



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
APP2020-3690  
**ESTABLISHMENT CHURCH**

WETA!

Name **DE CHRIST INSTITUTION IN EIOSVOLD AREA**

1443M

Other Names

Allied Files

(license behind photo 58)

9.1.10/0

FOLIO No.	ACTION OFFICER	ACTION INITIALS	COMPLETE DATE	REMARKS	FOLIO No.	ACTION OFFICER	ACTION INITIALS	COMPLETE DATE	REMARKS
1	APCO		5.7.76		28	E I		MAY 1977	
1	SCC(R)		19.7.76			D/D		20.7.78	B/U 14/6/78 (now on subdy file)
5	A/DIR		22.7.76		29	SCC(R)			
5	A/D/D			B/U 1/8/76	31	DAO		2/8/75	
					33	A/SCC(R)		2/6/79	
6	A/D/D		3/8/76		37	DIR		2.8.77	B/U 5.7.79
7	A/D/D			B/U 10/8/76	37	DIR			B/U 5.8.79
7	A/D/D		4.8.76		37	A/SCC(R)			
7	A/D/D		20/10/76		37	SCC(R)			
8	A/SCC(R)	c/c	14/10/76		37	SCC(R)			B/U 3/1/77
13	A/SCC(R)	c/c	14/10/76		39	SCC(R)			B/U 19/11/79
14	Director		15.10.76		39.4	DIR		22.8.79	B/U 27/2/79
14	A/SCC(R)		21.1.77						
16				B/U 7/2/77					
17					37	SCC(R)			B/U 14/4/79
18	A/D/D		7/1/77	URGENT		SCC(R)			B/U 19/11/79
18	A/D		3/2/77		43/44	SCC(R)		19.11.79	
19	CK (Subs)		7-2-77		45	SCC(R)		3.2.80	
19	A/DIR		8.2.77		37	SCC(R)			
19	DIR				36/38	A/SCC(R)		31/12/79	
19	A/D/D		22.2.77		47	CRCS		2/3/80	
23	SCC(R)		10/3/77		48/49	A/D/D		11.1.80	first
23	SCC(R)	c/c	10/3/77		49	A/SCC(R)		2/3/80	(15)
23	SCC(R)		11/3/77		54	A/SCC(R)		2/3/80	
23	SCC(R)		15.3.77		54	S/SCC		10/3/80	
23	SEA		1		55	SEA		14/4/80	
23	SEA				55	A3		12-3-80	
23	SCFA		10.10.77	FIRST	56	CRCS		12/5/80	
23	A3		11.4.77		56	DIR		2.5.80	FIRST
23	A3		22/4.77		61	CRCS			B/U 1/7/81
24	Dep. Dir		25 MAR 1977	FIRST	63	CRCS		4/9/81	
24	SCA		12.2.77	FIRST	61	CRCS		4/9/81	FIRST
23	SCC(R)		18/4/77		65	SCC(R)			B/U 2/7/81
26	A3			B/U 27/4/77	65	SCC(R)		2/7/82	
26	SCA		19.4.77		66	SCC(R)		2/7/82	
26	A3		19.4.77		66	SCC(R)		2/7/82	
26	A3								
27	E I			have withdrawn					

R

R

QUEENSLAND

"THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT OF 1975"

(Section 31)

LICENCE OF INSTITUTION

Eleventh

February

77

Whereas on the John Desmond Herbert day of Community & Welfare Services & Minister for Sport

being the Minister for the time being entrusted with the administration of 'The Children's Services Act of 1975,' in pursuance of the provisions of such Act approved for the purposes of such Act of the

Institution known as the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board (Eidsvold) \* to be conducted

education, treatment of children of children. Perth, Western Australia

And Whereas Mission Board of

was named in such approval as the governing authority of such Institution and 78B(2)(c) Eidsvold

was named as the person in charge of such Institution. Fraser Robert Plummer

Now therefore I, Director, Department of Children's Services, do hereby issue in respect of the said Institution, a Licence in accordance with and subject to the provisions of "The Children's Services Act of 1975"

Eleventh

February

77

Dated at Brisbane this day of 19

Robert Plummer

Director Department of Children's Services

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable.



To Resource Development Unit  
APP2020-3690  
Murray House

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Senior Child Care Officer  
Brisbane North

Date: 26 November 1979

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Refer to: W Bowen:SK

Section: Maryborough

COPIES TO:



Subject: Church of Christ Family Group Homes, Eidsvold.

Sch3(1)

One home was modernised and extended and the other home was replaced by an entirely new building.

The new building was occupied on Monday the 18 June 1979 by  78B(2)(c) six children in care. The other home was occupied, by   children in care  on Monday the 23 July 1979.

Advice has been received from the houseparents that verbal approval had been given (by) someone at Brisbane office for 9 approved beds at each home. These homes cater for aboriginal children and have relieved the Department considerably in placing such children.

It is recommended that:

- (a) approval be given for each home to have 9 approved beds. Payment for one home of 9 beds from the 18 June 1979 and the other home from the 23 July 1979.
- (b) that consultation be held with the governing authorities and in view of the bed occupancy to date and that consideration be given to approving 8 beds for each home to take effect from the 1 January 1980.

*W Bowen*  
W O E BOWEN  
Supervising Child Care Officer

*(R+1)  
would you  
have with  
Seniors North  
& South.  
please  
JMB  
10/11/80*

*M.M., I'm sorry I haven't had time to look into this further yet. I intended to consult Patsy Campbell (Resource Sect) about this - there's a lot to be sorted out when it comes to F.G.H., beds approved, & who gives approval etc. Perhaps we should follow it up together with all staff members involved. Mtl 4/11/80*

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject: Christian Centre  
Eidsvold

RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE
	Children in Care Resident as at:
30.11.78	12
31.12.78	13
31.1.79	12
28.2.79	12
31.3.79	12
30.4.79	12
31.5.79	11
30.6.79	12
31.7.79	12 15
31.8.79	15
30.9.79	15
31.10.79	15
30.11.79	13
31.12.79	9

to be  
Budget Officer.

(percol)

White to G A re ~~the~~ requesting change to license & increase in bed funding.

I would be prepared to increase to maximum of 8 in each house, from 1.2.80, ~~the~~ payment for ~~occupied beds~~ 13 as previously approved up to that date & when number has exceeded 13, payment for occupied beds for that period.

Don Smith 24.1.80.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

48

## INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Principal Child Care Officer  
Residential Care Services

Date: 20 December 1979

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Refer to: Miss P Camden

Section: Resource &  
Development

COPIES TO: A/Supervising Child Care Officer  
MARYBOROUGH

1443/17.

Subject: Christian Centre Eidsvold  
Approved Bed Funding

I refer to the attached memo from A/Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough dated 6 December 1979 which is in reply to my memo of 4 December 1979, a copy of this is also attached.

This Centre was given approval for 13 funded beds in November 1978, and in June this year a second house was opened providing accommodation for 18 children in all.

There is some confusion as to whether or not a recommendation for an increase in bed numbers has been made. I have not been able to find such a recommendation or an approval.

Mr Bowen, Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough has, in his memo of 26 November 1979 (copy attached), recommended: (a) that 9 beds in each unit be approved and that back payment for unused beds be made from the date the second unit opened; (b) that the bed numbers be decreased to 8 per unit from 1 January 1980.

It seems the Centre has been functioning under the understanding that 9 beds in each unit had been approved. I think this needs to be taken into consideration when a decision is made on this matter.

Before considering (b) I would like to look at bed occupancy figures over the last six months, and to discuss the Centre's policy and the Department's use of the Centre with the Maryborough staff. I propose to do this, including a trip to Maryborough, as soon as possible in the new year and after my own holiday.

Meantime recommendation is made that:

- (a) the Department considers making back payments for 9 beds in unit 1 from 18 June 1979 and 9 beds in unit 2 from 23 July 1979; and that
- (b) approval be given for the funding of 9 beds in each of the two group homes which comprise the residential child care facility at the Christian Centre Eidsvold. This is to be reviewed early in 1980.

The Governing Authority being the Churches of Christ Aboriginal Mission Board, Perth, in association with the Churches of Christ in Queensland, Social Services Committee, 672 Sherwood Road, Sherwood, Brisbane.

*P E Camden*  
P E Camden  
Child Care Officer  
Resource and Development Unit

*Maximum of 8 beds only approved J. Indok P. P. Res. 24/1/80.*

R

R

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

## INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Director  
ATTENTION: P E CAMDEN

Date: 6 December 1979

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Refer to: D Foster:SK

Section: Maryborough

## COPIES TO:

Senior Child Care Officer  
Brisbane North

Subject: Christian Centre, Eidsvold  
Approved Bed Number

\* With reference to your minute dated the 4 December 1979 I would advise that [redacted] 78B(2)(c) was appointed Superintendant of the Eidsvold Christian Centre on Saturday the 27 May 1978, successive to [redacted].

It is recommended that the above change be approved.

It has also been brought to my attention by [redacted] that staff changes will occur in the new year. [redacted] will cease to be houseparents as of the 10 January 1980 and a [redacted] will commence as houseparents as of the 22 January 1980. In the period 10/1 - 22/1/80 the [redacted] in association with other helpers, will care for the children presently in the [redacted] care.

*D. J. Foster*  
D J FOSTER  
A/Supervising Child Care Officer

*RS Pat Camden - please find attached a copy of minute dated 26/11/79 which was requested by you.*

*J. 6/12/79.*

\* *Mr J. Burn,*

*Please arrange for alteration to Licence.  
See file 50 JAD  
24/1/80*

*P. Camden  
R+D  
24/12/79*

FILE NUMBER	FOLIO No.
1443M	
DATE ATTACHED	BY

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Director  
ATTENTION: P E CAMDEN

Date: 6 December 1979

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Refer to: D Foster:SK

Section: Maryborough

COPIES TO:

Senior Child Care Officer ✓ *with*  
Brisbane North *12/14/79*

Subject: Christian Centre, Eidsvold  
Approved Bed Number



With reference to your minute dated the 4 December 1979 I would advise that [redacted] 78B(2)(c) was appointed Superintendent of the Eidsvold Christian Centre on Saturday the 27 May 1978, successive to [redacted].

It is recommended that the above change be approved.

It has also been brought to my attention by [redacted] that staff changes will occur in the new year. [redacted] will cease to be houseparents as of the 10 January 1980 and a [redacted] [redacted] will commence as houseparents as of the 22 January 1980. In the period 10/1 - 22/1/80 the [redacted] in association with other helpers, will care for the children presently in the [redacted] care.

