

Section 1

ANGLICAN CHURCH/ CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOMES

The Babies Home, Walkerville

Farr House

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Hostel of the Holy Name

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Kennion House

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St Mary's Mission of Hope

Anglican Social Welfare Bureau

Homes were run by independent boards of management with a Church of England philosophy. In 1981 The Church of England became known as the Anglican Church.

Records are held at the Anglican Archives, State Library of South Australia, Mitchell Library (Sydney) and in private hands. All access conditions and contact details appear at the end of the section.

The Babies Home Walkerville

The home cannot cope with all the enquiries for adoptions. Few of the mothers are willing to part with their babies and most of the requests must be refused. Last year, however, three little boys and girls went to new homes. Some of the others went home to their parents and boys of six passed on to the Walkerville Boys' Home, while girls of the same age went to the Mitcham home. There are always new claims upon the home and new babies waiting for admittance.

The News 12 October 1933

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1912-1945

Also known as: No other names

Run by: Church of England

Address: 6 Gawler Terrace, Walkerville

HISTORY

The Babies Home at Walkerville was established in 1912 as an adjunct to the House of Mercy which operated in the same suburb. While the House of Mercy was a refuge for unmarried mothers, The Babies Home focused on after-care of their babies as well as other infants in need. The House of Mercy management committee ran the home until a separate committee was formed in 1915. The leading figure in its administration was Miss Nellie Barker. In 1914 the home was caring for 14 babies. The existing cottage was replaced in the early 1920s. In 1929 it was further extended to include a new annexe named the Barker wing after Nellie Barker and her mother who provided the majority of the funding.

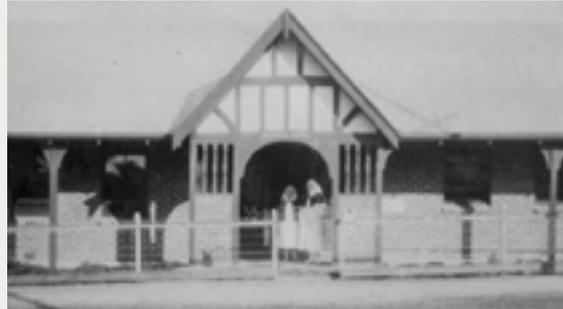
Many babies were adopted from this home. An article in 'The News', in October 1934, reported that children available for adoption from the Walkerville Babies Home were in 'such brisk demand' that the Matron of the home required the assistance of a referee in organising placements.

In 1945, a proposal to transform the home into a Mothercraft Training Centre was rejected by the Walkerville Council. This led to the closure of the home that same year and the sale of the property. St Mary's Home for children took over the role of caring for babies in need.

Drawn from summary history prepared by Brian Dickey for the Anglican Archives & State Library of South Australia summary history included with series list.

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives
- State Library of South Australia



*The Babies Home Walkerville, 1929 & 1928
Courtesy Anglican Archives*

ADMISSION RECORDS

No admission records are held by either archive.

OTHER RECORDS - Anglican Archives

General records

- **Archive reference** – Box 193, Babies Home, Walkerville
- **Date range** – 1944-1968
- **Contents** - Minutes of the Management Committee 1944-1962, Correspondence 1964-1968, Financial records. All documents concern the general running of the home and do not mention names of children.

OTHER RECORDS – State Library of South Australia

SRG 94/134 - Anglican Church of Australia/The Babies Home, Walkerville Inc.

Minutes of management committee

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/134/1
- **Date range** – 1920-1940
- **Appearance** - Three hardback notebooks of handwritten minutes of the management committee of the Babies Home, 1920-1940.
- **Contents** - Minutes include:
 - (1) Applications for admission with names listed;
 - (2) Matron's reports on general health of children and running of home;
 - (3) Visitor's reports;
 - (4) Discharges and removal of children by parents, including names;
 - (5) Children's visits to hospital;
 - (6) News clippings;
 - (7) Annual reports;
 - (8) Occasional photographs.

Child endowment claim forms

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/134/5
- **Date range** - 1941-1944
- **Appearance** - Two manila folders containing two types of claim forms.
- **Contents** - Folder 1: Forms list children for whom the Babies Home was claiming a subsidy. Information includes: (1) Admission date, (2) Surname, (3) Christian name, (4) Date of birth, (5) Father's full name, (6) Mother's maiden surname, (7) Mother's Christian name, (8) Additional information.
Folder 2: Copies of Form 51, *Schedule of Admissions and Discharges*. Information includes: (1) Surname of child, (2) Christian name, (3) Mother's name, (4) Father's name, (5) Address, (6) Date and place of birth of child, (7) Source from whom child was received into institution, (8) Date of discharge, (9) Destination to which child was discharged.

PHOTOGRAPHS

A small number of photographs are pasted into Minute Books held in the State Library collection.

BOOKS

Brian Dickey, *Giving a hand: A history of Anglicare SA since 1860* (Anglicare SA, Adelaide, 2003)

Farr House

There are at present twenty-four children in the Home enjoying the benefits and advantages which larger orphanages know nothing of. They are not merely boarded and clothed, but an attempt is made to impart an education which is of a religious and useful nature, as provided by one of our regulations; that is to say, the children are taught to frame their lives after the Highest of All Models and are trained so as to acquit themselves with credit in the state of life to which they may be called after leaving the home.

Extract from Annual Report, 1880

I was there for about six months, at approximately six years of age. There were lots of kids. I remember the bedrooms because the beds were all lined up like in the film 'Rabbit Proof Fence'. I can remember being woken up in the dark, the beds had to be made with hospital corners, we had to be dressed all before we had porridge. The porridge was like glue. To this day I can not stomach porridge and Brussels sprouts. We had to line up and march down the hill to go to school which was a fair hike. We had to sit at the long dining room tables and we had books under our arms so when we ate we were keeping good posture to eat like ladies.

Anonymous

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1860-1980

Also known as: The Orphan Home, Adelaide

Run by: Church of England

Address: Home of Mrs Gamble, Stepney 1860-1861

Carrington Street, Adelaide 1861-1908

588 Fullarton Road, Upper Mitcham 1908-1980

HISTORY

In 1860 a small group of members of the Church of England, disturbed by conditions in the Destitute Asylum in Adelaide, set about planning the establishment of a small institution to house neglected children in a home environment. That year six girls were brought together at the home of a church member, infant teacher Mrs Gamble. Shortly afterwards, the committee took over a run-down building in Carrington Street which they refurbished and opened in 1861 with a sign above the gate, *Orphan Home*. Seven girls were the first residents and over its years of operation this number rose to an average of thirty. Most girls were primary school age, but in the homes' later years teenage girls were also accepted.

The Orphan Home remained in Carrington Street until 1908. In that year it moved to the former home of Mr O'Halloran Giles at Mitcham. This home offered larger grounds so a vegetable garden was planted and space was available for keeping a cow and hens. In 1935, when the home was incorporated, it was renamed Farr House after Mrs Julia Farr whose hard work had been integral to the establishment and continuation of the home.



