

# Roberts Home

1921 – 1954

## Details

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Roberts Home was opened in 1921 as the second residence for children at the Methodist Children's Home site at Magill. It accommodated boys aged 9 to 13 and the first residence, Greenslade Home, was used for girls and boys from 2 to 8 years of age. In 1924, when Cann Home was built for older boys, Roberts Home was used for the younger boys. Roberts Home was badly damaged in an earthquake in 1954. It was replaced in 1964 with Roberts Cottage.

Roberts Home was opened in 1921 as the second residence for children at the Methodist Children's Home site at Penfold Road, Magill. The Mission purchased an existing six room building on land adjoining the Magill property some months earlier. The aim of the purchase was to open a Home for boys while retaining the original Home, Greenslade, for girls. A newspaper article at the time of the building's official opening ceremony, on Saturday 30 September 1921, stated that Roberts Home would accommodate 20 boys. The Home was named for Mr J. P. Roberts who donated the original Largs Bay cottage used as the Methodist Children's Home before its move to Magill.

During May 1921 Roberts Home was furnished and the first nine boys moved in. The verandah of the building was then enclosed to create another six-bed dormitory. The boys in the Home, aged between 9 and 14, were cared for by a Matron and Sister. Younger boys between the ages of 2 and 8 remained in Greenslade Home with the girls.

In 1924 when a new residence, Cann Home, was built for older boys, Roberts Home was renovated and repainted and used for the care of the younger boys.

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

Roberts Home was badly damaged in the 1954 Adelaide earthquake. As a result it was closed and the building was later demolished. A new building, erected on the site in 1964, was called Roberts Cottage.

## Gallery

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**Roberts Home**

**Description:** The caption provided states: Photo of Roberts Home before the devastating 1954 Earthquake, Home for Toddlers at the Magill Methodist Children's Home, facing Penfold Road on corner of Adelaide Street in MAGILL near Primary school, Built and Opened in 1921 by the Methodist Mission. This webpage is no longer in operation. This URL was taken from the wayback machine and is dated 19 July 2018.

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### Roberts Home, children

**Description:** The caption provided states: 1949-1950, ROBERTS HOME, at Magill Methodist Children's Home, on corner of Adelaide Street and Facing Penfold Road at MAGILL next to the Primary School, built and opened in 1921, Damaged in the 1954 Earthquake, at 3.40am on 1st March 1954, [ 5.6mag ] later demolished and new home built in 1964, called Roberts Cottage, "Toddlers Home". This webpage is no longer in operation. This URL was taken from the wayback machine and is dated 13 March 2018.

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### Roberts Home, children in metal rocker with house mothers

**Description:** The caption provided states: Robert's Home Children in Metal Rocker with House Mothers standing behind, Miss Patterson on right, & with the Wood Shed behind, at the Magill Methodist Children's Home along Penfold Road at MAGILL. This webpage is no longer in operation. This URL was taken from the wayback machine and is dated 19 July 2018.

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### Roberts Home, children in yard

**Description:** The caption provided states: Young Children in Roberts Home yard area, at the Magill Methodist Children's Home along Penfold Road and Adelaide Street, note CANN Home behind on left, and the May Roper Recreation Hall on right behind, 1955. This webpage is no longer in operation. This URL was taken from the wayback machine and is dated 7 March 2018.

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

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- [Cann Home \(1924 - 1957\)](#)  
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
  - [Roberts Cottage \(1964 - 1980s\)](#)  
Roberts Cottage, Lentara, was built on the site of the former Roberts Home of the Methodist Children's Homes
  - [Methodist Children's Home \(1905 - 1924\)](#)  
Roberts Home was the second residence for children opened at the Methodist Children's Home in Magill  
Date: 1921 - 1924
  - [Greenslade Home \(1912 - 1976\)](#)  
When Roberts Home was built at the Methodist Children's Home to house older boys, Greenslade Home became a residence for girls and younger boys only.
  - [Methodist Children's Homes \(1924 - 1960\)](#)  
Roberts Home was one of the residences for children that formed the Methodist Children's Homes  
Date: 1924 - 1954
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