

Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors

1849 – c. 1987

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Related Organisations

- [Destitute Asylum \(1851 - c. 1917\)](#)
- [Magill Industrial School \(1869 - 1898\)](#)
- [Boys' Reformatory Hulk, Fitzjames \(1880 - 1891\)](#)
- [Girls Reformatory, Magill \(1881 - 1891\)](#)
- [Boys Reformatory, Magill \(1891 - 1967\)](#)
- [Girls' Reformatory, Edwardstown \(1891 - 1898\)](#)

- [Redruth Girls' Reformatory \(1897 - 1922\)](#)
- [St John the Baptist Home for Boys \(1898 - 1941\)](#)
- [Central Depot \(1900 - 1965\)](#)
- [Seaforth Convalescent Home \(1921 - 1946\)](#)
- [Barton Vale Girls' Home \(1922 - 1947\)](#)
- [Morialta Protestant Children's Home \(1924 - 1972\)](#)
- [Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1927 - 1966\)](#)
- [Catholic Girls' Home Parkside \(1930 - 1943\)](#)
- [St John's Boys Town \(1941 - 1954\)](#)
- [Convent of the Good Shepherd "The Pines" \(1942 - 1974\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Boys' Home, Mount Barker \(1945 - 1982\)](#)
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- [Kumanka Boys' Hostel \(1946 - 1980\)](#)
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- [Glandore Industrial School \(1949 - 1958\)](#)
- [The Boarding section of the Salesian School \(1954 - 1984\)](#)
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- [Glandore Boys' Home \(1966 - 1973\)](#)
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- [Reception Cottage, Glandore/Somerton Park \(1973 - 1979\)](#)
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- [South Australian Youth Remand and Assessment Centre \(1979 - 1993\)](#)
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- [Minutes - State Children's Council, later the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1886 - 1965\)](#)
- [Annual Reports of the State Children's Council and the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department \(1887 - 1960\)](#)
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- [Register of Admissions - Industrial School, Edwardstown \(1903 - 1908\)](#)
- [Agreements and correspondence with doctors for the medical treatment of State Children and wards of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department \(1904 - 1952\)](#)
- [Punishment Book, Boys Reformatory, Magill \(1911 - 1934\)](#)
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- [Daily returns of children in the Industrial Schools, Edwardstown Industrial School \(1921 - 1939\)](#)
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- [Correspondence files \('CW & PRD' and 'SW' files\) -Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department and successors \(1927 - c. 1979\)](#)
- [Mortality record book of children in the care of the Department, Social Welfare Department and Predecessors \(1927 - 1974\)](#)
- [Returns of children in the care of the Department, Social Welfare Department and Predecessors \(1927 - 1928\)](#)
- [Register of New Committals \(1931 - 1968\)](#)
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