*Exterior of Farr House, Girls Dormitory,
Girls outside Farr House.*

All photos Courtesy Anglican Archives

Girls at the home attended daily and weekly Anglican worship and were trained in the domestic arts. Most girls were expected to leave the home at sixteen and enter into service. In later years, girls attended the local parish school, St Michaels, as well as nearby state schools. In the 1950s they were encouraged into professional training, particularly nursing.

Changes in social attitudes towards child care in the 1970s meant that the number of girls in the home declined and in 1980 the home was closed.

Drawn from Mabel Hardy, 'The first hundred years of the Orphan Home, Adelaide, Inc.' (Adelaide, 1960) and historical summary prepared by Brian Dickey, Anglican Archives.

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives
- State Library of South Australia

ADMISSION RECORDS – State Library of South Australia

SRG 94/136 - Anglican Church of Australia/Orphan Home Inc (Farr House).

Note: Original registers are held at the State Library of South Australia. Some photocopies and one original are held at Anglican Archives.

Admission register

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/136/5
- **Title** - *Orphan Home Admissions*
- **Date range** - 1898-1925
- **Appearance** - Quarto sized hardback book.
- **Contents** - This volume begins with an alphabetical index listing: (1) Name, (2) Admitted, (3) Age, (4) Page reference. Entries then span across two pages. Left hand page includes date of admission, parents' details, siblings. Right hand page gives discharge date, where discharged to and follow-up notes on other placements, marriage etc. Later entries are more detailed. The last entry appears on page 292. After a blank section pages 367-377 comprise a further index to admissions with columns: (1) Order of admission, (2) Date of admission, (3) Name of child, (4) Age when admitted, (5) Circumstances leading to admission, (6) Page reference.

Admission forms

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/136/4
- **Date range** - 1918-1938 & 1928-1938
- **Appearance** - Two Manila folders with metal binders containing completed admission forms titled *The Orphan Home, Adelaide Incorporated Application for Admission*, filed alphabetically.
- **Contents** - Forms include: (1) Name of applicant seeking admission of child, (2) Child's name in full, (3) Age and place of birth, (4) Names of father and mother, (5) Last address of father and mother, (6) If father and mother both dead, name and address of next of kin, (7) Names and addresses of near relatives, (8) To what religion does the child belong? (9) Has the child been baptised and where? (10) Names of two well-known persons to whom Committee may refer, (11) Can anything be paid towards child support?
- **Notes on contents** - Some forms include attachments such as medical certificates, correspondence and reports.

Admission register

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/136/4 (Outsized)
- **Date range** - 1934-1944
- **Appearance** - Large hardback volume with title inside front cover, *Orphan Home, Mitcham*.
- **Contents** - First page index to entries listing name of child and page reference. Then one page per child listing: (1) Name, (2) Birth date, (3) Admission date, (4) Parental details and whether still living, (5) Addresses, (6) Nearest relatives and siblings, (7) Baptismal information, (8) School attendance, (9) Employment, (10) Discharge information – when and where to, (11) Health report including information about immunisations and illnesses.
- **Notes on contents** – Entries are handwritten. Amount and order of information varies.

ADMISSION RECORDS – Anglican Archives

Admission register

- **Title** - *The Orphan Home Admissions 1918-1928*
- **Date range** – 1918-1928
- **Appearance** - Long narrow receipt book.
- **Contents** - First page index giving names of girls and page references. Then one page per child listing: (1) Name, (2) Admitted, (3) Baptised, (4) Parents, (5) Visitors, (6) Maintenance, (7) Discharge information.

OTHER RECORDS - State Library of South Australia

Minutes of management committee

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/136/1
- **Date range** – 1880-1966
- **Appearance** - Eight volumes. 1-7 are handwritten or typed and pasted into hardcover books. Volume 8 comprises typewritten minutes filed in a manila folder with metal binding. Meetings were held monthly.
- **Contents** - Minute books include information under regular headings and other subjects related to the running of the home. For example:
 - (1) Applications for admission, approved or disapproved by the committee, with children's names and details recorded under regular heading, Applications or under underlined name of child;
 - (2) Discharges recorded under the heading, Departures;
 - (3) Adoptions discussed and information given;
 - (4) Matron's and visitor's reports giving general information about activities and health of children;
 - (5) Aftercare report (from 1947) with information about particular named girls and discussion of their future;
 - (6) News clippings and copies of annual reports;
 - (7) Rules and regulations;
 - (8) Volume 8 includes a social worker's report with names of girls.

Matron's reports

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/136/3
- **Date range** - 1914-1980
- **Appearance** - Seven volumes of handwritten reports in hardback and soft cover notebooks.
- **Contents** - Monthly reports from the matron of Farr House. All reports include a list of admissions and discharges giving names of the girls. Other areas discussed include children in general, health, activities, staff, visitors, gifts to the home and household maintenance. Entries sometimes appear under the heading of an individual girl's name.

OTHER RECORDS - Anglican Archives

Miscellaneous documents

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 194-203, Farr House
- **Date range** – mostly 1960s-1980s
- **Contents** - Miscellaneous documents
 - (1) Correspondence re general running of home. No information about girls.
 - (2) Financial documents. Only one series of 1978 claim forms for government subsidies includes information about and names of girls. (See Box 198).
 - (3) Social worker's reports, 1970s with information on admissions and discharges with names. Some commentary on individual girls. (See Boxes 198 & 200).
 - (4) Diary/journals/day books 1970s-1980s. These list, in varying degrees of detail, daily occurrences at the home. Include first names of girls and brief commentary on activities and behaviour. Diaries are often merely appointment and message registers for girls. Some books list girls' weekend placements and activities including work, sport and classes. (See Boxes 195, 198 and 203).

Matron's reports

- **Archive reference** – Box 204, Farr House
- **Date range** - 1921-1952
- **Appearance** - Five volumes of handwritten monthly reports from the matron of Farr House.
- **Contents** - Reports include information under subject headings: Health, Visitors, Admissions, Departures, Outings and Holidays, Gifts, Staff and General remarks and needs. Discussion under 'admissions' and 'departures' mentions names and sometimes reasons for admission, behaviour etc. Entries also appear under heading of an individual girl's name.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Anglican Archives

Photographs of homes run by the Anglican Church/Church of England are filed together. There are a number of photographs of Farr House including the buildings and girls. Many are unlabelled and undated.

REPORTS – Anglican Archives & State Library of SA

Annual reports of the Orphan Home

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/136/10 (State Library)
- **Date range** - 1899-1979
- **Contents** - Yearly overview of activities and developments at the home. From 1950 they include photographs.