*file*  
9 TO CABN

*D. J. Foster*  
D J FOSTER  
A/Supervising Child Care Officer

*RTTR*



Senior Child Care Officer  
Brisbane North

26 November 1979

W Bowen:SK  
Maryborough

Church of Christ Family Group Homes, Eidsvold.

Sch3(1)

One home was modernised and extended and the other home was replaced by an entirely new building.

The new building was occupied on Monday the 18 June 1979 by  and six children in care. The other home was occupied, by  and the children in care they are responsible for, on Monday the 23 July 1979.

Advice has been received from the houseparents that verbal approval had been given by someone at Brisbane office for 9 approved beds at each home. These homes cater for aboriginal children and have relieved the Department considerably in placing such children.

It is recommended that:

- (a) approval be given for each home to have 9 approved beds. Payment for one home of 9 beds from the 18 June 1979 and the other home from the 23 July 1979.
- (b) that consultation be held with the governing authorities and in view of the bed occupancy to date and that consideration be given to approving 8 beds for each home to take effect from the 1 January 1980.

  
W O E BOWEN  
Supervising Child Care Officer

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

## INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Supervising Child Care Officer  
MARYBOROUGH

Date: 4 December 1979

Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Refer to: Miss P Camden

Section: Resource &amp; Development

COPIES TO:

Subject: Christian Centre, Eidsvold  
Approved Bed Number

Further to our discussions concerning the approved number of beds at Eidsvold, I refer to your memo to the Director on 25 June 1979, and I quote from paragraph 5.

"The two new family group homes have an approved bed capacity for 18 children."

The only other reference to bed numbers on file (1443M) is the letter to all licenced institutions relating to funded beds and dated 10 November 1978, in which the approved number was given as 13.

I understand that verbal acceptance was given to the increased number, what is required is a memo to the Principal Child Care Officer, Residential Care, recommending the increase, keeping in mind the trend towards reducing bed numbers. Please include the date the second unit began functioning.

Sch3(1)

1. That approval, in principle, be given for the payment by the Department of Children's Services of fifty per cent subsidy on the estimated cost, amounting to \$136,000.00, including furnishings and professional fees, of improving accommodation facilities at the Christian Centre conducted at Eidsvold by the Churches of Christ Aborigines Mission Board.
2. That tenders be invited in accordance with Treasury Conditions, as specified by the Department of Works, with the understanding that no tender is to be accepted without the Department's recommendation.

As you can see this is not directly related to either the seeking or approving an increase in funded beds.

Another matter requiring attention has come to my notice. The Licence of Institution issued on 11 February 1977 named the person in charge as 78B(2)(c) Section 31 of the Children's Services Act requires that when the person in charge changes that the Licence be amended accordingly. It would be appreciated if you would make a recommendation for an amendment and draw this matter to the attention of the appropriate people.



P E Camden  
Child Care Officer  
Resource and Development Unit



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Mr R Plummer  
Director

Date: 25 June 1979

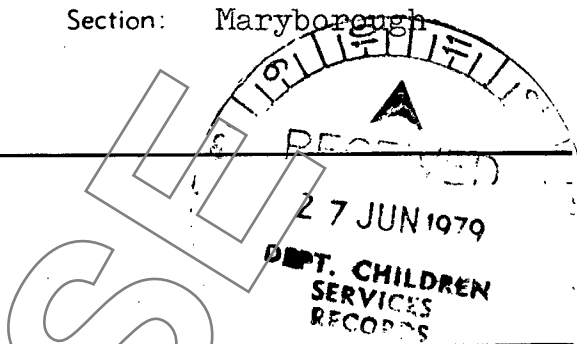
Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Refer to: W Bowen:SK

Section: Maryborough

COPIES TO:



Subject: Family Group Homes, Eidsvold

*Investigation on 1/8  
F.S.H.*

The Church of Christ moved into the Eidsvold area in 1964 when a [redacted] dairy farmers of Mundubbera first held services in the C W A Hall at Eidsvold. They also conducted a service of giving help and advice to people in need.

In 1968 [redacted] came to Eidsvold from New South Wales. [redacted]

[redacted] The Queensland Churches of Christ and the Federal Aboriginal Mission Board, whose headquarters is in Perth arranged finance to support [redacted] and the establishment of a Christian Centre chapel. All work to be controlled by the Federal Aboriginal Mission Board, the present secretary being [redacted] Finance was supplied, property purchased and later additional property was bought until the Christian Centre covers the area as we see today.

During this period [redacted] became foster parents to aboriginal children, mainly from the Eidsvold area. In January 1977 [redacted] joined [redacted] in their work in the Christian Centre and as two homes became established both became Family Group Homes with the [redacted] and [redacted] becoming houseparents. In May 1978 [redacted] arrived and later that month [redacted] left Eidsvold [redacted]

[redacted] then became Superintendent and [redacted] then became houseparents of the second Family Group Home.

The two Family Group Homes cater mainly for aboriginal children. Due to large population of aborigines in the Eidsvold area, aboriginal children from other areas being placed in the Family Group Homes quickly adapt to their new environment and are able to make friends among people of their own racial background. With this contact encouraged by the houseparents aboriginal children are made to be proud of their own heritage and their people.

The two new Family Group Homes have an approved bed capacity for 18 children. At the moment there are 13 children, eleven of whom are aborigines. In the grounds are also 4 self contained single worker motel type units. The kindergarten is conducted by the Save the Childrens Fund and the building is also used for Sunday School purposes. 120 children, mainly aborigines attend the Sunday School. The Junior and Senior Youth Clubs also use the kindergarten premises. There are also between 80-90 children in the Junior Club and 20-25 in the Senior Club.

Staff members are:

Houseparents: [redacted]

*Ans Clarke - Burks*

Assistant Housemother:

Office Secretary:


Local aboriginal ladies are employed on a part time basis when required.

Children at the homes are:

Sch3(12)(1)

)

)

  
W O E BOWEN  
Supervising Child Care Officer

RTI RELEASE

Pages 21 through 38 redacted for the following reasons:

-----  
78B(2)(c)



APP2020-3690  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

"KANTARA", 64-70 MARY STREET, BRISBANE

POSTAL ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 153, BRISBANE  
NORTH QUAY, QUEENSLAND. 4000

TELEPHONE: **1443M**  
REFERENCE:  
REFER TO:  
SECTION:

37

9 July 1979

Mr. C.L. Johnson,  
Under Secretary,  
Department of Welfare Services,  
BRISBANE.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Re: Opening of Church of Christ Family Group Home at Eidsvold  
on Saturday, 30 June 1979

I refer to previous correspondence wherein the Honourable the Minister requested that I represent him at the opening of this particular Family Group Home.

It had been my plan to fly from Brisbane to Maryborough on the morning of 30 June 1979 and to go by car with Mr. W.O.E. Bowen, Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough, from Maryborough to Eidsvold.

When I arrived at the airport the plane was delayed. I contacted Mr. Bowen by telephone and at that stage it seemed that there would be ample time for me to make the plane trip and the car trip to Eidsvold. During the course of the morning the plane was further and further delayed and I contacted Mr. Bowen again by telephone and it then seemed that time had run out as far as making the proposed trip from Maryborough to Eidsvold.

I therefore asked Mr. Bowen if he would be so kind as to offer my apologies to the gathering and those of the Honourable the Minister and to explain what had happened. I have not as yet received a report of the opening from Mr. Bowen.

Attached is a copy of a letter which I have sent to 78B(2)(c)

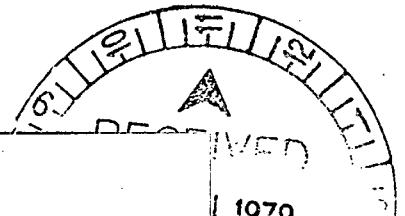
Yours faithfully,

B/c Mr. W. Bowen,  
Supervising Child Care Officer,  
MARYBOROUGH.

For your information and attention please.

Would you please provide a report on the opening of the Church of Christ Family Group Home at Eidsvold as requested by the Director. Refer second last paragraph of above letter.

*Mr Bowen  
to come  
Monday  
16.7.79*



L 1979

LDREN  
ES  
DS

Director  
17 July 1979

*Mr. Martin -  
Please arrange for  
this to be expedited*

*BU to  
Director*

*30-7-79*

R



APP2020-3690  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

"KANTARA", 64-70 MARY STREET, BRISBANE

POSTAL ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 153, BRISBANE  
NORTH QUAY, QUEENSLAND. 4000

TELEPHONE: **1443M**  
REFERENCE:  
REFER TO:  
SECTION:

37

9 July 1979

Mr. C.L. Johnson,  
Under Secretary,  
Department of Welfare Services,  
BRISBANE.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Re: Opening of Church of Christ Family Group Home at Eidsvold  
on Saturday, 30 June 1979

I refer to previous correspondence wherein the Honourable the Minister requested that I represent him at the opening of this particular Family Group Home.

It had been my plan to fly from Brisbane to Maryborough on the morning of 30 June 1979 and to go by car with Mr. W.O.E. Bowen, Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough, from Maryborough to Eidsvold.

When I arrived at the airport the plane was delayed. I contacted Mr. Bowen by telephone and at that stage it seemed that there would be ample time for me to make the plane trip and the car trip to Eidsvold. During the course of the morning the plane was further and further delayed and I contacted Mr. Bowen again by telephone and it then seemed that time had run out as far as making the proposed trip from Maryborough to Eidsvold.

I therefore asked Mr. Bowen if he would be so kind as to offer my apologies to the gathering and those of the Honourable the Minister and to explain what had happened. I have not as yet received a report of the opening from Mr. Bowen.

Attached is a copy of a letter which I have sent to 78B(2)(c)

Yours faithfully,

*Robert Plummer*

Robert Plummer)  
Director

B/c Director,  
Dept. of Children's Services.

Noted by the Hon. the Minister.

*C.L. Johnson*  
Under Secretary  
13.7.79



*Handwritten notes:*  
to Mr Bowen  
copy  
16.7.79



36

1443M

9 July 1979

Mr. C.L. Johnson,  
Under Secretary,  
Department of Welfare Services,  
BRISBANE.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Re: Opening of Church of Christ Family Group Home at Eidsvold  
on Saturday, 30 June 1979

I refer to previous correspondence wherein the Honourable the Minister requested that I represent him at the opening of this particular Family Group Home.

