

# The Church of England Boys' Home at Walkerville

1903 – 1955

## Details

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The Church of England Boys' Home at Walkerville was the new name given to the Children's Home at Walkerville in 1904 after the Home took in boys only. Numbers ranged from 14 up to 30. In 1926 the Home moved to a new building in the same street. The Home was run by an independent management committee that reported to the Diocese of Adelaide. In 1955 it was renamed Kennion House.

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While living in the Home the boys attended St Andrew's Day School and services in St Andrew's church. Most boys remained until the age of 14 when they left to take up employment. The boys initially lived in crowded conditions in what was described as a dark, depressing and run down building.

The poor conditions led to the Home moving to a new building next to the St Andrews church in 1926. This new one storey building had two dormitories, each with 12 beds. Plans were also made to enclose one verandah to provide further sleeping accommodation when required. More renovations were completed after the Second World War.

In 1955 the Church of England Boys' Home was informally renamed Kennion House, after Bishop GW Kennion who had been Bishop of Adelaide at the time the home opened.

## Gallery

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**Walkerville Boys' Home**

**Description:** This image shows The Church of England Boys' Home at Walkerville. The library description states: Reproduced in the 'Observer', February 28th, 1925.



**Boy's Home, Walkerville**

**Description:** This image shows the later building of the Church of England's Boys' Home at Walkerville, which was renamed Kennion House in 1955.

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# More info

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## Chronology

- The Children's Home at Walkerville (1886 - 1904)
  - **The Church of England Boys' Home at Walkerville (1903 – 1955)**
    - Kennion House (1955 - 1982)

## Related Entries

### Related Events

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

### Related Organisations

- [Karingal Youth Hostel \(1952 - 1964\)](#)  
The Karingal Youth Hostel provided accommodation for teenage boys from the Church of England Boys' Home at Walkerville.
- [Anglican Diocese of Adelaide \(1847 - current\)](#)

### Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

## Resources

- [Ivor Snaith interviewed by Karen George in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants Oral History Project \[sound recording\]](#), 15 February 2012 - 24 February 2012
- Dickey, Brian, *Giving a hand: A history of Anglicare SA since 1860*, 2003
- Bleby, Elizabeth, *Kennion House: A hundred years of children*, 1986

## Records

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

### Records

- [Kennion House Records \(1886 - 1983\)](#)

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