BOOKS

Brian Dickey, *Giving a hand: A history of Anglicare SA since 1860* (Anglicare SA, Adelaide, 2003)

Mabel Hardy, *The first hundred years of the Orphan Home, Adelaide, Inc.* (Adelaide, 1960)

Girls Friendly Society Lodge

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1913-1975

Also known as: No other names

Run by: Church of England Girls Friendly Society

Address: Kermode Street, North Adelaide, 1913-1916

59 Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide, 1916-1975

HISTORY

The Girls Friendly Society began in England in 1875 and in South Australia in 1879. Its object was 'to unite girls and women in a fellowship of Prayer, Service and Purity of Life for the Glory of God'. The first Girls Friendly Society lodge in South Australia opened in rented premises in Kermode Street, North Adelaide. The concept of the hostel was to provide safe, home-like accommodation for girls, particularly those from country areas, who were studying or working in the City. This first building was very small and could only house a limited number of girls. In 1916 Mrs Robert Barr-Smith bought a house in Pennington Terrace and gave it to the Society. Over the years additions were made to this building. In 1943 two new dormitories were opened, and a new kitchen and other storerooms added. During the Second World War the hostel was home to many female munitions workers. In 1968 the hostel accommodated up to 34 girls under the age of 21.

Drawn from 'The Adelaide Church Guardian' September 1959, p. 21-22; 'Directory of Social Agencies of SA', (SA Council for Social Services, 1956); 'Directory of Social Resources', (SA Council of Social Service, The Department of Public Health and The Citizen's Advice Bureau), 1968; Year Book of the Church of England 1968-1969 and Minutes of the Girls Friendly Society Council, Anglican Archives.

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives

ADMISSION RECORDS

No admission records have been located

OTHER RECORDS – Anglican Archives

The Anglican Archives hold some miscellaneous records relating to the Girls Friendly Society, including minutes and correspondence for the period 1970s-1990s. None of this material relates specifically to the Lodge.

Hostel of the Holy Name

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1945-1975

Also known as: No other names

Run by: Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name, 1945-1966
Girls Friendly Society, 1967-1975

Address: 13 Wellington Square, North Adelaide

HISTORY

In February 1945, the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name opened a hostel in North Adelaide. The property had been purchased in November of the previous year. The house was initially known as the Church of England Diocesan Mission House and it operated as a refuge for women and children in need of care. The Sisters aimed to work in close cooperation with the Welfare Department in order to care for girls on remand or probation as well as children from families 'in distress'. The hostel provided short-term care for children and the Sisters assisted in placing children into longer-term care. In 1949 the name of the hostel changed to the Hostel of the Holy Name. The focus of the institution also changed to providing a home for teenage girls from the country who were studying or working in the city. On 31 December 1966 the Sisters ceased management of the hostel and signed an agreement with the Girls Friendly Society, handing over the property for a 'peppercorn rent'. The Society took over management and continued to run the institution as a hostel for young girls. In 1968 it accommodated 25 girls. The hostel closed on 31 December 1975 and the property was sold to the Lutheran Church the following year.

Drawn from historical notes recorded by Anglican Archivist; unidentified news clipping 1944; Diocese of Adelaide Yearbook 1967/68, p. 201; 'Directory of Social Resources', (SA Council of Social Service, The Department of Public Health and The Citizen's Advice Bureau) 1968 and Minutes of the Girls Friendly Society, 1975-1976, Anglican Archives.

THE RECORDS

- State Library of SA

ADMISSION RECORDS

No admission records have been located

OTHER RECORDS – State Library of SA

- **Archive reference** – SRG 94/155
- **Title** – *Hostel of the Holy Name*
- **Date range** – 1947-1967
- **Contents** – The records of the hostel include minutes, correspondence, property and financial records. All cover the period after the hostel became a boarding house. No records have yet been located for the period when the hostel operated as a refuge.



*Hostel of the Holy Name, 1972
Courtesy Anglican Archives*

The House of Mercy Walkerville

The objects of the home are to care for young mothers in their need and to keep them and their babies for at least 12 months. During that period the mothers are taught the proper care of infant life, to care for themselves spiritually and bodily, as well as home duties. The babies are ensured a healthy and cared for start in life.

Unidentified news clipping, 1935 in Minute Book, 1933-1937

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1881-1974

Also known as: The Adelaide Retreat for Women
The House of Mercy and Retreat for Women, Walkerville Inc

Run by: Church of England

Address: 175 Stephen Terrace, Walkerville

HISTORY

The House of Mercy was founded in August 1881 and the first resident was admitted in January 1882. The institution provided shelter and care for unmarried mothers and, after the birth, their babies. A laundry, established in 1883, became an integral part of the home providing an income to assist in the cost of running the retreat as well as an occupation for the women in residence. By 1884, 16 girls and 7 babies were accommodated.

In 1906 the House of Mercy was incorporated and in 1922 it was officially named *The House of Mercy and Retreat for Women Inc*. In 1941-1942 amendments were made to the rules of the home allowing more flexibility in how long a woman stayed after the birth of her child.

While some babies stayed with their mothers, many were adopted. For example, in 1953 of the fifteen babies born in the home, eight were adopted. A member of the management committee took responsibility for interviewing and selecting prospective parents and placing babies. In 1959 the role of organising adoptions was taken over by the Church of England Social Welfare Department. By 1972 the number of girls requiring assistance had declined markedly and two years later the home was closed.

Drawn from summary written by Anglican Church Archivist, Robin Radford, November, 2000 and Minutes of management committee, 1931-1937.



*House of Mercy, front and side views
Courtesy Anglican Archives*

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives

ADMISSION RECORDS - Anglican Archives

Admission book

- **Archive reference** – Box 191, House of Mercy
- **Title** - *House of Mercy Admissions 1971-1973*
- **Date range** - 1971-1973
- **Appearance** - Black quarto sized notebook with handwritten entries over two pages.
- **Contents** - Entries include: (1) Surname, (2) Christian name, (3) Address, (4) Date of birth, (5) Age, (6) Religion, (7) Occupation, (8) Admitted, (9) Baby.
- **Notes on contents** - Entries provide information about adoption and record 'papers signed' allowing adoption, or note that mother kept baby. Book contains 28 filled pages and is the only surviving Admission register. All other admission information appears in Minute Books.

OTHER RECORDS - Anglican Archives

Minutes of management committee

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 189 & 190, House of Mercy
- **Date range** - 1933-1952 & 1952-1972
- **Appearance** - Six notebooks of handwritten and/or typed inserted minutes of the management committee of the House of Mercy.
- **Contents** - Minutes include:
 - (1) Matron's reports on number of girls in residence and their babies, often with names;
 - (2) Applications for admission and confirmation of acceptance with names given;
 - (3) Adoptions, including names and information;
 - (4) Baptisms;
 - (5) Social worker's report (1970s) – no names mentioned;
 - (6) Financial records;
 - (7) News clippings.
- **Notes on contents** - Aboriginal girls are occasionally identified, though not named. Many names of girls and babies in later minute books (from 1952) have been blacked out.