It had been my plan to fly from Brisbane to Maryborough on the morning of 30 June 1979 and to go by car with Mr. W.O.E. Bowen, Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough, from Maryborough to Eidsvold.

When I arrived at the airport the plane was delayed. I contacted Mr. Bowen by telephone and at that stage it seemed that there would be ample time for me to make the plane trip and the car trip to Eidsvold. During the course of the morning the plane was further and further delayed and I contacted Mr. Bowen again by telephone and it then seemed that time had run out as far as making the proposed trip from Maryborough to Eidsvold.

I therefore asked Mr. Bowen if he would be so kind as to offer my apologies to the gathering and those of the Honourable the Minister and to explain what had happened. I have not as yet received a report of the opening from Mr. Bowen.

Attached is a copy of a letter which I have sent to

78B(2)(c)

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
(Robert Plummer)  
Director

*J.M.D.*  
A/Seco (R)  
31/12/79.

1443M

9 July 1979

78B(2)(c)

Secretary,  
Aborigines Committee,  
Churches of Christ in Queensland,  
2 Crawford Street,  
REDCLIFFE. QLD. 4020.

Dear 

I am writing to apologise for my inability to attend the opening of the new premises at Eidsvold on Saturday, 30 June 1979.

I asked Mr. W.O.E. Bowen, Supervising Child Care Officer at Maryborough to represent me and I have no doubt that he has explained to you in full the fact that the plane that I proposed to take from Brisbane to Maryborough was very seriously delayed and finally it appeared, after telephone consultation with Mr. Bowen, that I would not in fact land in Maryborough in time to drive from there to Eidsvold.

As I was to represent the Honourable Sam S. Doumany, Minister for Welfare, on that occasion, would you please accept my very sincere apologies although events were quite beyond my control.

May I take this opportunity of extending to the project every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

*RP*  
(Robert Plummer)

FILE NUMBER	1443m	34
DATE ATTACHED	27/6	8

22 June 1979

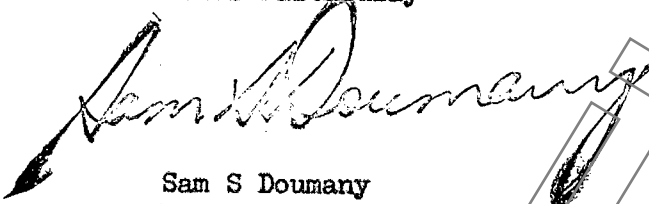
78B(2)(c)

Secretary  
 Aborigines Committee  
 Churches of Christ in Queensland  
 2 Crawford Street  
REDCLIFFE 4020

Dear Mr Berlin

On behalf of the Honourable N.T.E. Hewitt, I have much pleasure in enclosing a cheque to the value of \$11,236.50 which represents a 50% subsidy on the recent progress payments associated with the reconstruction of the Christian Centre at Eidsveid.

Yours faithfully



Sam S Doumany  
Minister for Welfare

Records

File on the '1443 M.'

§ 26.679

Doumany

22 June 1979

The Honourable N.T.E. Hewitt, M.M., A.F.M., M.L.A.  
Minister for Lands, Forestry and Water Resources  
BRISBANE

Dear Mr Hewitt

I have much pleasure in advising that I have, this day, presented a cheque to the value of \$11,236.50 to [redacted] Secretary of the Uniting Church Aborigines Committee on your behalf. The payment represented a 50% subsidy on the recent progress payments associated with the reconstruction of the Christian Centre at Eidsvold.

Because of factors associated with the proximity of the end of the financial year it was decided to present this cheque on your behalf to the Churches of Christ Committee as soon as possible to avoid any financial inconvenience to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

  
Sam S Dounany  
Minister for Welfare

T.H.W.  
S

C of C Christian  
Center

Cidsvold

Draft speech  
supplied by  
SACCO  
arr. Gero.  
29/6/79

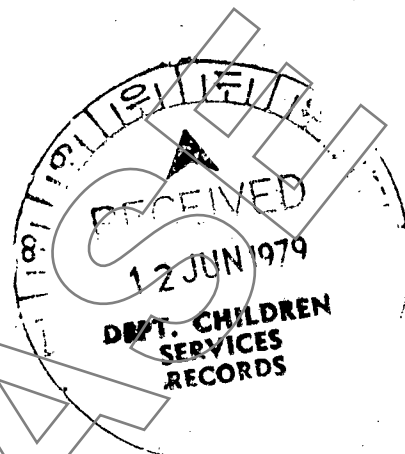
would like you to  
take part in opening  
ceremony. Brief address  
on behalf of Dept  
would be appropriate

S

8th June, 1979.

78B(2)(c)

Superintendent,  
Churches of Christ Christian Centre,  
P.O. Box 48,  
EIDSVOLD. Q. 4627



Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for your invitation to be present at the opening of the two new Family Groups on Saturday, 30th June.

Unfortunately, I shall be out of the State on Government business at that time, and must ask you to submit my apologies. Whilst I am sorry that I am unable to be with you, I am happy to inform you that Mr. F.R. Plummer, Director, Department of Children's Services, is available at that time and will be attending in my place. If you wish to have Mr. Plummer take part in the opening ceremony, could you please contact him on Brisbane 224 6160.

Hoping that the weather is kind to you on the day, and the function is a great success.

Yours sincerely, B/c Director,  
Dept. of Children's Services.

For your information.

SAM S. DOUMANY  
Minister for Welfare

A/Under Secretary  
11.6.79

B/c Acting Under Secretary.

For your information. Copy of letter under reply is attached. Copies of this correspondence have also been forwarded to Mr. Plummer.

Edsvold 54 and Nidney  
Manserv

Sgd.

Private Secretary. 7.6.79

Please get me [redacted] R





**AN  
INVITATION**

to the

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

by  of the

**NEW FAMILY GROUP HOMES**

on

**SATURDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

at **2.00 P.M.**

Make a day of it, bring your picnic  
lunch - hot water available.

For further information contact:  
 Brisbane 284-7869.  
- Eidsvold 54.

Afternoon tea provided.

EVERYONE WELCOME

*Provision*  
*06/06/2020*  
*5/6*

BRITISH COLUMBIA



## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

"KANTARA", 64-70 MARY STREET, BRISBANE

POSTAL ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 153, BRISBANE  
NORTH QUAY, QUEENSLAND. 4000

TELEPHONE:

REFERENCE:

REFER TO:

SECTION:

FILE NO.

1443M

32

10th November, 1978

Dear Sir,

Sch3(1)

In addition to the above, it has been approved that the governing authorities of licensed institutions receive a payment for the maintenance and care of each child in care at a rate of \$25 per week and an additional \$1.50 per week in respect of a child who has attained the age of 13 years or is attending secondary school.

The conditions which have been approved for the payment of the abovementioned rates have been outlined below. Arrangements have been outlined in detail to avoid certain confusion which has occurred in the past. In addition an attempt has been made to standardise certain arrangements where practices have varied between different institutions. Certain ad hoc expenses which have previously been met by the Department of Children's Services have been absorbed into the increased rates. Where the Director, Department of Children's Services has been referred to below, this expression shall include authorised officers of the Department of Children's Services.

Licensed institutions shall, of course, continue to comply with the provisions of the Children's Services Act and Regulations.

CONDITIONS

- (1) It has been approved that the number of beds for which payment will be made in respect of the following licensed institution(s) be as outlined hereunder. The Director, Department of Children's Services reserves the right to vary the number of approved beds from time to time after consultation with the governing authority of the licensed institution.

The Christian Centre, Eldsvold - 13 beds

The Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Missions Board,  
c/- The Secretary,  
Christian Centre,  
Churches of Christ,  
EIDSVOLD. QLD. 4627.

.. / 2 .

- (2) Approved beds shall be maintained in accommodation of a standard which meets the satisfaction of the Director, Department of Children's Services and shall be kept in a condition which will allow occupancy for children in the care of the Director at reasonable notice.
- (3) The admission of children in care to a licensed institution shall continue to be by agreement between the Director, Department of Children's Services and the governing authority of the licensed institution concerned. The discharge of children from a licensed institution shall continue to remain at the discretion of the Director, Department of Children's Services.
- (4) The governing authorities of licensed institutions shall employ sufficient staff to ensure that children who might be admitted to the licensed institution are cared for to a standard acceptable to the Director, Department of Children's Services.
- (5) The allowance of \$25 or \$26.50 per week (as the case may be) payable for the maintenance and care of a child admitted to a licensed institution shall be paid upon a calendar day basis and include the day that a child is initially permanently placed or permanently removed from a licensed institution.
- Provided that where licensed institutions are entitled to receive Double Orphans Pensions paid by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security, such payments shall be appropriately reduced accordingly.
- (6) The allowance referred to in paragraph 5 above shall continue to be paid during the absence of children in care during school vacations and weekends when it is expected that endeavours will be made by the persons in charge of licensed institutions to have children in care visit friends, relatives or attend camps etc. However the licensed institutions concerned shall pay for expenses associated with children attending religious, educational or recreational activities during these periods. Furthermore, the costs of children travelling to and from alternative accommodation shall be met by the licensed institution concerned.
- Provided that on those occasions when extra-ordinary costs associated with the above are involved, applications for additional financial assistance may be made to the Director, Department of Children's Services.
- (7) The allowance referred to in paragraph 5 above shall be paid during the absences of children in care not exceeding 7 calendar days in circumstances where such absence is the result of the child's absconding from the premises concerned or full-time admission to a hospital.
- (8) Child Endowment payments and Handicapped Child allowances paid by the Commonwealth Department of Social Security shall be paid direct to the licensed institutions and shall not affect the payment of the abovementioned allowances.
- (9) Children in care shall receive medical, dental and optical treatment from public hospitals. Pharmaceutical substances shall also be obtained from public hospitals. If a licensed institution elects to obtain such services from other sources, the expenses associated therewith shall not be met by the Department of Children's Services. However, in circumstances where a public hospital is not available or where a public hospital does not provide the required service, claims for medical, dental, optical and pharmaceutical expenses may be submitted to the Director, Department of Children's Services for consideration.

- (10) Expenses associated with transporting a child for medical, dental and optical treatment, or to and from school shall be met by the licensed institution.
- (11) It is recommended that licensed institutions pay children in care the following rates of pocket money -

<u>Age</u>	<u>Per Week</u>
Up to 5 years	\$0.50
5 - 10 years	1.00
11 - 12 years	1.50
13. years and over	3.00

- (12) Licensed institutions shall continue to claim the following allowances from the Department of Education -

Student Allowance (Secondary Schools)

Special School Scholar Allowance

Remote Area Allowances

Financial assistance for pupils travelling

(NOTE: For the present, conditions concerning the above, please refer to the supplement to the Education Office Gazette, October, 1977).

