

# Cann Home

1924 – 1957

## Details

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Cann Home was built in 1924 as an addition to the Methodist Children's Homes at Magill, joining Roberts Home and Greenslade Home. Cann Home provided accommodation for older boys, while Greenslade housed girls, and Roberts Home was used for younger boys. When it was first built, Cann Home was designed to cater for 30-35 boys. In 1957 Cann Home was altered to create two independent living units named Cann and l'Anson Cottages.

Cann Home was built in November 1924 as an addition to the Methodist Children's Homes at Penfold Road, Magill. It joined two other buildings, Roberts Home and Greenslade Home. Greenslade Home provided accommodation for girls. The new Cann Home was created to cater for older boys and this allowed Roberts Home to be used specifically for younger boys.

A newspaper article printed just prior to the opening of the Cann Home in 1924 described it as follows:

*The Home is fitted with every convenience. The rooms are large and lofty, and there are wide sleeping-out verandahs. A carpenter's shop has been built, and the boys will be taught carpentering, boot repairing, and other necessary things.*

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In 1928 the matron of Cann Home was Miss Lang, the matron of Roberts Home was Miss Maddeford and the Matron of Greenslade Home was Miss Roper.

In 1957 Cann Home was altered to create two independent living units named Cann Cottage and l'Anson Cottage. This renovation allowed two family groups to live independently under one roof.

## Gallery

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**Orphanage, Magill**

**Description:** This image is of the Methodist Children's Home - Cann Home, built in 1924. The library description states: Boys and staff (including two Methodist Ministers) pose in front of the Magill orphanage building. It is a large one storey building in the Federation style which appears to be situated in open countryside.



**Cann and l'Anson Cottages**

**Description:** This image shows Cann and l'Anson Cottages which operated in two halves of the same building, the former Cann Home.

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**Description:** The building formerly known as Cann Home which formed part of the Methodist Children's Homes. This building also formed Cann and l'Anson Cottages when it was partitioned and divided into the two cottage homes. This is how the building appeared in 2013.

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## Cann Home, Foundation Stone

**Description:** This is a photograph of the foundation stone of the building formerly known as Cann Home. The plaque reads "The Rev. W.H. Cann, an Ex-President of the S.A. Methodist Conference and Superintendent of the Adelaide Central Methodist Mission, raised over £6,000 and opened this Home free of debt Nov.8.1924"

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# More info

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## Chronology

- **Cann Home (1924 – 1957)**
  - l'Anson Cottage (1957 - c. 1977)
  - Cann Cottage (1957 - c. 1977)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Adelaide Central Methodist Mission \(c. 1901 - 1977\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Roberts Home \(1921 - 1954\)](#)

When Cann Home was constructed at the Methodist Children's Homes it accommodated older boys and Roberts Home was used for younger boys  
Date: 1924 - 1954
- [Greenslade Home \(1912 - 1976\)](#)

When Cann Home was built at the Methodist Children's Home in 1924 Greenslade Home became a residence for girls only.
- [Methodist Children's Homes \(1924 - 1960\)](#)

Cann Home was one of the residences for children that formed the Methodist Children's Homes.  
Date: 1924 - 1957

## Resources

- [PROGRESSIVE METHODISM - Children's Home Extension](#), The Register, 3 March 1924
- [NEW HOME FOR BOYS - Opening Ceremony Held](#), The Mail, 8 November 1924

# Records

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

## Records

- [Records of Methodist Children's Home/Lentara \(c. 1905 - 1980s\)](#)
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