Matron's reports

- **Archive reference** – Box 191, House of Mercy
- **Date range** - 1935-1939
- **Appearance** - Duplicate letter book with carbon copies of matron's reports, often faint and difficult to read. Reports give the names of girls and babies.

Social worker's reports

- **Archive reference** – Box 192, House of Mercy
- **Date range** - 1965-1968 & 1972-1974
- **Contents** - Monthly reports containing no names, mostly general subjects.

Miscellaneous records

- **Archive reference** – Box 192, House of Mercy
- **Date range** – Mostly 1960s-1970s
- **Contents** - Correspondence, general information on rules and history of the home, information on meals (1966), staff information and site plans. Virtually none of this material concerns individual women or mentions names.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Anglican Archives

Small number of photographs of the House of Mercy, mostly of buildings.

REPORTS – Anglican Archives

Annual reports of the House of Mercy

- **Date range** - 1950, 1952, 1958, 1959, 1960-1974
- **Contents** - Small booklets with a chairman's report and later a social worker's report. Provides information on numbers and activities of girls at the home and the number of babies born and adopted out. No photographs.

BOOKS

Brian Dickey, *Giving a hand: A history of Anglicare SA since 1860* (Anglicare SA, Adelaide, 2003)

Karingal Youth Hostel

The ruling idea of the Boys' Home Committee is: We want every boy to have his chance, the chance to become whatever he is fitted for. But where are they to live while their apprentice wages or student allowances are less than the ruling rates for board and lodging? The answer now is "At Karingal, the Church of England Youth Hostel".

'The Adelaide Church Guardian', 1 October 1952, p. 14

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1952-1964

Also known as: The Church of England Youth Hostel Inc
Karingal Nursing Home

Run by: Church of England

Address: 34 Grange Road, Hindmarsh

HISTORY

Karingal, meaning 'at home', was established in 1952 as a hostel for boys aged fifteen to eighteen who were studying or doing an apprenticeship and therefore on limited income. The building, renovated by the Church, was set on spacious grounds with a tennis court, fruit trees and an old coach house used for storing bikes. The rules of the hostel state the Hostel's object. It was to provide a home and 'wise supervision' for any adolescent boys leaving the Church of England Boy's Home or similar institutions until they became 'self supporting and no longer in need of guidance and help'. Boys were expected to help keep the home tidy, wash dishes and do other odd jobs as required by the Superintendent or Housemother. Each pay day salaries were handed to the Superintendent who, in the presence of each boy, allocated them to board, pocket money and savings. Although boys were allowed freedom of choice in religious matters, they were encouraged to attend church regularly.

The home remained open until 1964. At that time, the demand for places at the hostel had diminished. During a period of discussion over the future of the home, the management committee contacted some former residents for feedback. A number were quite critical of the superintendent's running of the hostel. This contributed to the decision to close the hostel and hand the building over to the Social Welfare Committee of the Church for the purpose of conducting a nursing home for sick and elderly people. The Karingal Nursing Home closed in 2000 and the building was sold.

Drawn from report in 'The Adelaide Church Guardian,' 1 October 1952; 'Basic Rules' in 11th Annual Report of the Church of England Youth Hostel, 1962 & letters and reports, 1964 held in Box 410, Karingal Youth Hostel, Anglican Archives.



*Karingal Youth Hostel, 2005
Courtesy Kay Goodman-Dodd*

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives

ADMISSION RECORDS

No admission records have survived.

OTHER RECORDS – Anglican Archives

Minutes of the management committee

- **Archive reference** – Box 410, Karingal Youth Hostel
- **Date range** – 1954-1958 & 1958-1963
- **Appearance** – Two Manila folders with foolscap roneo minutes. Some printed annual reports and miscellaneous correspondence are included.
- **Contents** – Index inside front cover. Discussion mostly concerns general running of home. Some information about boys appears under heading of individual names. Applications for admission include names of applicants.
- **Notes on contents** – One entry, 11/10/61 relates specifically to Aboriginal boys noting that the hostel agreed to take in 'part-Aboriginal boys' aged between 15 and 18. However it would provide accommodation for no more than two at one time. The admissions committee would consider each application on 'individual merit'.

Miscellaneous correspondence and other documents

- **Archive reference** – Box 410, Karingal Youth Hostel
- **Date range** – 1960-1964
- **Contents** – Correspondence mostly relates to closure of home and transfer to Social Welfare. One manila folder contains lists of names and addresses of boys and copies of questionnaires anonymously filled out in response to the request for feedback, 1964. Documents include blank form, *Application for Admission*.

REPORTS – Anglican Archives

Annual reports of Karingal, The Church of England Youth Hostel Incorporated

- **Archive reference** – Box 410, Karingal Youth Hostel
- **Date range** – 1954-1963
- **Contents** - Included in Minute Books. Overview of year at the home, rules and regulations.

Kennion House

The main object of this new philanthropic effort is to look after orphan boys, as the Orphan Home only provides for female inmates, but if the projected scheme is carried out it will not be absolutely restricted to boys, or even to orphan children, but the intention is to found an institution which shall aid in caring for those many little waifs who, at present, are allowed to struggle on to mature life as best they can.

'The Churchman', 2 December 1886

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1886-1982

Also known as: The Children's Home at Walkerville

The Church of England Boys Home at Walkerville

Run by: Church of England

Address: 11 Smith Street, Walkerville

HISTORY

The Reverend George Dove, rector of the Walkerville Parish, led a band of members of the Church of England in the establishment of this home. The group was worried about the fate of Church of England children committed into care under the state welfare system. The home began in 1886 in a rented six room cottage in Smith Street, Walkerville. Funds donated by Mr Robert Barr Smith soon allowed the premises to be purchased. Thirteen children, boys and girls, were the first residents. It was not until 1903 that the management committee decided to restrict the home to boys and by the following year all remaining girls had been transferred out.

While resident 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 fourteen when they took up employment. The boys initially lived in very crowded conditions. The situation was improved with extensions and new buildings added in 1894 and 1926, and again after the Second World War. In 1955 the home was informally renamed 'Kennion House', after Bishop GW Kennion who had been Bishop of Adelaide at the time the home opened.

In 1976 a number of girls were admitted to the home, primarily sisters of boys already in residence. At the same time the home shifted inmates into cottage style care. Two years later management transferred to the Anglican Child Care Committee. In 1984 the Kennion House property was sold to St Andrews Primary School.

Drawn from Elizabeth Bleby, 'Kennion House: A hundred years of children' (Anglican Child Care Services, Prospect, 1986) and summary history prepared by Brian Dickey for the Anglican Archives.



