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**Historical Notes on the  
Dey Street Residential Centre,  
Hamilton**

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Prepared December 1996

## Dey Street Residential Centre, Hamilton - Historical Background<sup>1</sup>

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- 1961 On 18 August 1961 the then Minister in Charge of the Child Welfare Division, Hon NL Shelton, gave approval in principle to proceed with the establishment of a Girls' Home at Hamilton. The purpose was "to meet the needs of the Waikato, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty and central North Island areas for short-term accommodation and training of girl offenders who do not qualify for admission to a long-term training establishment such as Burwood" (later Kingslea Residential Centre).
- 1963 A site of about 5 acres adjoining Peachgrove Intermediate School on one side and a Portion of Ruakawa Farm on the other was declared surplus by the South Auckland Education Board. It was described as "secluded and bounded by a real country atmosphere but within a few minutes of the city". The site was set aside for a Girls' Home and was gazetted on 14 February 1963. (Extract No. 10, page 184)<sup>1</sup>. Total area 4 acres, 2 roods, 7.4 perches.
- 1964 On 20 May 1964 the Cabinet Works Committee (W64 M17) -  
a) approved in principle the requirement for a 28 bed Child Welfare Girls' Home in Hamilton with provision for future extension to 48 beds; and  
b) authorised the preparation of working drawings and a firm estimate of cost on the basis of an assessed cost of £125,612.
- 1966 On 22 April 1966 approval was given by Hon DN McKay, then Minister in Charge of the Child Welfare Division, for the purchase of a property<sup>2</sup> containing 31.8 perches of land and a house adjoining the proposed Girls' Home in Dey Street. The purpose of this purchase was to provide a staff house.
- 1969 In January 1969 construction of the first stage of New Zealand's first purpose-built Girls' Home commenced at Dey Street. The first stage, which was to accommodate 22 girls aged 8 to 16 years, included a dormitory block, a secure block, a gymnasium and a two-room school. It was scheduled to open in 1970. On 28 January, Ministerial approval was given for the purchase of 3 sections adjoining the Girls' Home for staff housing purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer Appendix 1

<sup>2</sup> Refer Appendix 2

**PHASE ONE: 1970 - 1990 Hamilton Girls Home**

- 1970            January - Letter of concern written to Minister of Education by neighbouring resident<sup>3</sup>.
- In October 1970, the Girls Home commenced operations for the short-term (3 - 6 months) residential care (assessment and training) of up to 22 girls aged 8-16 years inclusive.
- 1971            Change of name of institution to Hamilton Girls Home notified in the N.Z. Gazette.<sup>4</sup>
- Property of Mr J S Holden adjoining the institution taken under section 32 of the Public Works Act 1928.<sup>5</sup>
- 1975            In May 1975 additional land in Dey Street was purchased for staff housing purposes (as approved in January 1969). Area 34 perches being part Lot D.P.S. 17859 all certificate of title 17A/1487. Vendor was Mr A.T. McNab of Hamilton.
- 31 July 1975 - Gazette Notice published<sup>6</sup> showing acquisition of Mr McNab's land.
- 1982            In the Departmental report "New Horizons" the Dey Street facility (now 12 years old) was assessed as "An essential resource capable of further development. Excellent facilities - programme operates on traditional lines."
- 1986-1990      Major changes in DSW residential services resulted from the development in 1986 of the Residential Services Management Plan<sup>7</sup> which provided the framework for managing the closure of pre-adolescent units, and for the closure or restructuring of those institutions providing care, protection and treatment programmes for adolescents.
- The plan was a direct response to the findings of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on a Maori Perspective for the Department of Social Welfare (Puaote-Ata-tu). It was specifically directed at enabling Maori people to determine their own destiny, and to become directly involved in the decision-making processes as they relate to the care and protection of Maori children and young persons.