- (13) The Department of Children's Services shall continue to meet the costs of various essential school text books, stationery and other educational requisites. A circular outlining amended arrangements regarding this matter will be despatched in the near future.
- (14) Payment of the allowance prescribed in paragraph 5 above shall be discontinued when a child in care becomes entitled to receive unemployment benefits. Children in care who are in receipt of unemployment benefits and continue to reside at licensed institutions shall be required to pay board of \$25.00 per week direct to the licensed institution.
- (15) The allowance prescribed in paragraph 5 above shall not be paid in respect of children in care who are employed. Such children in care shall pay board of \$25.00 per week or an amount equal to one third of their net wage, whichever is the lesser, to the licensed institution. Where in terms of the above such payment for board is less than \$25.00 per week, the difference shall be claimed from the Department of Children's Services.
- (16) The clothing arrangements of children in care are presently under review. The existing arrangements shall continue to apply for the present.
- (17) The governing authorities of licensed institutions shall be financially responsible for the purchase of incidental items for the recreation, entertainment or development of children admitted to a licensed institution including school photographs, children's photograph or stamp albums, sporting uniforms, - fees and equipment, music lessons, etc.
- (18) The governing authorities of licensed institutions shall upon request provide the Budget Officer of the Department of Children's Services with advice of the expenditure of various government funds.

4.

Whilst the abovementioned conditions prescribe the Director, Department of Children's Services as performing various functions, the Director shall of course be delegating certain of these responsibilities to various officers of the Department of Children's Services.

Should in an emergency, the number of children admitted to a licensed institution exceed the number of beds outlined in condition 1 above, payment will be made for the period concerned as if the additional occupied bed involved was an approved bed in terms of condition 1 above.

Should you have any difficulties or enquiries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact Mr. A. Yaqub, Supervising Child Care Officer, Department of Children's Services, upon telephone 224:6133.

Yours faithfully,

  
Director.

RTI REQUEST

Folio 28 detached and will be incorporated in subsidy file held by Clerk Subsidies

Mat  
19 MAY 1977

RTI RELEASED



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
MARYBOROUGH.

FILE NUMBER	1443M	BY	JS
DATE ATTACHED			

**Subject:** Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board Children's Home, Eidsvold.

**ATTENTION:** Senior Child Care Officer, Residential Care.

RECORD NUMBER

WB:SK

MINUTE

1443M

**TO:** The Director,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE.

Recently I called at Eidsvold.

78B(2)(c)

[redacted] showed me sketch plans of two alternative remodelings of one home and sketch plans for the new home to be constructed.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] would be forwarding these sketch plans to the Department [redacted]

*W.O.E. Bowen*  
W.O.E. BOWEN,  
Supervising Child Care Officer,  
MARYBOROUGH. 4650

28th March, 1977.

RECEIVED  
30 MARCH 1977  
DEPT. CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
BRISBANE

RECEIVED

*Noted - away*  
*J. 20/3/77*

R

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

MARYBOROUGH.

Subject: Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board Children's Home, Midsvold.

ATTENTION: Senior Child Care Officer, Residential Care.

RECORD NUMBER

WD:EK

MINUTE

1443M

TO: The Director,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE.

Recently I called at Midsvold.

78B(2)(c)

\_\_\_\_\_ showed me sketch plans of two alternative remodelings of the home and sketch plans for the new home to be constructed.

\_\_\_\_\_ advised that \_\_\_\_\_ would be forwarding these sketch plans to the Department \_\_\_\_\_

W.O.E. BOWEN,  
Supervising Child Care Officer,  
MARYBOROUGH. 4650

28th March, 1977.

W.O.E. BOWEN,  
Supervising Child Care Officer,  
MARYBOROUGH. 4650

28th March, 1977.

B/c... Administration Officer,  
Children In Care.

For your information.

W.O.E. BOWEN,  
Supervising Child Care Officer,  
MARYBOROUGH. 4650

28th March, 1977.

For your information.

B/c... The Senior Child Care Officer,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE NORTH.



Pages 57 through 58 redacted for the following reasons:

-----  
78B(2)(e)

Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board

1443M

TO:

The Senior Child Care Officer,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE NORTH.

On 11th February, 1977, the Honourable the Minister gave his approval to licensing as an Institution in terms of the recommendation in the attached submission.

I am also enclosing a copy of a report dated 21st January, 1977, prepared by the Acting Deputy Director and copies of correspondence forwarded to the Governing Authority and the Queensland Committee.

A copy of this minute and attachments have been forwarded direct to the Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough.

- ⑤ A2/Lo note Q 1573
- ⑥ A3 Lo note Q 1573
- ⑦ PCFA 16 MAR 1977

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

*[Signature]*  
Director.

14th February, 1977

B/c Supervising Child Care Officer  
MARYBOROUGH.

For your information.

① A/b (ceo)

- ① A Seco (ce) 10/3/77
- ② A/b 14377
- ③ Stats
- ④ SEA Q 1573

*[Signature]*  
Director.

14th February, 1977

*[Signature]*  
20/2/77

78B(2)(c) *will*

be calling Thursday  
(2:45) pm. to discuss procedures.  
Could you please see him  
& give him the necessary  
forms & instructions. You  
could also ask someone  
from Stats, the Dept & anyone  
else you think appropriate  
to meet & speak with him briefly.

↔ please also arrange  
change from fortnight  
to MK1 & necessary  
adjustments.

14th February, 1977

1443M

[redacted]  
 Secretary,  
 Federal Aborigines Mission Board,  
 26 Marradong Street,  
MT. LAWLEY. W.A. 6050.

Dear [redacted]

I refer again to your letter of 13th July, 1976 and am pleased to advise that on 11th February, 1977, the Honourable the Minister approved of your work at Eidsvold being licensed as an Institution under the Children's Services Act 1965-1974 for the care, protection or welfare of children. The license is enclosed with this letter and you will note that the Governing Authority has been named as the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board and [redacted] 78B(2)(c) has been named as the person in charge of the Institution.

The license should be kept by you as if, from time to time, there are changes in the details inserted on the license, it will need to be returned to this Department for endorsement.

In giving approval to the licensing, your indication that you will proceed with the replacement of the one building with more adequate accommodation for children has been noted and it is expected that this will now proceed as soon as possible.

I have received advice from your Queensland Committee that in due course you will be submitting plans, specifications and estimate of cost for consideration in connection with an application for 50% subsidy.

There will be a higher rate of maintenance paid now for each child placed in your care, and there will be some other administrative matters which will change. I will arrange for further advice to be forwarded to you in due course in relation to this.

Yours faithfully,

  
Director.

14th February, 1977

1443H

[redacted]  
 Secretary,  
 Churches of Christ in Queensland,  
 Aborigines Mission Committee,  
 2 Crawford St.,  
REDCLIFFE. 4020.

Dear [redacted] 78B(2)(c)

Further to my letter of 3rd February, 1977, I am in a position to advise that on 11th February, 1977, the Honourable the Minister gave approval to your work at Eidsvold being licensed as an Institution for the care, protection or welfare of children. The Governing Authority on the license is named as the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board and [redacted] has been named as the person in charge of the institution.

I have advised your Federal Board accordingly and have also forwarded the license. It is the Department's expectation that as part of the consideration given to such licensing, work will proceed on your new building as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

  
Director.

RTI REEL

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject:

Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board -  
Consideration of Licensing Eidsvold Work as an  
Institution under Section 31 of The Children's  
Services Act 1965-1974

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER

For some years, this organisation has conducted a work at Eidsvold which has included the providing of accommodation for aboriginal children. The accommodation is provided in two residences, each of which is staffed with houseparents and assistants. Each residence accommodates five children in care.

The Department has recognized the situation and has treated the houseparents in each case as foster parents. The Board has now requested that consideration be given to the licensing of the Eidsvold work as an Institution.

The situation has been fully reported on by the Acting Deputy Director and the only possible reservation to proceeding with licensing is that one of the residences should be replaced to provide more adequate accommodation. The Secretary of the Queensland Committee has now written seeking provision in the 1977/78 Estimates for subsidy on the cost of erecting a new residence.

There are adequate safeguards in the Children's Services Act to revoke approval if this became necessary, but it is felt that the Committee's indications in relation to their future plans should be accepted in good faith and that licensing should now be considered.

The immediate advantage to the Committee would be that children would be paid for at the higher maintenance rates which apply to children in Institutions compared to children placed in foster care. It is felt that in this case, this additional assistance is warranted as in many ways, the work is already conducted on a similar basis to a licensed institution.

Section 31 of the Children's Services Act 1965-1974 provides for the licensing of institutions as follows:-

"Licensing of institutions. (1) The Minister may, by writing under his hand, approve, for the purposes of this Act, of any institution conducted or to be conducted by any person or organisation for the care, protection, education, treatment, training, control or welfare of children.

In every such approval there shall be named the governing authority of the institution so approved and, in addition, some person as the person in charge of the institution concerned who shall thereupon be deemed to be the person

R

R

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject :

-2-

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE

in charge of such institution until the appointment of another person as such has been notified to the Director in accordance with this Act.

(2) Upon approval given under this section the Director shall issue in respect of the institution concerned a licence in or to the effect of the prescribed form and such institution shall be a licensed institution until -

- (a) the governing authority of that institution surrenders such licence; or
- (b) The Minister, by writing under his hand, revokes such approval; or
- (c) the purpose for which such institution is or is to be established at the time of the issue of such licence is varied.

(3) Every institution which at the commencement of this Act is a licensed institution under and for the purposes of "The State Children Acts, 1911 to 1955" shall be deemed to have been so licensed under this section and for the purposes of this Act."

It is therefore recommended that the work of the Churches of Christ at Eidsvold be licensed as an Institution for the care, protection or welfare of children, that the Governing Authority be named as the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board and that the person in charge of the Institution be named as 78B(2)(c).



Director.

11th February, 1977

APPROVED:



MINISTER.

11th February, 1977

1443M

3rd February, 1977

78B(2)(c)

Secretary,  
Churches of Christ in Queensland,  
Aborigines Mission Committee,  
2 Crawford Street,  
REDCLIFFE. Qld. 4020

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of 28th January, 1977, and wish to advise you that consideration is being given to your earlier request that your work at Eidsvold be licensed as an institution.

