

# Unit Living, Marion

1974 – 1990

**Other Names:**

- Marion Flats
- Independent Living Programme

## Details

---

Unit Living, Marion, was opened at Sturt by the government in 1974. It was a group of five self-contained units designed to allow young adults under the care of the Department to live independently as they transitioned from senior school into work. In 1990 Unit Living, Marion, became known as the Sturt Community Unit.

Unit Living , Marion, was opened by the Department of Community Welfare on 9 December 1974. It consisted of a group of five self-contained units situated on Diagonal Road, Sturt. Unit Living was designed to allow young adults under the care of the Department for Community Welfare to live independently.

The 1975 Annual Report from the Department said of Unit Living, Marion that:

*Care and accommodation is provided there for senior school students expected to move into the workforce within about 12 months. The young people living there have shown a capacity to carry on their responsibilities in a supervised situation.*

Unit Living, Marion, commonly known as Marion Flats, continued to operate until 1990. It then became known as the Sturt Community Unit.

## More info

---

### Chronology

- **Unit Living, Marion (1974 – 1990)**
  - Sturt Community Unit (1990 - 1995)
  - Sturt Assessment Unit (1995 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)

Unit Living was run by the Department for Community Welfare and its successors.  
Date: 1974 - 1989

#### Related Events

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

#### **Related Organisations**

- [Hay Community Unit \(1979 - 1989\)](#)

When the Hay Community Unit closed in 1989 all remaining girls moved to Unit Living, Marion.

## Records

---

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

## Records

- [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)
- 

You can view this page online by visiting <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/entity/unit-living-marion/>