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<sup>3</sup> Refer Appendix 3

<sup>4</sup> Refer Appendix 4

<sup>5</sup> Refer Appendix 5

<sup>6</sup> Refer Appendix 6

<sup>7</sup> For an outline of the Residential Services Management Plan, refer Appendix 7

From 1976 to 1989 occupancy of residences varied markedly. In the years 1984 to 1986 admissions to residences reached a peak. From 1986, following the publication of Puaote-Ata-tu and the introduction of the Residential Services Management Plan, there was a noticeable downward rate of admissions. The admission patterns for Dey Street in 1989 can be seen in Appendix 4. The marked reduction in admissions (which applied to all institutions) was not simply a consequence of changes in policy. The "at risk" population (ie those children and young people aged between 10 and 16 years) had reduced by approximately 11% over the preceding 10 years. In addition, the numbers of young persons appearing before the Children and Young Persons Court reduced by 40% over the same period.

The combined impact of Puaote-Ata-tu, the Residential Services Management Plan, the new Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989, a Human Rights Commission Report<sup>8</sup> and the changing demographics was to emphasise the absolute need for the Department to develop a new approach to meeting the needs of difficult young persons.

In 1989 the Director-General of Social Welfare set up a working group (led by Richard Wood, then Assistant Director-General, Resource Management) to carry out a review of the Department's residential services. The group was asked to look at current trends, possible future needs, suitability of location of residences, their size and condition, numbers of staff and what might happen to staff and property if a decision were taken to reduce the numbers of residences<sup>9</sup>. The Wood report, *Review of Residential Services*, was submitted to the Director-General in late 1989 and recommended, inter alia, the closure of the Dey Street residence, subject to Ministerial approval. The rationale given was that Dey Street "could not operate a mixed-gender programme adequately without considerable further and unjustifiable expenditure".

On 7 May 1990, the Director-General of Social Welfare, in a memorandum to DSW Directors, stated -

*"The recommendations of the Report on Residential Services have now been considered by management and conclusions discussed with and agreed to by the Minister of Social Welfare.*

*The report concludes that the 280 bed capacity maintained by the Department at an annual cost exceeding \$24 million is more than three times that needed to meet known requirements.*

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<sup>8</sup> Human Rights Commission Report on the Use of Secure Care and Related Issues in Social Welfare Institutions, July 1989

<sup>9</sup> It is interesting to note the comments on overseas trends in a working paper prepared for the review. Refer Appendix 8

*It has therefore been decided that -*

- a) *residential services will be rationalised on existing residences at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, and*
- b) *the following residences will close: -"*

The list of residences marked for closure included the Hamilton Girls Home at Dey Street.

***PHASE TWO: 1990 - Dey Street Residential Centre, Hamilton***

In a 1989 document entitled "Strategic Planning Document for Restructuring Residential Services in the Central North Region" the Residential Services Section of the DSW Central North Region set out alternative plans<sup>10</sup> for the Dey Street facility.

That document carried the following description of the facility -

"Designated as the Hamilton Girls Home this institution was 'purpose built' in the early 1970's to accommodate up to 32 persons and designed to cater for a doubling in size.

It is built on 1,8 hectares of land on the outskirts of Hamilton East. The main complex includes a 2 storey accommodation wing, activity areas, gymnasium, kitchen/dining room, staff offices and staff/visitors accommodation. Other facilities include: school block, 4 staff houses, swimming pool, playing grounds, gardens and tennis court.

Last year (1988) a building to house the Residence Management Committee and a Residential Services administration unit was erected.

A secure unit in the main complex was severely damaged by fire earlier this year (1989) and was fully renovated. It contains 5 secure rooms, activity areas and staff offices."

- 1992 February. Publication of the Mason Report (Review of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989). The report criticised the Department's 'last resort' approach to residential services and recommended "*that it provide quality residential services in sufficient numbers to meet the demand for such services created by the Act.*" It was in response to this report that the Department decided to reopen the Dey Street facility.

On 1 May a section of the Dey Street home was leased to Hearts and Hands Ministries, a Hamilton based Trust, for use as a private boarding school for a period of 5 years (to 30 April 1997) - but with termination rights.

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<sup>10</sup> Refer to Appendix 9 "Future Directions"

On 1 June an article<sup>11</sup> appeared in the Waikato Times stating that the Dey Street home was to reopen less than two years after it closed. The reopening was based on a recommendation in the Mason Report on the workings of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989. No date was given for the reopening of the home which was intended for use as Youth Justice and Care & Protection facilities.