I was interested to hear of the moves you have taken in relation to the provision of the new building at Eidsvold and have noted your request for inclusion in subsidy allocations for 1977/78. I note also that your headquarters committee in Western Australia will be forwarding plans and specifications in due course. This, of course, is a necessary preliminary step in connection with any proposal to subsidize capital works of this nature.

I hope to be in a position to advise your Federal Board further in the near future concerning the question of licensing.

Yours faithfully,

(D.A.C. Smith)  
Acting Director

ck (subs)

To note phase for  
77/78 estimates

8/3/77

Noted  
7-2-77

ag DID In accordance with  
your recommendation  
been taken

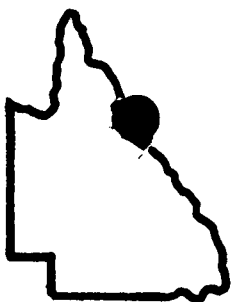
Director

I feel we should proceed  
with licensing as recommended  
in my report of 5.11.77  
(Ohio 16) 7.2.77  
abstract documents - 1/8.2.77

now? and  
"Now" D.

R

FIVE NUMBERS	PAGE No.
1443M	18
DATE OF RECEIPT	BY
1/2	AGV



CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN QUEENSLAND

# Aborigines Mission Committee

**Secretary:**

78B(2)(c)  
 2 Crawford Street,  
 Redcliffe, 4020.  
 Phone: 84 7869  
 (STD 072)

28th. January 1977

The Director  
 Childrens Services Department  
 Brisbane

Dear Sir, Attention Mr D.Smith

Our Federal Board located in W.A. made representations to your Department last year for our work at Eidsvold to be registered with your Department as a "Child Care Centre", in Queensland.

At a meeting of the Queensland State Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, it was resolved that as a matter of urgency our Federal Board in W.A. take steps for the provision of a new 5 bedroom home to replace one of the existing unsatisfactory buildings, and that application be made to your Dept. for a subsidy towards cost. It is understood that this type of home would attract a subsidy of a Dollar for Dollar.

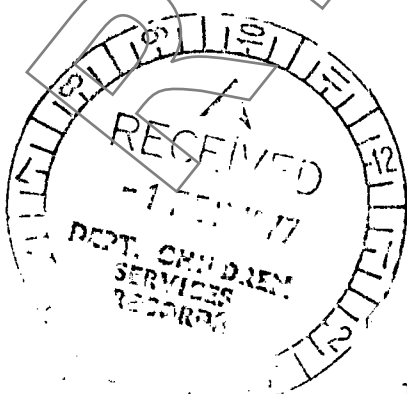
A preliminary estimate of \$60,000. has been given for the type of building we have in mind. Architects Merrin and Cranston of Brisbane have been commissioned to prepare Plans, Specifications and Estimate of cost, for submission to the Federal Board in W.A. for necessary action.

Would you please accept this as a preliminary application for inclusion in your 1977/78 estimates, for granting of a subsidy. On completion of Plans Etc. they will be submitted to W.A. for subsequent submission to you for your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully

Secretary

*File return  
 urgent  
 Fisher  
 1/2/77*




R



**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES****Subject:**

Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board  
Consideration of Licensing Eidsvold Work as an  
Institution under Section 31 of The Children's  
Services Act 1965-1974

RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE
	<p data-bbox="459 598 1455 761"> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">78B(2)(c)</span> of Eidsvold called to see me yesterday and confirmed details that were already known and were included in my report of 21st January, 1977, in which I have recommended that the Eidsvold work be licensed as an Institution.         </p> <p data-bbox="459 794 1486 991">           I told him that consideration of the possibility of licensing would probably be deferred for another two weeks at least, until the Director returned from leave. He is quite happy about this and the Queensland Committee is continuing to look at plans for the new house which they propose erecting on the property.         </p> <div data-bbox="1074 1019 1324 1133" style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p data-bbox="1044 1151 1307 1220" style="text-align: right;">           (D.A.C. Smith)  <u>Acting Director.</u> </p> <p data-bbox="1044 1248 1343 1284" style="text-align: right;">           26th January, 1977         </p>

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**Subject:** Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board -  
Consideration of Licensing Eidsvold Work as an  
Institution under Section 31 of The Children's  
Services Act 1965-1974

RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE
	<p>TO: <u>The Acting Director</u></p> <p>The Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board has requested that consideration be given to recognising its Eidsvold work as a licensed institution.</p> <p>The work has been conducted for some years as the centre of local services for aboriginal families, and it includes two residences which each accommodate house parents and five children in care. Two single assistants are also accommodated on the property.</p> <p>The house parents when I visited Eidsvold in July, 1976, were [redacted] and [redacted]</p> <div data-bbox="428 1082 1539 1554" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 185px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Though the Department formally treats the situation as a fostering one, in reality, with referral of children, it is treated similar to a family group home. The situation itself operates in this way also in providing a service beyond what would be expected of foster parents. The similarities to a family group home are further seen in the method of financing (i.e. the fostering allowances are remitted to the Church and the Church in turn sends a regular budgeted amount to cover the costs of operation of the two residences.)</p> <p>I inspected the situation and interviewed the staff last July. Mr. W. Bowen, Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough visits regularly and both he and I feel that a needed service is being provided, especially to the aboriginal families of the Eidsvold area, and the service provided is of a high standard. Discussions have also been had with the Federal and Queensland Secretaries of the Board.</p> <p>Services are extended to families, not only the children. Parents are encouraged to visit and overnight accommodation is provided for them at times. Efforts are made to reunite families. The staff also operate as agents for the location of other suitable foster parents in the area. They support the principle of local placements for local children and are prepared to receive and persevere with difficult children.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 75 Govt. Printer, Brisbane.(%)</p> <div data-bbox="1455 2446 1524 2522" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 44px; height: 30px; text-align: center; line-height: 30px;">R</div>

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject:

-2-

RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE
	<p>The reservation to proceeding with licensing which has been mentioned previously concerns the buildings. One residence was not originally designed as a residence, though it has been partitioned off into separate rooms. The other residence is small and therefore crowded. However, within the residences the accommodation is not markedly different from other homes in the locality and is better than many of the homes from which the children have come. Outdoor and indoor recreation space in other facilities on the property are most adequate.</p> <p>In the long term, to be regarded as a licensed institution for children, the one residence would need to be replaced. The church acknowledges this and is considering plans for the construction of a family group home - similar to the Churches of Christ home in Maryborough, though constructed in materials in keeping with local building standards.</p> <p>Provisional or conditional licensing would be a way of handling the situation, but there is no provision for this in the Children's Services Act. However, the Church is virtually operating two family group homes and is supporting them in this manner. It has been recognized through the higher rate of maintenance for children in licensed institutions, that this is more costly than foster care. The higher rate of maintenance cannot be paid unless the facilities are licensed, yet I feel that the value of the service warrants this additional Departmental support.</p> <p>The relevant provisions of the Children's Services Act are :-</p> <p><u>Licensing of institutions.</u> (1) The Minister may, by writing under his hand, approve, for the purposes of this Act, of any institution conducted or to be conducted by any person or organization for the care, protection, education, treatment, training, control or welfare of children.</p> <p>In every such approval there shall be named the governing authority of the institution so approved and, in addition, some person as the person in charge of the institution concerned who shall thereupon be deemed to be the person in charge of such institution until the appointment of another person as such has been notified to the Director in accordance with this Act.</p> <p>(2) Upon approval given under this section the Director shall issue in respect of the institution concerned a licence in or to the effect of the prescribed form and such institution shall be a licensed institution until -</p> <p>(a) the governing authority of that institution surrenders such licence; or</p> <p>(b) the Minister, by writing under his hand, revokes such approval;</p> <p>or</p>

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject:

-3-

RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE
	<p>(c) the purpose for which such institution is or is to be established at the time of the issue of such licence is varied.</p> <p>33. <u>Control of licensed institutions.</u> The governing authority of a licensed institution shall, subject to the Director, have the sole management and supervision of such institution and control of the appointment of all persons employed at such institution.</p> <p>In all respects not otherwise expressly provided for in this Act such institution and those within it or employed thereat shall be subject to the provisions of this Act applicable to institutions conducted and controlled by the Department.</p> <p>34. <u>Supervision of standard of care by Director.</u> The Director shall supervise the standard attained by each licensed institution in achieving the purposes for which it exists and for this purpose shall have the right to enter (himself or by his agents) upon the premises of such institution at all reasonable hours and to inspect the same and the activities carried on therein.</p> <p>39. <u>Revocation of approval.</u> If the Director is dissatisfied with the management, maintenance or condition of any licensed institution he shall give written notice of that fact to the governing authority of the institution concerned and shall thereby call upon such governing authority to show cause why such institution should not cease to be a licensed institution.</p> <p>If within two months after such notice has been given the governing authority does not show cause as aforesaid sufficient to satisfy the Director he may recommend to the Minister that such institution should cease to be a licensed institution.</p> <p>Upon such a recommendation the Minister may by writing under his hand revoke his approval in relation to such licensed institution and thereupon such institution shall cease to be a licensed institution.</p> <p>40. <u>Duties of persons in charge of institutions.</u> The governing authority and person in charge of an institution (whether or not established or licensed under this Act) having in its or his custody a child shall -</p> <p>(a) provide such child with adequate food, clothing, lodging and care;</p> <p>(b) maintain every part of such institution at all times in a fit and proper state for the care of a child;</p>

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject :


