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Re: Complaint by Graham Rundle

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Attending Major Frank Meaby

He started at Eden Park in 1977 as the manager. He took over from Matt Kopp, who he thinks was in charge immediately before Brigadier Lawler.

By the time Major Meaby was in charge Eden Park had changed. Once it had been an orphans' home and any boy could be sent there. By the 70s it had become a home purely for boys with psychological problems who had been referred there by the Child Guidance Clinic. Each boy had his own social worker and nearly all were on some sort of medication.

He is unable to remember who wrote the residential childcare worker brief although he does recognise phrases in it that he would have used.

In the time he was there he never had complaints from the boys about bullying or sexual behaviour and neither did his assistant manager. One boy did complain that his social worker had come on to him. When notified of that Major Meaby rang the department in Adelaide as well as the boy's father detailing the nature of the complaint. The boy was taken to Adelaide to be interviewed by a departmental officer in the presence of his father, while he and the worker listened in in an adjoining room. The boy withdrew his complaint during that interview.

Major Meaby knew Brigadier Lawler to say hello to and was aware that he had good standing in the district.

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