

Glandore Boys' Home

1966 – 1973

Details

Glandore Boys' Home was the new name for Glandore Children's Home from 1966. The name recognised that this government-run Home had for many years accommodated only boys. Situated at Glandore, the Home took in boys committed to the care of the State. Glandore Boys' Home closed in 1973 and buildings on the property were converted to cottages known as Slade Cottage and Reception Cottage and one family group home known as the Glandore Family Home.

From 1966 Glandore Children's Home was referred to in Annual Reports as Glandore Boys' Home, acknowledging the fact that it was an institution for boys only. The Home took in boys committed to the care of the State who were deemed to be destitute, neglected or uncontrollable. Boys slept in dormitories divided mostly by age. Overcrowding, however, meant that often older boys were placed in dormitories with younger boys due to the lack of alternative accommodation for them.

In a 1966-67 file related to Glandore Boys Home staff members reported their concerns about the behaviour of a number of boys at the Home. They noted cases of sexual misconduct, stand-over tactics and bullying of younger vulnerable boys by older boys. The children at the Home were described as 'frightened' and 'starved for affection'.

Glandore Boys Home came under strong scrutiny during the 2004-2008 Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry. Numerous allegations of sexual and physical abuse were investigated, many related to very young boys.

During the early 1970s the department believed it was important for boys to be quickly moved out of a large institution like Glandore into smaller group situations in foster homes, cottage homes and/or hostels. At this time, younger boys up to the age of eight were housed in a separate part of the Home, under the supervision of a Dormitory Mother. However, the number of boys in the Home still meant that boys over the age of eight were accommodated with older boys.

The 1972 departmental Annual Report notes that 37 boys were moved out of Glandore that year. Most were moved to into cottage care. Ten boys were sent to the Lochiel Park Boys Training Centre.

On 4 February 1973, as a result of the passing of the Community Welfare Act 1972, Glandore Boys' Home closed as large congregate care institution. In 1972 some of the buildings on the property had already been converted into smaller cottage homes, including Slade Cottage, which was to be a therapeutic cottage home for twelve boys, Reception Cottage which accommodated up to nine boys, and a Family Group Home for four residents known as the Glandore Family Home.

Gallery



Glandore Industrial Home/Children's Home

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Glandore Boys Home, Clark Cottage

Description: This is a photograph of a building, prior to its restoration, that was part of Glandore Boys' Home.



Slade Cottage, Glandore

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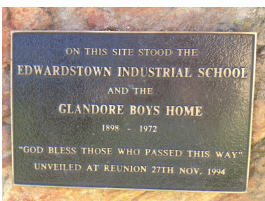
Glandore Community Centre - memorial stone

Description: This is a photograph showing the position of the memorial plaque to the Edwardstown Industrial School and the Glandore Boys Home, embedded in a rock.



Glandore Industrial School

Description: This is a copy of a photo from the archival series 'Photographs of Departmental Institutions', Volume 1, the original caption states: 'The front of the Industrial School at Naldera Street, Glandore, a home for neglected wards of the State.'



Glandore Community Centre - plaque

Description: This is a photograph a plaque that reads "On this site stood the Edwardstown Industrial School and the Glandore Boys Home 1898-1972. "God bless those who passed this way". Unveiled at reunion 27th Nov. 1994"

More info

Chronology

- Magill Industrial School (1869 - 1898)
- Edwardstown Industrial School (1898 - 1949)
 - Glandore Industrial School (1949 - 1958)
 - Glandore Children's Home (1958 - 1966)

- **Glandore Boys' Home (1966 – 1973)**
 - Reception Cottage, Glandore/Somerton Park (1973 - 1979)
 - Slade Cottage, Glandore/Somerton Park (1973 - 1988)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Department of Social Welfare, South Australian Government \(1966 - 1970\)](#)
Date: 1966 - 1970
- [Department of Social Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs, South Australian Government \(1970 - 1972\)](#)
Date: 1970 - 1972
- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)
Date: 1972 - 1973

Related Events

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

Related Organisations

- [Glandore Family Home \(1972 - 1975\)](#)
Glandore Family Home was situated in the grounds of Glandore Boys' Home
- [Windana Remand Home \(1965 - 1975\)](#)
Windana Remand Home was located within the grounds of the Glandore Boys' Home

Related Legislation

- [Community Welfare Act 1972, South Australia \(1972 - current\)](#)

Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

Resources

- Morley, Charles, *The Glandore Story: from Hulk to Haven*, 1995
- O'Neill, Cate, [More photographs unearthed](#), Find & Connect web resource blog, 19 January 2016

Records

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

Records

- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
 - [Records of the Department for Community Welfare and Successor Agencies \(1972 - current\)](#)
 - [Glandore Boys' Home \[Supervisor's Notes\] \(1966 - 1967\)](#)
 - [Register of New Committals \(1931 - 1968\)](#)
 - [Correspondence files \('CW & PRD' and 'SW' files\) -Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department and successors \(1927 - c. 1979\)](#)
 - [General administration files, multiple number, closed series - Department for Community Welfare and successor agencies \(c. 1972 - c. 1998\)](#)
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