Documents on DSW file PRP/10/7PT1 showed that the following departmental properties (all in Dey St) adjoining the home were declared surplus and offered for sale: 407, 411, 413, 415, 417.

April. A letter<sup>12</sup> from the Hamilton City Council indicates that all activities on the Dey Street site, intended and existing were in compliance with the designation "Child Welfare Institution" in the City Plan.

9 November. Dey Street Home reopened as a Youth Justice secure unit, operating alongside, but separate from, the Hearts and Hands Ministries boarding school.

1993 A memo on DSW file PRP/10/7PT1 stated that the Dey Street home property was not included amongst those landbanked under the Taimui claim.

1994 On 26 January, the Regional Manager of the then Children & Young Persons Service Western Region gave formal notice to the Heart & Hand Ministries that the lease was to be terminated in May 1994 on the grounds of a critical stage having been reached with "non-payment of rent and other outgoings and non-completion of some other lease obligations". The letter also pointed out that "there is a strong possibility that the Department will again require the facility for its own use in the near future."

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<sup>i</sup> Sources for these notes included -

- \* Child Welfare Division and Department of Social Welfare Annual Reports
- \* Child Welfare Division and Department of Social Welfare files
- \* "New Horizons" - A Review of the Residential Services of the Department of Social Welfare October 1982
- \* Puaote-Ata-tu, Report of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on a Maori Perspective in the Department of Social Welfare, July 1986
- \* Review of Residential Services 1989, Department of Social Welfare
- \* Review of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989 - Report of the Ministerial Review Team to the Minister of Social Welfare, Hon Jenny Shipley, February 1992

**These historical notes were prepared by Raoul Ketko, Consultant, specifically for the purposes of the Resource Management Act Project of the Children, Young Persons & Their Families Service.**

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<sup>11</sup> Refer Appendix 10

<sup>12</sup> See Appendix 11

# Appendix 1

Extract from *N.Z. Gazette*, 14 February 1963, No. 10, page 184

*Portion of a Public Reserve Set Apart for an Institution  
Established Under the Child Welfare Act 1925 in the City  
of Hamilton*

PURSUANT to section 25 of the Public Works Act 1928, the Minister of Works hereby declares the land described in the Schedule hereto to be set apart for an institution established under the Child Welfare Act 1925 from and after the 18th day of February 1963.

SCHEDULE

SOUTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

ALL that piece of land containing 4 acres 2 roods 7·4 perches situated in the City of Hamilton, being part Section 436, Town of Hamilton East; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked M.O.W. 7036 (S.O. 41898) deposited in the office of the Minister of Works at Wellington, and thereon coloured yellow.

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of February 1963.

W. S. GOOSMAN, Minister of Works.

(P.W. 24/4284; D.O. 36/3/1/2/0)

R. E. OWEN, Government Printer, Wellington, New Zealand.

(1) ACCOUNTS

(2) FILE

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF NEW ZEALAND  
HEAD OFFICE WELLINGTON

1962?

# Girls' home much needed amenity

The home for girls, at present in the planning stage and which is to be established at Dey Street, Hamilton, will fill a long felt need in the Waikato.

According to Miss Marjorie Harris, senior officer in the Child Welfare Department in Hamilton, the new centre will provide facilities that at present are just not available for teenage girls in need of care and direction.

Teenage girls come under the care of the Child Welfare Department through the courts, and become State wards.

And the new programme planned for them will be on parallel lines to the remand home for boys in Melville. It will cater for girls in all the main centres as far distant as the Bay of Plenty.

Older girls, Miss Harris said, have outgrown the

facilities available for children at Collingwood Street and at Tower Hill.

Some of the smaller children, in order to make room for the teenagers at the Tower Hill institution, will soon be transferred to a new "family home" in Carlington Avenue.

The establishment of the new home, which will mean that age groups need no longer be mixed, and specialists staff will be able to attend to individual need more effectively.

The need for short-term training for delinquent girls is a world-wide problem, according to Miss Harris.

Good facilities have long been available for boys. But the need for similar training for girls has become necessary only in fairly recent years.

