

# Keelong Remand Centre

1978 – 1990

**Other Names:** • Keelong Detention Centre

## Details

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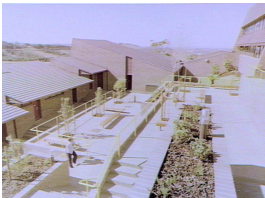
Keelong Remand Centre was established at Unanderra by the Department of Youth and Community Services in 1978. It was a remand home for boys who were defined as delinquent and was usually for first offenders. In 1990 the Department of Juvenile Justice took responsibility for Keelong, which became Keelong Juvenile Justice Centre.

According to the notes attached to a collection of images owned by the State Library, Keelong Remand Centre was opened by the Minister in August 1978.

In 1991 the New South Wales Ombudsman, David Landa, presented a report to the Parliament regarding the case of a boy who alleged he had been brutalised at the Mt Penang Detention Centre in 1989. The boy had been moved from Keelong, and stated to the Ombudsman that he preferred the regime there, which was much gentler than that at Mt Penang. Landa reported that Keelong was for first offenders and boys needing support, and that it was a much more appropriate place for the boy in question.

## Gallery

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**Keelong Remand Centre, Unanderra**



**Minister Opens Keelong Remand Centre Unanderra**

**Description:** This image shows the outside of the Keelong Remand Centre.



**Minister Opens Keelong Remand Centre Unanderra**

**Description:** This image shows the exterior of Keelong Remand Centre. Please note the State Library of New South Wales's Government Printing Office collection of photographs taken in August 1978 includes a range of images of the buildings and the official opening of the Keelong Remand Centre.

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# More info

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## Chronology

- **Keelong Remand Centre (1978 – 1990)**
  - Keelong Juvenile Justice Centre (1990 - 2009)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Department of Youth and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1976 - 1988\)](#)  
Date: 1978 - 1988
- [Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1988 - 1991\)](#)  
Date: 1988 - 1990

### Related Organisations

- [Mount Penang Detention Centre \(1988 - 1991\)](#)  
Mount Penang Detention Centre and Keelong Remand Centre were both used for boys who were considered to be delinquent, but Keelong was usually for first offenders. Both were transferred from the Department of Family and Community Services to the Department of Juvenile Justice in 1991.  
Date: 1988 - 1991

## Resources

- McIlwain, Kate, [Keelong detention centre given new purpose](#), Illawarra Mercury, 23 March 2013

# 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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