*Kennion House, exterior, Dormitory and Recreation Room
Courtesy of Anglican Archives*

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives

ADMISSION RECORDS – Anglican Archives

Admission register

- **Archive reference** – Box 170, Kennion House
- **Title** - (On inside cover) *Children's Home, Walkerville Admissions and Discharges 9 Oct 1887-11 Dec 1902*
- **Date range** - 1887-1902
- **Appearance** - Large black volume with handwritten entries over two pages.
- **Contents** - Left hand page includes: (1) Received date, (2) Name, (3) Mother's name, (4) Address, (5) Age, (6) Birth date, (7) Baptism, (8) Other information. Right hand page is a declaration signed by parent/guardian.

Discharge register

- **Archive reference** – Box 170, Kennion House
- **Title** - *Discharges A to J & Discharges K to Z*
- **Date range** - 1920s-1960s
- **Appearance** - Two rectangular folders with alphabetical entries, handwritten and typed.
- **Contents** - Information in each entry (some are a number of pages) includes: (1) Name, (2) Date of birth, (3) Place of birth, (4) Father's name, (5) Mother's name, (6) Admission date, (7) Baptism information, (8) Information about child.
- **Notes on contents** – Entries from the 1950s and 1960s, which dominate these files, are detailed. They include information on the circumstances of admission, background of parents, remarks about character of child, information about discharge and where discharged to. Occasionally Aboriginal children are identified.

Admission forms

- **Archive reference** – Box 170, Kennion House
- **Date range** - 1948-1956 & 1965-1969
- **Appearance** - Two manila folders containing Forms of Application for Admission.
- **Contents** - Each form includes: (1) Name, (2) Date of birth, (3) Background questions about Father and Mother, (4) Whether parents received State relief, (5) Marital status of parents, (6) Other children, (7) Schooling, (8) When boy is ready to enter home, (9) Current address of boy, (10) Free admission or payment, (11) Baptismal information, (12) Character and circumstances of boy, (13) Signed recommendation from clergyman or person of authority, (14) Medical certificate signed by doctor, (15) Guarantees signed by parent or guardian re payment, removal and 'disposal' of boy (meaning where he will go on discharge).
- **Notes on contents** - Parental background questions include full name, whether alive or dead, address, occupation, earnings, religion. Section 12 on boy's circumstances requests 'The grounds on which it seems desirable to obtain the admission of the Boy should be definitely and *fully* stated'. Full details of the reason for admission are often given.

Admission forms

- **Archive reference** – Box 171, Kennion House
- **Date range** - 1967-1969 & 1968-1970
- **Appearance** - Envelope and manila folder respectively containing completed admission forms as in Box 170. Some forms include attached reports and correspondence.

Admissions duplicates

- **Archive reference** – Box 171, Kennion House
- **Date range** - 1971-1981
- **Appearance** - Envelope containing A5 size green duplicates titled, *Department of Social Security Advice of Admission of a child to an institution and claim for additional family allowance.*
- **Contents** - Forms include: (1) Name of child, (2) Date of birth, (3) Date of admission, (4) Length of stay, (5) Mother's name, (6) Name of last person receiving allowance.

OTHER RECORDS – Anglican Archives

Minutes of the management committee

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 160-166
- **Date range** - 1890-1978
- **Contents** - Comprehensive minute books of monthly meetings of the management committee. Various handwritten and/or typed and pasted into notebooks. Some later minutes are loose sheets. Minutes regularly include:
 - (1) Applications for admission, with names;
 - (2) Summaries of matron's, chaplain's and visitors' reports;
 - (3) Discussion of adoptions, sometimes with names;
 - (4) Discussion of aspects of running home including health and education of boys;
 - (5) Discussion of maintenance, staff and financial issues;
 - (6) News clippings.
- **Notes on contents** – (1) A sub-committee responsible for Admissions and Discharges was formed in the mid 1950s. It provided a monthly report with names of children.

Miscellaneous administrative records

- **Archive reference** – Box 169, Kennion House
- **Date range** - Mostly 1920s
- **Contents** - Folders and envelopes with news clippings, financial records, information about rules, regulations and staff duties. List of boys in home, 1926.

Boys' personal papers

- **Archive reference** – Box 169, Kennion House
- **Title** - *Boys' personal details papers*
- **Contents** - Manila folder containing miscellaneous documents including letters to and from boys (mostly 1960s), baptism certificates (1931-45), other certificates and student reports (1940s and 1960s).

Superintendent's maintenance reports

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 171-177, Kennion House
- **Date range** – 1960's-1970s
- **Contents** - Information about different boys under the heading of their names, medical and dental information, activities, discussion of maintenance of home and grounds, and financial matters. Some later reports include lists of boys in the home in certain year, mostly early 1970s.

Social worker's reports

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 171-177, Kennion House
- **Date range** - 1978-1980
- **Contents** - General information on admissions, discharges, sponsorship and fostering of boys. Reports also include details on individual boys.

Correspondence

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 171-177, Kennion House
- **Date range** – 1950s-1980
- **Contents** – Correspondence covering a wide range of issues. Incoming and outgoing correspondence from the superintendent of Kennion House and the secretary of the management committee. Files include letters to and from boys, letters to and from parents and holiday hosts (people who took boys during vacation periods).

Individual boys' files

- **Archive reference** – Box 172, Kennion House
- **Date range** – 1970s
- **Contents** – Files on individual boys, mostly correspondence related to child's case. Box 172 also includes a manila folder titled *KH Review Board 1975-1977* containing review reports on boys under headings of behaviour and progress, education, current situation, readiness to return to community and future program for child.

File on Aboriginal children

- **Archive reference** – Box 175, Kennion House
- **Title** - *Aboriginal children 1960s*
- **Date range** – 1967-1969
- **Contents** – Correspondence and other documents relating to boys from Northern Territory placed at Kennion House in the period 1967-1969. Includes reports on boys.

Diaries

- **Archive reference** – Box 181, Kennion House
- **Date range** - 1972-1979
- **Contents** – Five daily diaries listing all occurrences at home during morning and afternoon shifts. Children often mentioned, mostly by first name only. Volume one contains more detail. Information recorded decreases notably in later volumes.

PHOTOGRAPHS – Anglican Archives

Photographs relating to Kennion House include exterior and interior shots of buildings and general photographs of boys. No names are included on photographs. Many are undated.

REPORTS

Annual reports, Kennion House

- **Archive reference** – Box 168, Kennion House
- **Date range** - 1888-1939, 1940-1979
- **Contents** – Outlines activities at the home each year. Includes information about staff, holidays and many other issues. Later reports have photographs of children.

BOOKS

Elizabeth Bleby, *Kennion House: A hundred years of children* (Anglican Child Care Services, Prospect, 1986) – [This history gives a good, detailed insight into conditions under which children lived at the home over its first 100 years]

Brian Dickey, *Giving a hand: A history of Anglicare SA since 1860* (Anglicare SA, Adelaide, 2003)

Lady Victoria Buxton Girls Club

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1898-1955

Also known as: No other names

Run by: Anglican Church

Address: Whitmore Square, Adelaide

HISTORY

Lady Victoria Buxton founded this club in 1898 with the aim 'to provide rooms where factory girls and others living in West Adelaide might meet for amusement and instruction'. It developed into a hostel for twenty-five girls which operated until 1955.

