

# Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated

1972 – 1974

## Details

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Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated was the new name given to the Morialta Protestant Children's Home from 1972. The name referred to both the Children's Home for younger children at Norton Summit and the Toorak Gardens Boys' Hostel for older boys who were studying or working. Both were run by the same independent Board of Management. The Children's Home closed in 1974 and the Toorak Gardens Boys' Hostel closed shortly afterwards.

Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated was the new name given to the Morialta Protestant Children's Home in 1972. The new name acknowledged that the same independent Board of Management was in fact running two Homes – the Home at Norton Summit for younger children and a Hostel at Toorak Gardens for boys who had left the Children's Home and were studying or working.

During the early 1970s non-government Homes for children came under the supervision of the Department for Community Welfare. As part of a general change in the philosophy of child care, the department encouraged non-government care providers to move away from larger congregate care institutions to smaller group care. During this same era, the Children's Home was facing financial difficulties and in 1974 it was closed. The hostel at Toorak Gardens closed shortly afterwards. Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated ceased to exist and in 1976 the organisation became the Morialta Trust, a benevolent organisation providing financial and other assistance to children and others in need.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Toorak Gardens Boys' Hostel (1967 - 1972)
- Morialta Protestant Children's Home (1924 - 1972)
  - **Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated (1972 – 1974)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Morialta Protestant Children's Home, Board of Management \(1924 - 1974\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Presbyterian Church of Australia \(1901 - current\)](#)  
Representatives of the Presbyterian Church formed part of the Board of Management which ran Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated.

- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)  
Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated came under the supervision of the Department for Community Welfare in the 1970s
  - [Congregational Union of South Australia \(1837 - 1977\)](#)  
Representatives of the Congregational Union formed part of the Board of Management that ran Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated.
  - [Churches of Christ in South Australia and the Northern Territory \(1840s - current\)](#)  
Representatives of the Churches of Christ formed part of the Board of Management that ran Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated.
  - [SA Protestant Federation \(c. 1920 - current\)](#)  
Representatives of the SA Protestant Federation formed part of the Board of Management which ran Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated.
  - [Baptist Union of South Australia \(1863 - current\)](#)  
Representatives of the Baptist Union of South Australia formed part of the Board of Management which ran Morialta Children's Homes Incorporated.
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