

# Broken Hill Shelter

1942 – c. 1994

## Details

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Broken Hill Shelter was established in 1942 by the Child Welfare Department as a remand home for children defined as delinquent. By the 1950s it mainly operated as housing for children awaiting their hearings at the nearby Broken Hill Children's Court. There was room for six boys and girls up to the age of 18 years. In a local newspaper in 1944 it was stated that the home also on occasion took in "neglected infants". The Broken Hill Shelter was managed by a Child Welfare Officer, whose family, at least initially, lived at the home with the remanded children. The shelter was transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice in 1991. In 1993 it was functioning as a five-bed remand centre. It has since been closed.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Silverton Shelter (1920s - 1936)
  - Kurnell Gardens (1936 - 1942)
- **Broken Hill Shelter (1942 – c. 1994)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare, State Government of New South Wales \(1970 - 1973\)](#)  
Date: 1970 - 1994
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1973 - 1975\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1923 - 1970\)](#)
- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1976 - 1988\)](#)
- [Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Affairs, State Government of New South Wales \(1975 - 1976\)](#)  
Date: 1975 - 1976
- [Department of Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1992 - 2009\)](#)
- [Department of Juvenile Justice, State Government of New South Wales \(1990 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1990 - 1994
- [Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1988 - 1991\)](#)  
Date: 1988 - 1990

### Resources

- Child Welfare Department, [Annual Report: Child Welfare Department of New South Wales](#), 1923 - 1970
- Department of Justice, [History](#), Children's Court of New South Wales, 2012
- [Pleasant Surroundings of Child Welfare Centre; Work of Mr & Mrs Lawton](#), Barrier Miner, 26 October 1944
- [What is the Fate of Kurnell Gardens?](#), Barrier Miner, 9 September 2042

# Records

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

## Records

- [Departmental Records relating to State Wards, New South Wales \(1918 - current\)](#)
  - [Detainee files, Department of Juvenile Justice \(1985 - 1992\)](#)
  - [Children's Court information, Department of Juvenile Justice \(c. 1980 - current\)](#)
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