

# Ningana Community Unit

1979 – 1984?

## Details

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During the 1970s and into the 1980s, the department used smaller residential care units for State children rather than large institutions. Each metropolitan region had a number of units which were used for different purposes. Admission Units provided short term crisis care; Assessment Units were used for teenage young offenders and other units provided therapeutic care for children with specific needs. Community Units provided longer term care. Units generally accommodated up to eight children.

As a Community Unit, Ningana provided longer term accommodation and support for children in State care usually from the age of eight to upper teens. It also assisted young people in their transition to living independently.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

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

#### Related Organisations

- [Brookway Park \(1965 - 1978\)](#)  
Ningana Community Unit operated on the site of the former Brookway Park
- [Brookway Unit \(c. 1984 - 1992\)](#)  
It is possible that Brookway Unit was the new name given to the former Ningana Community Unit.

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Child Welfare Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors, South Australia \(1862 - 2000\)](#)
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