

FAMILY WELFARE ADVISORY COUNCILMinutes of meeting -

held on 1/5/62 at Salvation Army Boys' Home, Box Hill.

PRESENT: Chairman - Dr. J. K. W. Mathieson  
 Rev. Fr. Perkins  
 Mr. A. S. Colliver  
 Mrs. V. Jane  
 Dr. A. E. Wilmot  
 Mrs. A. E. Galvin  
 Lt.-Col. T. R. Darlow  
 Miss M. Angliss

Apologies received from -

Dame Mary Herring  
 Rev. N. G. Molloy

ON LEAVE: Mrs. E. Whitney King  
 Mr. D. Scott.

Prior to the meeting, Dr. Mathieson expressed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Council to Lt.-Col. Darlow for allowing Council to conduct its meeting at the Home and to Major and Mrs. Hewitson for providing the members of the Council with morning tea.

Lt.-Col. Darlow indicated that the reason why the Council was invited to the Home was that the Salvation Army was not sure as to what the future of the Home should be and he would therefore appreciate Council's advice.

After the inspection, Council members discussed such matters as :-

- (1) Desirability of cottage homes replacing barrack-type homes;
- (2) The advantages of both boys and girls living together in the cottages as a family unit;
- (3) Having a central administration and facilities for specialised care;
- (4) Whether the institution should wait for the result of the survey of Child Care in Victoria before considering future plans;
- (5) The effect of future foster care development on accommodation in child care homes.

Lt.-Col. Darlow thanked the Council for its helpful comments and hoped he may be permitted to bring the Salvation Army's architect to a meeting when this type of planning is discussed.

It was agreed that the morning of Tuesday 5th June, 1962, be a suitable time to visit the Salvation Army Homes at East Camberwell and Kew.

ALLOWANCES FOR CHILDREN IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES:-

Chairman read letter from Director-General giving formula on which State Aid is based. Moved by Mrs. Galvin, seconded by Miss Angliss, and carried that a letter be sent to the Chief Secretary requesting the information be made available as to how this formula is arrived at.

BUILDING PLANS FOR BURWOOD BOYS' HOME:-

The planning committee recommended that these plans be approved, subject to the following :-

- (a) that an extra door be provided for each staff bedroom opening on to the passage to allow for greater supervision;
- (b) that the bedrooms shown as containing three beds be reduced to two bed bedrooms.

It was agreed that letters be forwarded to the Hospitals and Charities Commission and Mr. Phillips, informing them of the recommended amendments.

It was further agreed that Mr. Phillips be informed that this Council hoped it would not be necessary for the Burwood Boys' Home to accommodate twelve children in the cottage, as shown on the plan, and inviting him to the next meeting of the Council on the 15th May, 1962, to discuss how this cottage fits into the overall future plans of the Home.

CLOSURE: 12.30 p.m.

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