

MEMO TO THE ASSISTANT, SENIOR WELFARE OFFICER:

RE: THE SALVATION ARMY BOYS' HOME.

The Salvation Army Boys' Home, Mount Barker is run as far as one can ascertain in one visit, in a very efficient manner. It appeared to me as if the Superintendent is a little too authoritarian in his attitude towards the boys in the Home, who are by and large rather disturbed. This could be attributed to his background in reformatory institutions. These attitudes are probably ameliorated by the fact that he is involved in administrative duties and the fact that the lower echelons of the staff have received some training in child care.

On other occasions when I have been to the institution I have found that the boys have enjoyed warm relationships with the members of the staff, they have direct contact with. They also enjoy a degree of personal freedom in which to express themselves, which is partly attributable to the rural nature of the institution and the structure of the living quarters each of which is supervised separately. This latter allows a closer study of the various behaviour patterns of the boys, to ascertain what sort of individual limits are required on each boy to ensure smooth social functionary.

I therefore recommend that a licence be issued. *(renewed)*

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WELFARE OFFICER.

To the Director

recommending licence be renewed.

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