

# Stuart House Boys' Hostel

1964 – 1990

## Details

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Stuart House Boys' Hostel was opened in North Adelaide by the government in 1964 as a home for older school boys under the care of the Department. On average the Hostel accommodated 14 boys. Boys attended local schools and took part in other community activities. In 1990 Stuart House Boys' Hostel closed was renamed the North Adelaide Community Unit.

A property at 52 Hill Street, North Adelaide, was purchased by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department in 1963. It was named Stuart House Boys' Hostel and operated as a home for older school boys under the care of the Department. It was named after explorer John McDouall Stuart who departed on an expedition from nearby the site in 1861. The first boys took up residence at the Hostel on 3 February 1964. The maximum number of boys accommodated in the first years was 23, with the average being 14.

Boys attended local primary or high school and with permission took part in sport and other activities in the community. Boys' progress at school was monitored and they were assisted with homework. Facilities for hobbies and other recreational activities were provided at the home. Church attendance was encouraged and arranged by home staff. The boys received pocket money from the Department each week. The first Superintendent and Matron were Mr and Mrs H W Dyson.

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Stuart House Boys' Hostel was one of the institutions that came under scrutiny for allegations of abuse during the Children in State Care Inquiry 2004-2008. The majority of the reported incidents at Stuart House Boys' Hostel were from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

## Gallery

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**Stuart House Boys' Hostel**

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**Stuart House Boys' Hostel - interior**

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# More info

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## Chronology

- **Stuart House Boys' Hostel (1964 – 1990)**
  - North Adelaide Community Unit (1990 - 1997)
  - Regency Park Community Unit (1997 - current)

## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board \(1927 - 1966\)](#)  
Stuart House Boys' Hostel was run by the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.  
Date: 1964 - 1966
- [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 - 1995

### Related Events

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

### Related Organisations

- [Allambi Girls' Hostel \(1947 - 1977\)](#)  
In the mid 1970s five Hostels for children between 12 and 18 years were operating. These included Kumanka Hostel, Nindee Hostel, Luprina Hostel, Stuart House Hostel and Allambi Girls' Hostel.
- [Kumanka Boys' Hostel \(1946 - 1980\)](#)  
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- [Luprina Hostel \(1971 - current\)](#)  
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- [Nindee Hostel \(1971 - current\)](#)  
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### Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

# Records

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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 \(1972 - current\)](#)

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