With more freedom, and in many cases less restraining influences at home,

there is now as great a need for homes for girls, as there is for boys, Miss Harris said.

Social customs are changing. Girls are maturing faster and some cannot cope with the disciplines expected of them.

The remand home will be a "sorting out" place, where girls will learn disciplines and useful occupations. It will be administered by a principal and trained staff.

As social problems in the community increase, so will the need for welfare workers. Miss Harris predicts that within the next few years all personnel working in the sociological field will be well trained and qualified.

The special courses now being offered at university level are opening up excellent career opportunities for girls. "If they have an interest in people. Because, of course, academic qualifications alone don't necessarily make a good social worker", said Miss Harris.

She has been in Hamilton for more than three years and was formerly in the Child Welfare Department in Rotorua for ten years.

An executive member of the Waikato branch of the New Zealand Association of Social Workers, Miss Harris is helping to plan the biennial conference to be held next year in Hamilton. The conference will have as its theme, "The Challenge of the 1970's" and delegates will attend from all parts of New Zealand.

## FACILITIES DESIGNED TO HELP GIRLS

A pottery kiln, hair-dressing shop, well-equipped sewing room, gymnasium, entertaining kitchen and laundrette.

They'll all be included in the 32-bed girls' home planned for Dey Street, Hamilton, which is due to be started this week.

According to the District Child Welfare officer, Mr A. L. Rounthwaite, the development of work training habits for girls at the home is of the utmost importance.

"Many of the girls who will come to the home will never have had the sewing, cooking, gardening or other experience which so many take for granted," he said. But facilities will be such that all will be able to participate and gain a little confidence and independence at the same time.

A special training kitchen has been planned exclusively for the girls to use if they wish to entertain parents or friends. It will be well-equipped

they wish. Sewing facilities will also be available, plus special tuition.

A large activities room will contain a pottery kiln and facilities for other art and craft work. The hairdressing shop will provide a place where the girls can be taught a little about correct methods of presenting themselves, using the right make-up and hair-styling.

Taking a pride in their appearance means that the girls can gain self-respect, poise and confidence. Mr Rounthwaite said.

Mr Rounthwaite hopes that certain groups in the community will be able to participate in the life of the home by using gymnasium and other facilities.

"If the community becomes interested in the home, then it is an ideal opportunity for the girls to learn to mix and socialise with the public," he said. "This is another way



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Child Welfare Division,  
Private Bag,  
Wellington C. 1.

15 August 1961

The Minister in Charge of the Child Welfare Division

Proposal for a Girls' Home, Hamilton

1. This is a proposal to establish in Hamilton a Girls' Home designed to meet the needs of the Waikate, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty and central North Island areas for short-term accommodation and training of girl offenders who do not qualify for admission to a long-term training establishment such as Barwood. It is proposed that the institution would be similar in character to the Boys' Homes we now operate for offending boys, that is, it will have a semi-remand, semi-training function.
2. At the present time we have a small Receiving Home in Hamilton. It is unsuitable and inadequate. It was an ordinary house taken over many years ago and used for Receiving Home purposes, that is, for short-term care of newly committed children prior to their placement in foster homes and for holding occasionally a difficult girl pending her Court appearance. In recent years the composition of the group admitted to the Home has changed and the elder offending girl now predominates. The building provides neither sufficient accommodation nor suitable accommodation for that type of girl. We must change the type of accommodation from dormitories to cubicles or single rooms. We must provide more recreational and indoor training facilities. We must employ training staff as well as domestic staff, and must provide suitable accommodation in order to attract and hold them. Above all, we must provide elsewhere for the younger children who need shelter care only and who should be provided for in the completely different atmosphere from that needed for elder girl offenders.
3. I have included in the programme this year provision for a Family Home at Hamilton. This, with the Family Homes in Rotorua, Tauranga and Taurarunui, should meet the district needs for the short-term care of all but the more serious offenders.
4. The existing Receiving Home in Hamilton is not suitable for adaptation as a Girls' Home meeting the needs I have listed above. It is too small, it does not lend itself to extension and it is too old to justify large scale expenditure on it. In addition, its grounds are too small. A proposal, two years old, to renovate it and make certain alterations to enable it to meet better the pressure on it, is now well out-dated. Firstly, Ministry of Works advised that the cost (£12,000 to £14,000) is out of all proportion to the benefits gained and secondly, the pressure for the admission of difficult girls from the above mentioned districts has in the meantime grown so great that it is clear we want an institution which can provide, in the first instance, for up to 25 girls, and be designed as are the Boys' Homes for extension to approximately 40 beds.
5. I have discussed the whole matter with the officers in charge of the districts concerned and from their figures over the last