-4-

RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE
	<p>(c) secure for such child adequate education and religious training of such a type and form as is approved by the Director or, in the absence of such an approval as is in the best interests of such child;</p> <p>(d) ensure that such child receives adequate medical and dental treatment;</p> <p>(e) do, observe and carry out all acts, requirements and directions prescribed by this Act or by any order of the Director in relation to the institution and the care of such child.</p> <p><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">78B(2)(c)</span> as the person who would be in charge of the institution if licensed is aware of the responsibilities and requirements of the Act.</p> <p>I feel that the provisions of the law outlined above do give adequate safeguards if for instance the Church did not proceed with the replacement building in a reasonable period of time. Management and supervision is subject to the Director and section 40 gives the Director power to issue an order on a governing authority in relation to an institution. If necessary, a final safeguard is the power of revocation of approval.</p> <p>The proposed governing authority is experienced in this work and has premises registered as Child Care Institutions in Norseman, Carnarvon, Esperance and Roelands in Western Australia. I feel we should accept in good faith the Church's indication that a further home is to be built at Eidsvold to provide more adequate accommodation.</p> <p>The proposed governing body is located in Western Australia, but it does have a local committee. The development of the Eidsvold work is adequate indication that the interstate committee has been able to successfully overcome any possible difficulties of remoteness.</p> <p>A further point which may be raised is that if licensed, the proposed new building would then have a strong claim for subsidy. This position would exist even if the situation was not licensed, but being licensed would have the advantage of understandings and responsibilities between governing authority and Department already having developed.</p> <p>Accordingly, I therefore recommend that the Honourable the Minister be approached to consider approving in terms of Section 31 of The Children's Services Act 1965-1974 of the licensing of the Churches of Christ work at Eidsvold as an institution for the purposes of the Act, the governing authority to be named as :-</p>

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject:

-5-

RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE
	<p data-bbox="588 580 1356 751">           The Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines            Mission Board            (Secretary: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;">78B(2)(c)</span>)            Address: 26 Marradong Street, Mt. Lawley                      W.A. 6050         </p> <p data-bbox="451 777 1387 853">           and the person in charge of the institution to            be named as :-         </p> <div data-bbox="572 866 901 930" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 25px; width: 210px; margin-bottom: 10px;"></div> <div data-bbox="1058 1082 1348 1210" style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p data-bbox="964 1210 1356 1286" style="text-align: right;">           (D.A.C. Smith)  <u>Acting Deputy Director</u> </p> <p data-bbox="995 1312 1317 1363" style="text-align: right;">           21st January, 1977         </p>

MARYBOROUGH.

Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities  
and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution under  
Section 31 of the Children's Services Act 1965-1974.

-----

WB:SK

1443M

TO: The Senior Child Care Officer,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE NORTH.

Further to my minute of the 2nd  
September last, on a recent visit to Eidsvold  
I discussed the matter of a new Family Group  
Home with [redacted]

He advised that they considered renovating  
the older house but found the costs for renovating  
to be excessive. At the present juncture they are  
considering various sketch plans but have not yet  
arrived at a decision as to which sketch plan  
is to be submitted to their board in Western  
Australia.

They are however, at the present juncture  
renovating the shed by replacing the present  
corrugated iron with a besser block type wall.  
The right hand side has been dismantled and at  
the time of my visit, foundations were being laid  
for an additional area. In it will be incorporated  
an office, store room, recreation room, lounge room  
and equipment room. The existing roof will be  
extended to cover these additions and the old  
concrete floor will be replaced. You will be  
advised further as soon as I am in a position to  
do so.



*[Signature]*  
W. O. E. BOWEN,  
A/Supervising Child Care Officer,  
MARYBOROUGH. 4650

25th November, 1976.

B/c Director,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE

Attention : Senior Child Care Officer (Residential Care)

For your information.

*further discussed with [Signature] part  
Board in December &  
with Miss P. Smith  
(Alseco Maryborough)*

*[Signature]*  
D. C. Martin  
Senior Child Care Officer  
(Brisbane North)

29th November, 1976.

*today. 21.11.77*

14

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject: RE: Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution Under Section 31 of the Children's Services Act 1965-1974

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE CC:BE

1443M  
23482A

The Churches of Christ in Queensland through the Federal Aborigines Mission Board have requested that this Department license premises at Eidsvold under Section 31 of the Children's Services Act.

The church has a large block of land on which are located two houses. [redacted]

78B(2)(c)

These families have been known to this Department for some years and it would appear that they are providing a very useful and necessary service to the local community in fostering Aboriginal children. The facilities have been inspected by Mr. D. Smith, Senior Child Care Officer (Residential Care) and the proposal for provisional licensing has been supported by him and by Mr. Bowen, Acting Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough.

It would seem desirable that the licensing should be provisional, conditional upon the erection of more suitable premises on the site. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Bowen have commented on the unsuitability of one of the buildings - that presently accommodating [redacted]

I had a discussion with [redacted] Secretary of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board. He indicated that the church authorities were aware of the need for improved facilities and were ready to discuss with this Department the possibility of subsidies for re-building should approval be given for provisional licensing.

It is recommended that steps be taken to license the facilities at Eidsvold under Section 31 for twelve months, with an extension conditional upon re-building.

*not confidential*

*At S.C.C.O (R)  
For further advice please Sect 31  
does not provide for qualified ~~and~~ limited or provisional ~~officer~~  
licensing.  
15/10/76*

(Miss) C. Cooper,  
A/Senior Child Care Officer,  
(Residential Care).

14th October, 1976.

R



RE: Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution Under Section 31 of the Children's Services Act 1965-1974

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

CC:BE

1443M  
23482A

The Churches of Christ in Queensland through the Federal Aborigines Mission Board have requested that this Department license premises at Eidsvold under Section 31 of the Children's Services Act.

The church has a large block of land on which are located two houses. [REDACTED]

78B(2)(c)

These families have been known to this Department for some years and it would appear that they are providing a very useful and necessary service to the local community in fostering Aboriginal children. The facilities have been inspected by Mr. D. Smith, Senior Child Care Officer (Residential Care) and the proposal for provisional licensing has been supported by him and by Mr. Bowen, Acting Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough.

It would seem desirable that the licensing should be provisional, conditional upon the erection of more suitable premises on the site. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Bowen have commented on the unsuitability of one of the buildings - that presently accommodating [REDACTED]

I had a discussion with [REDACTED] Secretary of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board. He indicated that the church authorities were aware of the need for improved facilities and were ready to discuss with this Department the possibility of subsidies for re-building should approval be given for provisional licensing.

It is recommended that steps be taken to license the facilities at Eidsvold under Section 31 for twelve months, with an extension conditional upon re-building.

*C. Cooper*

(Miss) C. Cooper,  
A/Senior Child Care Officer,  
(Residential Care).

14th October, 1976.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
BRISBANE

FILE No.	FOLIO No.
1443M	13
DATE	BY
13/10	ML

Subject: RE: Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution under Section 31 of the Children's Services Act 1965-1974

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE CC:BE

1443M

TO: The Acting Supervising Child Care Officer,  
Department of Children's Services,  
MARYBOROUGH...Q'LD.

I refer to a minute dated 19th July, 1976 regarding this matter in which it was requested that it would be appreciated if the Acting Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough could forward to this Office a report concerning the Eidsvold situation. I understand that a copy of a report prepared by Mr. Smith, Senior Child Care Officer (Residential Care) dated 16th July, 1976 was also included.

On the 14th September, 1976, I had further discussions with representatives of the Churches of Christ and with 78B(2)(c) concerning their request that facilities at Eidsvold be approved as a licensed institution. They indicated that one of the cottages on the site was not adequate and would consider erecting a more suitable facility with the appropriate subsidies.

So that some decision can be made regarding their request, it would be appreciated if you could furnish the report requested as soon as possible.

*C. Cooper*

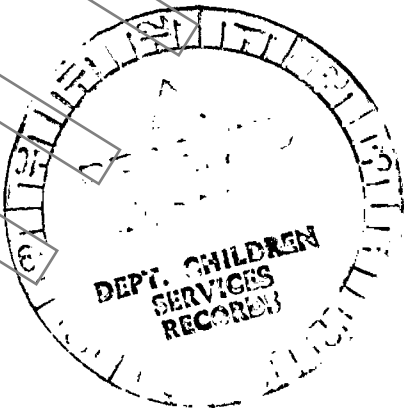
(Miss) C. Cooper,  
A/Senior Child Care Officer,  
(Residential Care).

23rd September, 1976.

B/C... The Senior Child Care Officer,  
Residential Care.

A report was submitted on the 2nd September, and the Senior Child Care Officer, Brisbane North confirms it was forwarded from his office to Head Office.  
Should the report not be received due to possible delays in the mail or being lost in the mail, please advise this office and a photostat copy of the Maryborough minute will be forwarded to you.

*[Signature]*  
M. G. E. BOWEN,  
Supervising Child C.O.,  
MARYBOROUGH. 4650  
6th October, 1976.



RECORDED
6 OCT 1976
RESIDENT CHILD WELFARE OFFICER, MARYBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
MARYBOROUGH

**Subject:** Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution under Section 31 of "The Children's Services Act, 1964-1974".

RECORD NUMBER

WB:SK

MINUTE

23482A  
1443M

TO: The Senior Child Care Officer,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE NORTH.

78B(2)(c)

[redacted] title is Field Superintendant for the Church of Christ Aborigines Board Incorporated and this Boards Headquarters is at 26 Marradong Street, Mr. Lawley, Western Australia. The present Secretary of the Board is a [redacted]

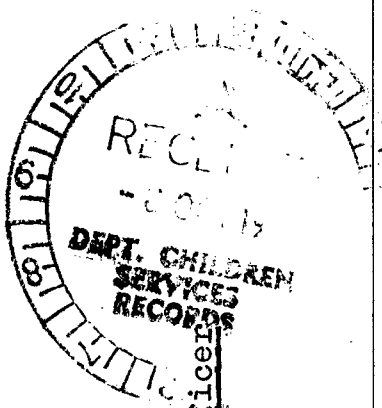
[redacted] advised me yesterday, when I called to see him that two members of the Board will be visiting Eidsvold within the next fortnight and he is going to discuss with them the various options in relation to the siteing of the children's Family Group Home and whether the Board will fund the project.

At the present stage it is [redacted] intention to press for the funding of a brick or besser block home similar in size, construction and interior to the Frank Gilson Home at Maryborough. The major difference at this stage that is intended is that the bathroom/toilet block will be in one unit and not in two units as at the Frank Gilson House.

As the home will be similar to the Frank Gilson House in relation to the number of rooms, I would recommend that consideration be given to licensing the home to have 12 children on the understanding that the number of children of the houseparents be taken into consideration. For instance should [redacted]

[redacted] this would mean that the home could be licensed for nine children to be placed in the home through our Department. [redacted] indicated to me that he would like the home for 12 children or at the least 10 children, but from my experience at the Frank Gilson House, I feel that nine would be sufficient, though no doubt there would be times in emergencies when this number would be exceeded.

[redacted] both are very aware and support the principles of providing a service to families and not just to the children. Parents are encouraged to visit the children and to take the children out on a regular basis. In the past, names have been given to me in relation to fostering applications but in certain cases the applicants were thanked for their applying but the applications did not proceed in view of over crowding and their mode of living being not conductive of having young children placed with them.



