

Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board

1927 – 1966

Details

The Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board replaced both the State Children's Council and the Destitute Board in 1926 as a result of the passing of the Maintenance Act 1926. The new Board took responsibility for all matters relating to destitute and neglected children and adults and had the power to proclaim institutions for State children. The Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board was abolished in 1965 with the passing of the Maintenance Act Amendment Act 1965. It was replaced by the Social Welfare Advisory Council which unlike the Board played only an advisory role. The powers of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board were transferred to the new Minister and Department of Social Welfare.

Under the provisions of the Maintenance Act 1926, the powers and functions of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board included:

- the care, management and control of the persons and property of all State children, and the supervision of all children nursed by foster mothers
- the power to apprentice and place out State children
- the power to licence fit and proper persons to be foster mothers to children under the age of 7 years
- the supervision of all illegitimate children under the age of 7 years, and the homes of such children
- the power to appoint institutions for the reception, detention, education, employment, training or reformation of State children
- the control, supervision and management of institutions

More info

Chronology

- Destitute Board, South Australian Government (1849 - 1886)
 - State Children's Council (1886 - 1927)
- **Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board (1927 – 1966)**
 - Department of Social Welfare, South Australian Government (1966 - 1970)
 - Department of Social Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs, South Australian Government (1970 - 1972)
 - Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government (1972 - 1990)
 - Department for Family and Community Services, South Australian Government (1990 - 1998)
 - Family and Youth Services, Department of Human Services, South Australian Government (1998 - 2004)

Related Entries

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- [Bedford Park Boys' Training Centre \(1961 - 1965\)](#)
Date: 1961 - 1965
- [Boys Reformatory, Magill \(1891 - 1967\)](#)
Date: 1927 - 1966
- [Brookway Park \(1965 - 1978\)](#)
Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department, and its successors, ran Brookway Park.
Date: 1965 - 1966
- [Central Depot \(1900 - 1965\)](#)
Date: 1927 - 1965
- [Edwardstown Industrial School \(1898 - 1949\)](#)
Date: 1927 - 1950
- [Glandore Industrial School \(1949 - 1958\)](#)
Date: 1950 - 1958
- [Lochiel Park Boys' Training Centre \(1958 - 1995\)](#)
Date: 1947 - 1966
- [Seaforth Convalescent Home \(1921 - 1946\)](#)
Date: 1927 - 1946
- [Struan Farm School, Naracoorte \(1947 - 1969\)](#)
Date: 1947 - 1966
- [Vaughan House \(1947 - 1979\)](#)
Date: 1947 - 1966
- [Allambi Girls' Hostel \(1947 - 1977\)](#)
Allambi Girls' Hostel was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1947 - 1966
- [Davenport House \(1964 - 1977\)](#)
Davenport House was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1964 - 1966
- [Kumanka Boys' Hostel \(1946 - 1980\)](#)
Kumanka Boys' Hostel was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1946 - 1966
- [Stuart House Boys' Hostel \(1964 - 1990\)](#)
Stuart House Boys' Hostel was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1964 - 1966
- [Clark Cottage, Clarence Park \(1963 - 1979\)](#)
Clark Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1963 - 1966
- [Colton Cottage, Thorngate \(1965 - 1982\)](#)
Colton Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1965 - 1966
- [Merrilama Cottage, Glenelg \(1960 - 1979\)](#)
Merrilama Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1960 - 1966
- [Port Pirie Cottage \(1962 - 1972\)](#)
Port Pirie Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1962 - 1966
- [Spence Cottage, Kensington Gardens \(1963 - 1980\)](#)
Spence Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1963 - 1966
- [Stirling Cottage, St Peters \(1962 - 1979\)](#)
Stirling Cottage was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.
Date: 1962 - 1966
- [Glandore Children's Home \(1958 - 1966\)](#)
Date: 1958 - 1966
- [Seaforth Home \(1946 - 1975\)](#)
Date: 1946 - 1966

Related Organisations

- [Catholic Girls' Home Parkside \(1930 - 1943\)](#)
Sisters of St Joseph ran the Catholic Girls' Home Parkside under the control of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board.
Date: 1930 - 1943
- [Convent of the Good Shepherd "The Pines" \(1942 - 1974\)](#)
The Convent of the Good Shepherd "The Pines" was run by the Order of the Good Shepherd Sisters under the control of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board.
Date: 1941 - 1966
- [St John the Baptist Home for Boys \(1898 - 1941\)](#)
Brothers of St John the Baptist ran St John's Boys Town 1898-1942, under the control of the State Children's Council and its successor, the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board 1898-1941
Date: 1927 - 1941
- [Barton Vale Girls' Home \(1922 - 1947\)](#)
Barton Vale Girls' Home was run by the Salvation Army, under the control of the State Children's Council and its successor the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board.
Date: 1927 - 1947
- [The Salvation Army Boys' Home, Mount Barker \(1945 - 1982\)](#)
The Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board conducted regular inspections of The Salvation Army Boys' Home, Mt Barker as part of its legislative requirements
Date: 1950 - 1966
- [The Salvation Army Girls' Home, Fullarton \(1945 - 1969?\)](#)
The Salvation Army Girls' Home, Fullarton, was regularly inspected by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board, and its successors, from 1950
Date: 1950 - 1966
- [St John's Boys Town \(1941 - 1954\)](#)
The Salesians of Don Bosco ran St John's Boys Town under the control of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board.
Date: 1941 - 1942
- [Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department, South Australian Government \(1927 - 1966\)](#)
- [Girls' Probationary School \(1901 - 1945\)](#)
The Salvation Army ran the Girls' Probationary School under the supervision of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board
Date: 1927 - 1945

Related Legislation

- [Maintenance Act 1926, South Australia \(1927 - 1972\)](#)
- [Maintenance Act Amendment Act 1965, South Australia \(1966 - 1972\)](#)
The Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board was abolished in 1965 with the passing of the Maintenance Act Amendment Act, 1926-1965.

Records

Records

- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
 - [Records created by the State Children's Department \(1886 - 1927\)](#)
 - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
 - [Minutes - State Children's Council, later the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1886 - 1965\)](#)
 - [Correspondence files \('CW & PRD' and 'SW' files\) -Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department and successors \(1927 - c. 1979\)](#)
 - [Case cards, alphabetical by surname - Women Police Branch, South Australian Police Department \(c. 1940 - 1974\)](#)
 - [Case cards, arranged by subject - Women Police Branch, South Australian Police Department \(1960 - 1973\)](#)
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