Drawn from State Library of SA series description.

THE RECORDS

- State Library of SA

ADMISSION RECORDS

No admission records have been located

OTHER RECORDS – State Library of SA

- **Archive reference** – SRG 94/156
- **Title** – *Lady Victoria Buxton Girls Club*
- **Date range** – 1944-1960
- **Contents** – One minute book, 1944-1954 and miscellaneous correspondence.

St Francis House

Everyone moved into their new home at the end of 1946. The attic rooms were used as the boys sleeping quarters. The ground rooms were in good order except for the kitchen, which was sub-standard. Behind the kitchen was a room we used as a dining room and there was a large room of the passage in the south side of the house, which had been a billiard room which had a full-sized billiard table in it. This was sold and the room was used as a chapel dedicated to St Francis. We had to install a proper sewerage system and update the bathroom and toilet facilities. An old lavatory seat was made of fine cedar so when the system was dismantled I had this fine bit of timber made into a Missal stand and placed it in the chapel.

Memoirs of Reverend Canon P McD Smith as quoted in John P McD Smith, 'The flower in the desert: a biography of the Reverend Canon P Mc D Smith' (Seaview Press, Henley Beach, 1999) p. 103.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1946-1959

Also known as: St Francis Home for Inland Children
Church of England Hostel for Inland Children

Run by: Australian Board of Missions in conjunction with the Church of England

Address: Glanville Hall, Park Avenue, Semaphore South

HISTORY

Father P Mc D Smith started this home during 1946-1947. In 1941 he had established the St John's Hostel in Alice Springs to provide accommodation and education for outback children. St Francis House in Adelaide was founded as an extension of this Hostel, allowing him to send Aboriginal boys to the city to further their educational and employment opportunities. Initially six boys boarded in a home in Pembroke Street, Kensington Gardens owned by Miss Murphy, a keen supporter of Father Smith's work. The Australian Board of Missions [ABM] took note of this venture and later provided assistance for Father Smith to purchase a larger premises, Glanville Hall at Semaphore. This building was the former home of Captain Hart, a pioneer South Australian seaman. As the Board was not permitted in its constitution to own property, the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide held the property on its behalf. The home was under the control of a management committee which reported to the ABM.

Glanville House was a building of 28 rooms, including a tower, coach house, laundry and stables. It was set on grounds of five and a half acres (2.2 hectares). Although the first boys moved in during 1946, the home was not officially opened and blessed until 4 October 1947 - St Francis Day. The boys mostly came from Alice Springs, but in 1948 a number were accepted from a NSW institution called Mulgoa. By that time the home accommodated up to thirty boys. The boys attended Ethelton Primary School and Le Fevre Technical School. During their time in the home, boys were allowed to return to Alice Springs on vacation, but during the 1950s, only every second year. While in Alice Springs the boys stayed as a group at St John's Hostel rather than returning to their parents' homes.



St Francis House 1950's; St Francis House, First group of boys, Left to right: Laurie Bray, Desmond Price, Ken Hampton, Richard Bray, Malcolm Cooper, Gordon Briscoe, Ron McCoy, Vincent Copley, Gerry Hill, Wilfred Huddleston, Courtesy of John P McD Smith.

Although Father Smith returned to Alice Springs in 1949, the home continued under committee management until 1959. In that year the Commonwealth Government withdrew its substantial financial support of the home, an act that forced its closure. Most of the boys still resident at the home were placed into foster care.

Drawn from John P Mc D Smith, 'The flower in the desert: a biography of the Reverend Canon P Mc D Smith' (Seaview Press, Henley Beach, 1999). The chapter on St Francis House includes an excerpt from Reverend Smith's own writings about the establishment of the home.

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives
- Private collection of Mr John P McD Smith.
- Australian Board of Missions records, Mitchell Library in Sydney

ADMISSION RECORDS

No admission records have survived.

OTHER RECORDS – Anglican Archives

Miscellaneous records originally held at the offices of the ABM in Adelaide.

Minutes of the management committee

- **Archive reference** – Box 169, St Francis House
- **Date range** - 1946-1952 & 1952-1961
- **Contents** - Two minute books of handwritten and/or typed minutes of the management committee for the home. They include reports and discussion on the following subjects:
 - (1) Planning for and establishment of the home;
 - (2) Policies, rules and regulations of the home;
 - (3) Staff issues;
 - (4) Lists of boys resident at the home at different times including dates of birth, dates of admission and whether attending school or employed;
 - (5) Warden's monthly reports giving summary of the boys' activities, sometimes with names. Later Warden's reports from 1959 until closure give more detail and mention names;
 - (6) Discussion of placement of boys on closure of home with names.
- **Notes on contents** - Early minutes rarely mention boys' names or include information about admissions and discharges. Later minutes, with reports from the Warden, mention more names.

Correspondence

- **Archive reference** – Box 169, St Francis House
- **Date range** - 1947-1959
- **Contents** - Miscellaneous correspondence including some Wardens' reports with comments on boys. Letters related to fostering of boys on the closure of the home. Some names are mentioned.



*St Francis House, 2005 Courtesy Karen George,
Coach House Courtesy Kay Goodman-Dodd.*

Director of Welfare, St Francis House

- **Archive reference** – Box 169, St Francis House
- **Date range** - 1958-1960
- **Contents** - Manila folder of loose documents including letters regarding payment of maintenance for, and transfer of, boys in the home. Names mentioned.

OTHER RECORDS - Private collection, John P McD Smith

John Smith, the son of Reverend Smith, the founder of St Francis House, holds various records and photographs relating to the home.

Blank application form for St Francis House

- **Date range** – Unknown
- **Contents** – Form requests: (1) Boy's full name, (2) Date of birth, (3) Place, (4) Baptised, (5) Confirmed, (6) School Grade. A declaration to be signed by the parent authorises 'the Warden to act on my behalf as he considers in the best interests of my son'.
- **Notes on contents** - There is no record of where or whether completed forms were kept.

Memoirs and other writings of Reverend Smith

- **Contents** - Some writings relate to the history of St Francis House.

News clipping books

- **Contents** - Two volumes of clippings kept by Reverend Smith. Volumes contain many articles and published reports which relate to St Francis House.

Motion picture film

- **Title** – *The Live Heart*
- **Date range** - 1953
- **Contents** – Eleven-minute film produced by the Australian Board of Missions concerning the work of the Anglican Church in Alice Springs. Film includes footage of St Francis House in Adelaide and some of the boys resident there.

OTHER RECORDS - Mitchell Library, Sydney

Photocopies and notes on these records are held at the Anglican Archives.

