival Series, Annual Reports of the State Children's Council and the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department, is made up of yearly reports containing updates on developments at Homes under the control of the State Children's Council and its successor, the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board. Some information on Cottage Homes can also be found in these reports including some photographs. Quantity: 9 bound volumes.

Access Conditions

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Records

Numbers of children accommodated in the Homes under the control of the State Children's Council and the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department are included but the reports contain no personal information. Cottage Homes – Early reports contain brief updates on the development of all cottage homes under a general heading of Cottage Homes. Later reports only give the number of cottage homes operating each year and no other details. A table of expenditure in the appendices provides names of homes operating each year and the numbers of children accommodated.

Photos of Merrilama Cottage are included in the annual report for 1960; Spence Cottage in the annual report for 1966; and Stirling Cottage in the annual report for 1962.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Boys Reformatory, Magill \(1891 - 1967\)](#)
- [Girls' Reformatory, Edwardstown \(1891 - 1898\)](#)
- [Catholic Girls' Reformatory, Kapunda \(1897 - 1909\)](#)
- [St John the Baptist Home for Boys \(1898 - 1941\)](#)
- [Edwardstown Industrial School \(1898 - 1949\)](#)

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- [Central Depot \(1900 - 1965\)](#)
- [Barton Vale Girls' Home \(1922 - 1947\)](#)
- [Catholic Girls' Home Parkside \(1930 - 1943\)](#)
- [St John's Boys Town \(1941 - 1954\)](#)
- [Convent of the Good Shepherd "The Pines" \(1942 - 1974\)](#)
- [The Boarding section of the Salesian School \(1954 - 1984\)](#)
- [Campbell House Farm School, Meningie \(1959 - 1963\)](#)
- [Bedford Park Boys' Training Centre \(1961 - 1965\)](#)

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