*[Signature]*  
Senior Child Care Officer  
(BRISBANE NORTH)

6th October, 1976.

The Director,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE.

ATTENTION: MR D. SMITH

For your information and attention.



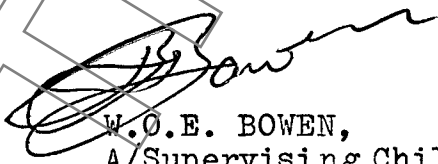
The Church of Christ at Eidsvold does have the bulk of the aboriginal population either members or nominal members of the church though there are a large number of aboriginal families belonging to other denominations. The church does conduct itself as an aboriginal mission and does not have support of most of the population of European extraction. The facilities of the church however, particularly in relation to child endowment and social service benefits are used by most in the area.

I have always found [redacted] and [redacted] and their two assistants to be extremely dedicated people and are always willing to adapt to the requirements of the Department.

From my own knowledge, I know that all money received from foster parent allowances is paid into the church funds and the food and clothing etc. is paid from the budgeted amount allowed by the Church of Christ and Federal Aborigines Board Incorporated.

I agree with Mr. SMITH, Senior Child Care Officer, Residential Care that the Church of Christ facilities in programme at Eidsvold are providing the necessary services to the community and conduct a variety of programmes which are of a family welfare nature.

I have hesitated previously to bring to the attention of the Department the registering of the property at Eidsvold as a licensed institution under the Department's Act as the present accommodation is inadequate. However, I would add my recommendation to the Senior Child Care Officers, Residential Care, in that subject to early construction of a Family Group Home meeting with the requirements of the Department, the present homes be licensed as an institution.

  
W.O.E. BOWEN,  
A/Supervising Child Care Officer,  
MARYBOROUGH. 4650

2nd September, 1976.

BRISBANE

RE: Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution under Section 31 of the Children's Services Act 1965-1974

CC:BE

1443M

TO: The Acting Supervising Child Care Officer, Department of Children's Services, MARYBOROUGH...Q'LD.

I refer to a minute dated 19th July, 1976 regarding this matter in which it was requested that it would be appreciated if the Acting Supervising Child Care Officer, Maryborough could forward to this Office a report concerning the Eidsvold situation. I understand that a copy of a report prepared by Mr. Smith, Senior Child Care Officer (Residential Care) dated 16th July, 1976 was also included.

On the 14th September, 1976, I had further discussions with representatives of the Churches of Christ and with 78B(2)(c) concerning their request that facilities at Eidsvold be approved as a licensed institution. They indicated that one of the cottages on the site was not adequate and would consider erecting a more suitable facility with the appropriate subsidies.

So that some decision can be made regarding their request, it would be appreciated if you could furnish the report requested as soon as possible.

*C. Cooper*

(Miss) C. Cooper,  
A/Senior Child Care Officer,  
(Residential Care).

23rd September, 1976.

B/C The Senior Child Care Officer,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE NORTH...Q'LD.

For your information.

*C. Cooper*  
for Director.

23rd September, 1976.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject: RE: Church of Christ Residential Facility at Eidsvold

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE

CC:BE

1443M

On the 14th September, 1976. I had a meeting with [redacted] 78B(2)(c) and [redacted] regarding the establishment of a licensed institution at Eidsvold. Our discussion centred around the possibilities of their being able to request that the present facilities at Eidsvold, which are essentially two houses on the one property, could be approved as a licensed institution. They indicated that one of the houses on the property is not suitable and in fact, is only a shed which has been converted into living accommodation, but they are prepared, with the appropriate subsidies, to build a second cottage on the property.

It would appear on the face of it that there are definite advantages in the Department accepting this application, because [redacted] indicated that he often receives applications from Mr. Bowen, Supervisor at the Maryborough Office to take Aboriginal children into his home.

[redacted] However, I am still waiting on a report from Mr. Bowen concerning the licensing. [redacted] indicated that his organization, that is the Federal Aborigines Mission Board of the Churches of Christ, would be considered to be the Governing Authority. The Secretary of the Queensland Committee is [redacted] 2 Crawford Street, Redcliffe.



(Miss) C. Cooper,  
A/Senior Child Care Officer,  
(Residential Care).

23rd September, 1976.

RF

RE: Church of Christ Residential Facility at Eidsvold

CC:BE

1443M

On the 14th September, 1976, I had a meeting with [redacted] 78B(2)(c) and [redacted] regarding the establishment of a licensed institution at Eidsvold. Our discussion centred around the possibilities of their being able to request that the present facilities at Eidsvold, which are essentially two houses on the one property, could be approved as a licensed institution. They indicated that one of the houses on the property is not suitable and in fact, is only a shed which has been converted into living accommodation, but they are prepared, with the appropriate subsidies, to build a second cottage on the property.

It would appear on the face of it that there are definite advantages in the Department accepting this application, because [redacted] indicated that he often receives applications from Mr. Bowen, Supervisor at the Maryborough Office to take Aboriginal children into his home.

[redacted] however, I am still waiting on a report from Mr. Bowen concerning the licensing. [redacted] indicated that his organization, that is the Federal Aborigines Mission Board of the Churches of Christ, would be considered to be the Governing Authority. The Secretary of the Queensland Committee is [redacted] 2 Crawford Street, Redcliffe.

*C. Cooper*  
 (Miss) C. Cooper,  
A/Senior Child Care Officer,  
(Residential Care).  
 23rd September, 1976.

RTI

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1443M	FOLIO NO.
DATE ATTACHED	9
30/8/76	BY
	<i>[Signature]</i>

**Subject:** Church of Christ Residential Facility at Eidsvold

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE

TO: Miss C. Cooper

[redacted] 78B(2)(c), the Queensland Secretary of the Committee which conducts the work at Eidsvold, telephoned me earlier this week to advise that their Federal Officer from their headquarters in Western Australia, Mr. Butler, would be in Brisbane during the week commencing 13th September, 1976.

He asked if [redacted] from Eidsvold and himself could see me on 14th September, 1976. I [redacted] [redacted] made arrangements for them to call at 10.00 a.m. to see you. Perhaps you could discuss this with the Director after perusing the previous papers to see if he would also like to meet these people, in view of the fact that they may proceed with an application to become the Governing Authority and for the work at Eidsvold to become a Licensed Institution.

*[Signature]*

(D.A.C. Smith)

Acting Deputy Director.

27th August, 1976

1. file  
2. ASeco(R)



Church of Christ Residential Facility at EidsvoldTO: Miss C. Cooper

[redacted] 78B(2)(c), the Queensland Secretary of the Committee which conducts the work at Eidsvold, telephoned me earlier this week to advise that their Federal Officer from their headquarters in Western Australia, [redacted] would be in Brisbane during the week commencing 13th September, 1976.

He asked if [redacted] from Eidsvold and himself could see me on 14th September, 1976. I [redacted] [redacted] made arrangements for them to call at 10.00 a.m. to see you. Perhaps you could discuss this with the Director after perusing the previous papers to see if he would also like to meet these people, in view of the fact that they may proceed with an application to become the Governing Authority and for the work at Eidsvold to become a Licensed Institution.



(D.A.C. Smith)  
Acting Deputy Director.

27th August, 1976

APP2020-3690  
**Churches of Christ in Queensland**

**Social Service Committee**

FILE NUMBER 1443M	FOLIO No. 8
DATE ATTACHED	BY

Address all Correspondence to the Director:  
363 GREGORY TERRACE, BRISBANE, 4000

Telephone: 21 7503 A.H.: 76 1059

3rd August, 1976

CARE OF THE AGED:

"Burdeu House"  
363 Gregory Terrace,  
Brisbane. Ph. 21 4272

"Hillcrest"  
43 Dudley Street,  
Annerley. Ph. 48 4054

"Mylo House"  
Mackenzie & Arthur Sts.,  
Toowoomba. Ph. 2 1120

"Fairhaven"  
Queen & Morning Streets,  
Maryborough. Ph. 2436

Golden Age Retirement  
Village  
60 Ridgeway Avenue,  
Southport Ph. 31 4910

Fassifern Retirement  
Village  
Boonah

Marburg Retirement  
Cottages  
Old Toowoomba Road,  
Marburg Ph. 6 4421

FAMILY GROUP HOME

"Frank Gilson House"  
26 Jupiter Street,  
Maryborough Ph. 2240

GIRLS HOSTEL:

6 Emerald Street,  
Kedron. Ph. 57 4957

OTHER SERVICES:

Christian Fellowship  
Association

Social Questions

Social Welfare

Hospital Chaplaincy

Prison Chaplaincy

Migration

Counselling Service

Ansvar Insurance

The Director,  
Department of Children's Services,  
"Kantara",  
64-70 Mary Street,  
BRISBANE.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 23rd July 1976,  
your reference 1443M regarding the proposal for the erection  
of the Family Group Home at Eidsvold.

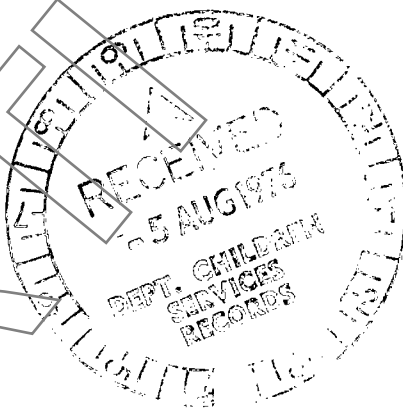
I have been in touch with our Queensland Aborigine  
Mission Board Committee and it would seem they wish to handle  
this situation directly themselves. The address of the Secretary  
for Queensland is

[Redacted]  
2 Crawford Street,  
REDCLIFFE. Q. 4020 Phone: 284 7869

Trusting this will meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]



*Noted.  
File away, reply  
awaited from RCCO  
Maryborough 5/8/76*

R

1443M

23rd July, 1976

78B(2)(c)


Director,  
Churches of Christ in Queensland,  
363 Gregory Terrace,  
BRISBANE. 4000.

Dear [redacted]

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th June, 1976. I have visited Eidsvold since then and a letter has also been received from the Secretary of your Federal Aborigines Mission Board in Perth and I have replied, raising the question of whether the Board has a local representative in Brisbane with whom the Department could arrange discussions.

I will be in touch with you shortly to arrange an appointment so that we may discuss the Churches' proposals for the work at Eidsvold, and perhaps at that time you may be able to clarify for me the question of which of the Churches' Bodies should be considered to be the Governing Authority should the situation proceed to be considered a Licensed Institution.