Anglican Board of Mission (Australia) records - General

- **Archive reference** - Manuscripts MLMSS 4503 Add on 2226
- **Date range** – 1887-1996
- **Contents** - The Mitchell Library manuscript collection of 172 boxes, 2 parcels and 20 volumes includes some boxes/documents relating to St Francis House. The collection comprises minutes of meetings, correspondence and subject files. A detailed contents list is available in the Mitchell Library Reading Room.

Anglican Board of Mission (Australia) records - St Francis House, SA

- **Archive reference** – Manuscripts MLMSS 4503 Add on 2226, Box 84
- **Date range** - 1951-1972
- **Contents** - Correspondence mostly relating to establishment, running, policies, staffing and eventual closure of the home. Minute books which include boys names and discussion of some circumstances. Much of this material is also held in the Anglican Archives in Adelaide.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Private collection, John P McD Smith

- **Date range** – 1946-1980s
- **Appearance** – Large photograph album
- **Contents** - Early photographs of St Francis House, some of which include boys. Also includes many later photographs (1960s-1980s) of boys at reunions of St Francis House boys and at weddings and other events.

BOOKS

John P Mc D Smith, *The flower in the desert: a biography of the Reverend Canon P Mc D Smith* (Seaview Press, Henley Beach, 1999).

St Mary's Mission of Hope

I can remember, I was only young, before I was five. It was fun, the matron was lovely, kids everywhere. The staff were friendly. We used to line up for the bath, the little square baths. When one person got out the next child had to be ready to get in. They never seemed to change the water but we had fun times. The matron (Moody) was 'motherly' and was like that to everyone and we were like her family. I kept in touch with her until matron passed away. I also did voluntary work when St Mary's moved to Daphne Street. I invited Matron to my wedding in the early 80s and not long after she passed away.

Anonymous

GENERAL INFORMATION

Period of operation: 1904-1978

Also known as: St Mary's Home for Children
St Mary's Children's Home

Run by: Church of England

Address: 154 and then 222 Halifax Street, Adelaide, 1904-1969
26 Daphne Street, Prospect, 1969-1975

HISTORY

This Mission, with the primary aim to rescue homeless girls, began in 1904 at 154 Halifax Street, Adelaide. Shortly after opening it moved a few buildings along the street to No. 222. Both of these former premises have since been demolished. At the home girls were sheltered, counselled and assisted to find respectable employment. Between 1909 and 1916, 246 girls passed through the Mission. Many were girls who did not qualify for admission to the House of Mercy at Walkerville where recommendation by a clergyman was required.

In 1922 the focus of the home changed to caring for children of toddler age who were unable to be cared for by their families or who had been made state wards after being charged as neglected. The home accommodated an average of 30 children, offering shelter, care and religious education. During the 1930s the home operated in cooperation with The Orphan Home at Mitcham. It took charge of toddlers and teenagers while the Orphan Home took mostly children of school age. During the 1940s a number of Aboriginal girls were sent from the Northern Territory to St Mary's, and the home was paid a subsidy by the Native Affairs Department for their care.

In 1968 the dilapidated Halifax Street building was closed down and the home was moved to a new purpose-built facility at 26 Daphne Street, Prospect. This new accommodation was donated by Mr EW Tucker whose mother had been on the St Mary's management committee in the 1920s. In 1978 the Anglican Child Care Committee was established and St Mary's became a part of that federation. A day care centre for pre-school children now operates at Daphne Street. The former residential area of the home now houses the offices of Anglicare SA.

Drawn from Brian Dickey, 'Giving a hand: A history of Anglicare SA since 1860' (Anglicare SA, Adelaide, 2003) and summary history of St Mary's prepared by the same author for the Anglican Archives.



*St Mary's Daphne St, 1970's; Line Drawing of St Mary's; St Mary's front gate
Courtesy Anglican Archives*

THE RECORDS

- Anglican Archives
- State Library of South Australia

ADMISSION RECORDS -Anglican Archives

Admission register

- **Archive reference** – Box 101, St Mary's Mission of Hope
- **Title** - *January 1909 Admission Book, Mission of Hope*
- **Date range** - 1909-1946
- **Appearance** - Black foolscap book with above title inside front cover.
- **Contents** - Initially each page is divided into three columns with headings: (1) Admission, (2) Dismissal, (3) Particulars. From page 16, entries are divided over two pages. Left hand page: Admission information (i) Child's name, (ii) Particulars. Right Hand page: Discharge information with same two headings.
- **Notes on contents** - Layout of entries changes over time.
 - (1) Admission gives name of child and date of admission;
 - (2) Dismissal gives discharge date;
 - (3) Particulars sometimes includes where discharged to and other notes and comments;
 - (i) Child's Name gives name, age, address, baptism date (not all details are provided for each child);
 - (ii) Particulars can include admission date, mother's name, who applied for admission, father's name, financial information, date of discharge and where discharged to.

Roll books

- **Archive reference** – Box 107, St Mary's Home for Children
- **Date range** - 1963-1983
- **Appearance** – Two spiral bound notebooks and one hardcover account book containing admission and discharge information.
- **Contents** – *Book 1*, 1963-1969, titled *1963-1969 St Mary's* is divided by month with handwritten list of names and dates of admission and/or discharge next to them.
Book 2, 1973-1978 is the same.
Book 3, 1982-1983 is arranged by month, divided into columns with headings: (1) Admitted, (2) Name, (3) Discharged.

Discharges and admissions

- **Archive reference** – Box 107, St Mary's Home for Children
- **Date range** - 1974-1978
- **Appearance** - Notebook with orange cover, titled *St Mary's Discharge and Admission 1974-78*.
- **Contents** - Initially divided into columns: (1) Date of Admission, (2) Child's name, (3) Name of admitting person, (4) Address of next of kin, (5) Phone contact, (6) Signature of person removing child from home, (7) Date of discharge, (8) Items of clothing left with child on admission.
At page 32 becomes 1 page per child listing: (1) Child's name, (2) Date of birth, (3) Name and address of person placing child, (4) Child's doctor and telephone number, (5) Immunisation since birth, (6) Illness, Injuries (time and place) (witness and circumstances), (7) Both parents names and addresses with telephone number, (8) Date commenced at St Mary's, (9) Signature of person removing child, (10) Signature of person placing child, (11) Clothing left with child.

Admission forms

- **Archive reference** – Box 107, St Mary's Home for Children
- **Date range** – 1970-1990
- **Contents** – 1 small envelope containing miscellaneous admission forms, 1970s.
Three manila envelopes titled *St Mary's Admissions 1977-78*, *St Mary's Admission forms 1979 and 1980 Admissions*, each containing bundles of handwritten pages listing: (1) Child's name, (2) Date and place of birth, (3) Religion, (4) Name and address of person placing child/signature of agency placing child, (5) Date admitted to St Mary's, (6) Date discharged, (7) Signature of person removing child, (8) Name of agency assisting family of child, (9) Clothes left behind with child, (10) Immunisations complete/incomplete.
Four manila folders titled *St Mary's 1981 Admission Forms; 1982-83 Admission forms; 1983-86 St Mary's Admissions; and St Mary's Admission details, 1986-90*. Same as above, but typewritten forms.

