

# Woodville Community Unit

1992 – 1993

## Details

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A community unit was a smaller group residential care unit. This term was used from the 1970s for longer term small group care. These units were to provide care and support for a range of children in State 'care' including young people on remand or children considered to be at risk. Some units catered specifically for children with severe behavioural problems. Community units also assisted in the process of transitioning young people towards independent living. In the late 1970s and early 1980s some government cottages were renamed Admission or Community units.

During the 1990s, because of a lack of foster care or residential care placements, children as young as eight were often placed in the same units as young people in their upper teens.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Woodville Assessment Unit (1990 - 1992)
  - **Woodville Community Unit (1992 – 1993)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Family and Community Services, South Australian Government \(1990 - 1998\)](#)
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