

# Sturt Community Unit

1990 – 1995

**Other Names:** • Marion Flats

## Details

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Sturt Community Unit was the new name given to Unit Living, Marion, in 1990. Run by the government it consisted of five self-contained units in Sturt. The Sturt Unit provided longer term residential care and support to a range of children in State care. In 1995 the Sturt Community Unit closed and was replaced by the Sturt Assessment Unit.

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Community Units provided longer term residential care and support to a range of children in State care. These included young people remanded by the Children's Court, children deemed to be 'at risk' and some children considered to have behavioural problems. Some Community Units were designed to provide assistance to young people making the transition to independent living.

The Report from the Children in State Care Inquiry 2004-2008 states that in the 1990s children as young as eight years of age were sometimes placed in Community Units and that at times, young children were placed with older residents.

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In 1995 the Sturt Community Unit was replaced by the purpose-built Sturt Assessment Unit which was built on the same site.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Unit Living, Marion (1974 - 1990)
  - **Sturt Community Unit (1990 – 1995)**
  - Sturt Assessment Unit (1995 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Family and Community Services, South Australian Government \(1990 - 1998\)](#)

## Related Organisations

- [Clarence Park Assessment Unit \(c. 1990 - c. 1992\)](#)

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# 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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