Discharge forms

- **Archive reference** – Box 107, St Mary's Home for Children
- **Date range** – 1986-1990
- **Contents** - Yellow forms with: (1) Name, (2) Date of birth, (3) Date of discharge, (4) Transferred or discharged to.

St Mary's admissions 1970s

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 108-113, St Mary's Home for Children
- **Date range** – 1970s
- **Appearance** - Individual files on children in manila folders, filed alphabetically.
- **Contents** - Files include correspondence, reports and other information relating to each child and an admission form titled *Application for Admission to Kennion House, Farr House, St Mary's Home for Children*. Form gives: (1) Name of child, (2) Parents names and details, (3) Financial commitments, (4) Parents' marital status, (5) Name and address of next of kin, (6) Significant/concerned others, (7) Custody/Access information, (8) Maintenance information, (9) Medical benefits, (10) Other children, (11) Reasons for placement, (12) Has child previously been in a home? (13) Previously in a foster home? (14) Denomination of child, (15) School attended, (16) Information about interests, personality of child, (17) Information about family allowance payment. Form ends with a ten point agreement signed by parent/guardian.

OTHER RECORDS - Anglican Archives

Matron's reports

- **Archive reference** – Box 101, St Mary's Mission of Hope
- **Date range** - 1941-1951, 1967-1969, 1966-1970
- **Contents** – Reports discuss admissions and discharges, health of children, maintenance and staff issues. Names of children are occasionally mentioned.

Secretary's reports

- **Archive reference** – Box 101, St Mary's Mission of Hope
- **Date range** - 1941-1944, 1956, 1958, 1963.
- **Contents** - Matron's reports, covering the same period and giving names and details of children are included in this file.

Visitors' reports

- **Archive reference** – Box 101, St Mary's Mission of Hope
- **Date range** - 1949-1973.
- **Contents** - A visitor was appointed each month to inspect the home, support the matron, take children to appointments and report at management meetings. Names of children are mentioned occasionally especially in health matters.

Minutes of the management committee

- **Archive reference** – Box 104, St Mary's Home for Children
- **Date range** - 1936-1958, 1965-1975
- **Contents** – Minutes of the management committee are variously handwritten and/or typed and pasted into notebooks. Later minutes are loose typewritten sheets, offering less detail and few names. Minutes include:
 - (1) Admissions and discharges approved or disapproved by the committee- in earlier volumes names and ages of children are recorded and sometimes a reason for their admission is given;
 - (2) Notes of discussion under the heading of a child's name, often related to health issues or transfers from home;
 - (3) Discussion of policies of home, maintenance, staff and other issues;
 - (4) Matron's and secretary's reports, mentioning names of children, are sometimes included.

OTHER RECORDS - State Library of South Australia

SRG 94/119 Anglican Church of Australia/St Mary's Mission of Hope

Miscellaneous correspondence and general papers

- **Archive reference** – SRG 94/119/3, SRG 94/119/4 & SRG 94/119/5
- **Date range** – 1930-1939, 1940-1949 & 1950-1952
- **Contents** - Correspondence and papers in these files are general, relating to many aspects of the running of the home. Occasional letters concern children and mention names.

REPORTS – State Library of South Australia

Annual reports, St Mary's Mission of Hope

- **Archive reference** - SRG 94/119/1
- **Date range** - 1906-1947 (Incomplete)
- **Contents** – Reports provide an update of developments during the year, including information about building, staff, events and outings for children. Photographs of the home and of children are sometimes included.

PHOTOGRAPHS – Anglican Archives

A limited number of photographs of St Mary's before it moved to Prospect are held. A number of photographs depict St Mary's at Daphne Street and in its present use as a childcare centre.

BOOKS

Brian Dickey, *Giving a hand: A history of Anglicare SA since 1860* (Anglicare SA, Adelaide, 2003)

Anglican Social Welfare Bureau

GENERAL INFORMATION

As well as documents relating to homes, the Anglican Archives holds general records relating to the work of the Anglican (or Church of England) Social Welfare Bureau. These include card indexes, case registers and day books which record information about all people assisted by the Bureau. Most children admitted to Anglican homes have an index card, or register entry, recording details of their situation.

THE RECORDS

CARD INDEXES

Church of England Social Welfare client files – Unmarried mothers

- **Date range** – 1955-1970
- **Appearance** – Small white file cards.
- **Contents** – Card created for each person who sought help from the Bureau. Information includes: (1) Name, (2) Address, (3) Date, (4) Registration number, (5) Referral, (6) Request. Notes on each case follow. Filed alphabetically.

Church of England Social Welfare client files - Children

- **Date range** – 1948-1980
- **Appearance** – Large yellow index cards. Later cards are pink.
- **Contents** – Cards created specifically for children seen by the social worker. Information includes: (1) Registration number and date, (2) Name, (3) Address, (4) Referral, (5) Request. Second half of card headed Family Details includes; (6) Father, (7) Occupation, (8) Age, (9) Mother, (10) Siblings. Further detailed information about child and case is also recorded. Additional entries on card are dated. Letters and other documents are often attached. Cards filed alphabetically by name of parent.

Church of England Social Welfare Bureau client files

- **Date range** – 1945-1949
- **Appearance** – Small green index cards.
- **Contents** – Preceded the yellow children's cards. Date mostly from 1940s and contain similar information to yellow cards. Children sometimes identified as Aboriginal.

CASE REGISTERS AND DAY BOOKS

Case register and foster homes

- **Date range** – 1947-1948
- **Appearance** – Register book with numerical index in front cover.
- **Contents** – This register preceded the green and yellow index cards. Names of clients arranged alphabetically. Information includes names, addresses, referral and request. Amount of information varies greatly.

Church of England Social Welfare case registers

- **Date range** – 1947-1954
- **Appearance** – Thirteen volumes of registers.
- **Contents** – Volumes list all requests and visits to the social worker each day, including those related to placement or adoption of children. Gives name, nature of request and information about request. Names of clients and registration numbers underlined when file card created. More detailed entries in earlier years. Some attached correspondence and occasional admission forms signed by parents. Index in front of registers.

Church of England Social Welfare day books

- **Date range** – 1967-1991
- **Appearance** – Forty volumes of day books.
- **Contents** - Volumes list all requests and visits to the social worker each day. Provide following: (1) Name, (2) Registered number, (3) Address, (4) Referral, (5) Request, (6) Time, (7) Letters in/out, (8) Telephone in/out, (9) Remarks. Much less detail than earlier case registers. Requests for child placement give parents'/guardians' names, not children's names.

ACCESS TO RECORDS OF ANGLICAN CHURCH/CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOMES

ANGLICAN ARCHIVES

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