

# Southern Region Group Home

1979 – 1990

## Details

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The Southern Region Group Home was the new name given to the Merrilama Cottage at 36 Gordon Street, Glenelg, in 1979. Run by the Department for Community Welfare, the Group Home accommodated up to eight teenage young offenders who were deemed as requiring therapeutic care.

After the passing of the 1972 Community Welfare Act, the welfare department was restructured and the management of residential care was decentralised. The metropolitan area was divided into regions and each region was provided with a similar group of facilities for smaller group care. In keeping with a new focus on assessment of children after they were admitted into care and developing individual programs for children, each region had an Admission Unit, a Community Unit and a Group Home. Group Homes usually accommodated older children for longer periods of time.

In 1981 the Southern Region Group Home was moved from Glenelg to 58 Pleasant Avenue, Glandore, on the site of the former Pleasant Avenue Cottage.

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## Gallery

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**Southern Cross Homes, Glandore**

**Description:** The library description states: Front entrance of Southern Cross Homes, Pleasant Avenue, Glandore. Formerly Windana Boys Home, it was demolished September 2001. Photograph taken October 1989. This image was published in the Finding Your Own Way guide.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Merrilama Cottage, Glenelg (1960 - 1979)
  - **Southern Region Group Home (1979 – 1990)**
    - Glandore Community Unit (1990 - 1994)

## Related Entries

### Run by

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

### Related Events

- [Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry, South Australia \(2004 - 2008\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Pleasant Avenue Cottage \(1975 - 1979\)](#)

In 1981 the Southern Region Group Home opened at 58 Pleasant Avenue, Glandore, in the former Pleasant Avenue Cottage

## 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 \(1862 - 2000\)](#)
  - [Government Child and Social Welfare Client Files, State Records of South Australia \(1900 - 2014\)](#)
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