Yours faithfully,

  
Acting Director.

Telephoned [redacted] today.  
He is writing to advise that the governing body would be the Federal Aborigines Mission Board of the Churches of Christ which has headquarters in W.A.  
The ~~local~~ Secretary of the Queensland Committee is - [redacted]

2 Crawford Street,  
Lidcliffe (phone 2847869)

On receipt of [redacted] letter, the question of whether a body from outside the State can become a Governing Authority can be looked at

# Churches of Christ in Queensland

## Social Service Committee

Address all Correspondence to the Director:  
363 GREGORY TERRACE, BRISBANE, 4000

Telephone 221 7503 A.H.: 76 1059

1443M

~~21/10/76~~  
6

~~15000~~

~~28/10/76~~

22/11/76



CARE OF THE AGED:

"Burdeu House"  
363 Gregory Terrace,  
Brisbane. Ph. 21 4272

"Hillcrest"  
43 Dudley Street,  
Annerley. Ph. 48 4054

"Mylo House"  
Mackenzie & Arthur Sts.,  
Toowoomba. Ph. 2 1120

"Fairhaven"  
Queen & Morning Streets,  
Maryborough. Ph. 2436

Golden Age Retirement  
Village  
60 Ridgeway Avenue,  
Southport Ph. 31 4910

Fassifern Retirement  
Village  
Boonah

Marburg Retirement  
Cottages  
Old Toowoomba Road,  
Marburg Ph. 6 4421

FAMILY GROUP HOME

"Frank Gilson House"  
26 Jupiter Street,  
Maryborough Ph. 2240

GIRLS HOSTEL:

6 Emerald Street,  
Kedron. Ph. 57 4957

OTHER SERVICES:

Christian Fellowship  
Association

Social Questions

Social Welfare

Hospital Chaplaincy

Prison Chaplaincy

Migration

Counselling Service

Ansvar Insurance

24th June, 1976

The Director,  
Children's Services Department,  
"Kantara",  
23 Mary Street,  
BRISBANE. 4000.

Dear Sir,

Following the conference with [redacted] and another  
Officer with [redacted] 78B(2)(c) minister of the Eidsvold Church  
of Christ, concerning the possibility of your Department  
co-operating with us in the building of a Family Group Home  
for the care and control of children.

May we now make formal application for your Department  
to investigate the possibility in conjunction with our  
Eidsvold Church. We understand the block of land could be  
made available for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature box]

*Church (Pub & School) (Kedron)*  
*Don't allow [unclear] please*  
*22/11/76*

*heads*  
*please file with*  
*other papers re*  
*Eidsvold, return.*  
*22/11/76*

R

28

Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution under Section 31 of "The Children's Services Act, 1965-1974"

23482A  
1443M

TO: The Senior Child Care Officer,  
Department of Children's Services,  
BRISBANE NORTH.

As mentioned to you verbally, I visited [redacted] at Eidsvold on 11th July, 1976. A copy of my comments at this stage is attached.

You will see from this minute that I favour proceeding with conditional licensing, but before making this or any other recommendations, I would like you to obtain a report from the Resident Child Care Officer, Maryborough concerning the Eidsvold situation and his contact with the people there. He may also wish to comment on any aspects included in my report.

*[Signature]*  
Acting Director.  
19th July, 1976

① A/Director

*To note plus 2.*

*[Handwritten initials]*

② *to 1/8/76 (reply from M'owls)*

RECEIVED

MMcL

19th July, 1976

78B(2)(c)

Secretary,  
Federal Aborigines Mission Board,  
26 Marradong Street,  
MT. LAWLEY. W.A. 6050.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 13th July, 1976. I have now had the opportunity of visiting your work at Eidsvold and speaking further with [REDACTED]. At present, I am having discussions with our office in Maryborough where the personal contact with your staff comes from.

I have noted the two matters which you have raised in your letter, namely the desire to develop the work further by providing additional accommodation and secondly the request that the work be recognised and licensed as an Institution in terms of the Children's Services Act.

Further consideration is being given to these requests, and I shall contact you again as soon as possible. It seems that a personal discussion would be very desirable, but with your headquarters being in Western Australia this is probably not possible. I wonder if you could advise whether you have a local representative in Brisbane.

Yours faithfully,

  
Acting Director.

3

APP2020-3690  
COLL. BY: [unclear] DATE: [unclear] BY: [unclear]

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST**  
**FEDERAL ABORIGINES MISSION BOARD**  
(INCORPORATED)

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE SECRETARY:  
D. P. BUTLER,  
26 MARRADONG STREET,  
MT. LAWLEY, W.A. 6050  
PHONE 24 3672

13th July, 1976

Attention Mr. Don Smith

Department of Children's Services,  
Mary Street,  
BRISBANE Q. 40000

Dear Sirs,

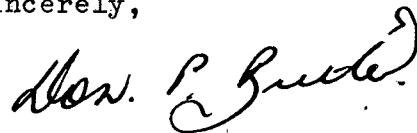
The above Board is engaged in the field of child care, predominantly amongst aboriginal children. The majority of our work is in Western Australia, and our Centres at Norseman, Carnarvon, Esperance and Roelands are registered and recognised as Child Care Institutions by State and Federal Authorities.

In Queensland we have a work at Eidsvold which is catering at the moment for the needs of ten aboriginal children, providing accommodation etc. It is planned to develop Eidsvold with the placement of a further home to provide extra accommodation for children in need.

Accordingly, and in line with the recognition afforded our other fields of service, we submit to you the request that our work at Eidsvold under the supervision of 78B(2)(c), be recognised and registered as a Child Care Institution.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



Don P. Butler  
Secretary

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**Subject:** Possible Licensing of Churches of Christ Facilities and Programme at Eidsvold as an Institution Under Section 31 of "The Children's Services Act, 1965 - 1974"

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE

DS:GB

23482A  
1443M

Following the visit of 78B(2)(c) of Eidsvold to this office last month, I took the opportunity of calling on him at Eidsvold on 11th July, 1976 while en route to further north.

The property consists of a large block of land, on which are located.-

- \* the Christian Centre (Sunday meetings, through the week used as a kindergarten, evening clubs.)
- \* two houses (one not originally designed as a residence.)
- \* shed/office (old garage which serves as a drop-in centre and office.)
- \* stores building
- \* outdoor play areas and equipment

The programme which operates from these facilities seems to be the central focus of at least the Eidsvold and district aboriginal community. It includes Sunday school and other church meetings on a Sunday, clubs and a youth group through the week, a kindergarten conducted by the Save the Children Fund, a drop-in centre, counselling for the deserted, unemployed, etc., and virtually two family-group homes for children. The office is a contact point for the Department of Children's Services and the Department of Social Security from their Maryborough offices. Deserted mothers are often seen there prior to referral to the police. It is a registered agency of the Commonwealth Employment Service for receipt of benefit applications.

The situation is well known to Mr. W. Bowen, Resident Child Care Officer, Maryborough.



## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject :

-2-

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE

78B(2)(c)

The two houses operate similar to family group homes. They support the principles of provision of services to the family and not just to the children. Parents are encouraged to visit and often stay overnight. They endeavour to reunite children with their parents and provide a supportive service to these families. They act as agents in arranging other suitable fostering of children with private families in the town. They also support the principle of local placement of local children to preserve their familiar people and places and see Eidsvold as the centre for the aboriginal community of the Wide Bay-Burnett district.

The second house was planned as a garage but had been partitioned as a residence before being acquired by the Church. Living arrangements and accommodation are similar to the other house.

Future plans include the extension of the house occupied by the [redacted] and the replacement of the second house with a specifically planned and built family group home (possibly similar to the Church of Christ Frank Gilson Home in Maryborough).

The Eidsvold programme operates under the auspices of the Churches of Christ Federal Mission Board (? name) with headquarters in Western Australia. It also has some contact with the Queensland Churches of Christ Social Services Committee in Brisbane. In any consideration of licensing as an institution, the Church would have to decide which of its bodies was to be the Governing Authority. I have explained this to [redacted]

..13

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject:

-3-

RECORD NUMBER

MINUTE

The advantages to the church of having its facilities licensed are that the rate of payment for each child would rise from \$18.00 per week to \$26.00 per week, and secondly the probability of eligibility of 50% subsidy on their future building proposals. I have explained some of the additional responsibilities under the act that licensing would involve.

Although present accommodation is inadequate it seems to me that the church through its Eidsvold programme is providing a necessary service and that standard of care and family-welfare philosophy are adequately developed to consider early conditional licensing as an institution. I shall seek the comments of the Resident Child Care Officer, Maryborough before making a final recommendation and of course a formal approach from the church will be necessary to act upon. It is my current feeling though, that licensing as an institution could proceed, conditional upon steps being taken within a reasonable period to provide more adequate accommodation for children and staff.



D. Smith,  
Senior Child Care Officer,  
(Residential Care).

16th July, 1976.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

FILE NUMBER 11443M	FORM No. 1
DATE ATTACHED 1/7/76	ELW

**Subject:** Visit by [redacted] 78B(2)(c)  
- Churches of Christ, Eidsvold -

ATTENTION: Senior Child Care Officer,  
Residential Care.

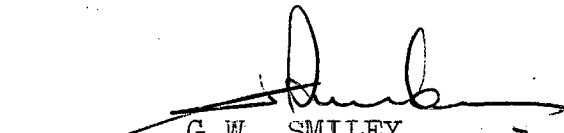
RECORD NUMBER	MINUTE	GWS:GB
---------------	--------	--------

You will recall that [redacted] came in for interview with you and myself concerning his interest in obtaining approval for the establishment of a licensed institution in the Eidsvold area.

It would seem that [redacted] and another couple are involved in providing care on a foster home basis for a number of aboriginal children in Eidsvold and the surrounding district. The other couple referred to are [redacted] of Eidsvold.

[redacted] can be contacted by telephoning Eidsvold 54.

You will remember that [redacted] undertook to have a formal letter sent requesting the Director to consider approving the establishment of a family group home in Eidsvold - this to be brought to your attention. From my assessment of the interview, it would seem that [redacted] is making a worthwhile effort in the Eidsvold area with aboriginal children, and the request seems worthy of further consideration and investigation.

  
G.W. SMILEY,  
A/Principal Child Care Officer.  
23rd June, 1976.

*Urgent.  
Records  
Register &  
return please  
24/6/76*

