

# Blair Athol Unit

1982 –

## Details

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The Blair Athol Unit was opened by the government in Blair Athol in 1982 as a Home Care Unit. Home Care Units were located in the private homes of senior residential care workers who agreed to care for a small number of children who had been in State care for a long period, for whom other placements could not be found. The closing date of the Unit is unknown.

The Blair Athol Unit was opened by the Department for Community Welfare at 1 Deakin Street, Blair Athol in 1982. It operated as a Home Care Unit and initially took in four children from Colton Cottage at Thorngate when it closed that year.

In Home Care Units a small number of children were cared for in the homes of senior residential care workers. The 1982 Annual Report of the Department for Community Welfare described Home Care Units as accommodation for young people who had been in care over a long period of time and could not easily live in one of the assessment or therapeutic unit which had been established during the 1970s-1980s. Children, who could not return home, or be placed in foster care or a non-government home without serious emotional consequences, might be placed in a Home Care Unit.

The closing date of the Blair Athol Unit is unknown.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Colton Cottage, Thorngate \(1965 - 1982\)](#)

When Colton Cottage Thorngate closed in 1982 four children from the Cottage were moved to the Blair Athol Unit.

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