twelve months it is clear that they could have subscribed 64 admissions to such an institution within that time. With an average stay in the Home of five or six months, a 25-bed unit would seem to meet our present needs.

6. The reason for suggesting that the Home be in Hamilton is because many of these youngsters would have to be drafted out from the Home on jobs while still remaining under supervision. Most of them would be unable to return to their home towns so soon after their removal for offences serious enough to justify their admission to the Girls' Home. There would be a tendency for a system of work placement on trial from the institution to build up. It is essential, therefore, that the institution be placed where most work opportunities exist. It is advisable, too, that the institution be placed in an area where specialist facilities (psychological, psychiatric, educational, etc) are available. It is highly desirable also that staff have access to the social amenities of a larger town. It is almost impossible in these days to engage suitable staff in isolated areas.

7. If a proposal of this kind can be approved I would hope that with very little adaptation we could use the plans drawn up for our latest Boys' Homes. In that case I would estimate the total project would cost somewhere between £50,000 and £60,000.

8. I am quite satisfied that this type of institution has now become necessary in our work, and that our large Receiving Homes will have to be replaced by a facility of this kind. In general our Receiving Homes are old, barn-like structures quite unsuitable for adaptation. None of them was built for the use to which it has been put. Their shortcomings are more evident now with new pressures than they were originally. The position in the Hamilton and the surrounding areas requires something to be done urgently and this, in my opinion, provides us with immediate justification to build our first new Girls' Home.

9. I recommend your approval in principle to proceed with this proposal. This will enable me to arrange for a sketch plan to be drawn and an estimated cost arrived at for your later consideration. It would enable me at the same time to try to locate a suitable site in or near Hamilton.

C. E. Peek (Signed)  
Superintendent

Approved,

Norman L. Shelton (Signed)

18 August 1961

Note: Since this submission was made the position has altered in that (a) the pressure for admissions to such an institution has increased; (b) mainly because of architectural reasons the original plan for a 25-bed unit has increased to 28 beds plus four security but desired for an ultimate number of 48 beds; (c) the cost has nearly doubled because in addition to normal increases in building costs the original figure was probably an under-estimate, two-storey buildings were necessary and approved, fire protection is a major factor, and the administrative services planned now will meet the needs of the ultimate number proposed for this institution.

L. G. Anderson  
Superintendent

Mr Anderson

Site Development, New Girls' Home, Hamilton

f. 66 refers.

1. You will see in para. 7 of that memo. that the cost of developing this site has now risen to the astronomical figure of £5,860. Some comments on this are necessary.
2. <sup>Only</sup> a few months ago I had never seen the properties owned by the Department on which we are to build a Boys' Training Centre at Raglan, a Girls' Training Centre at Weymouth and the Girls' Home, Hamilton. I have not very much more experience than the average man in commenting on possible problems of site development for major buildings, but my first visit to the 4 acres for the Hamilton Girls' Home left me in no doubt that we were faced with drainage difficulties. Frankly I cannot understand how these were overlooked. The problem of seepage and drainage from the natural land contours was apparent so I arranged for the architect to visit the site and prepare a report before any drawings were started. Investigation proved that my guess was correct and an estimate of £2,500 was submitted by the private architect for laying subterranean drains over the whole area. This in turn was referred to the Ministry of Works who then carried out an independent investigation. The memo. referred to on folio 66 is the result of that inspection. Application has been made for the necessary finance. I am given to understand by the Buildings Division that this work will commence very early in the New Year.
3. As I have already said I saw the other properties for the first time earlier this year and was concerned also about the problems likely to be met in building on the Raglan site. The first one is access and roading, which on a hilly site would be expensive. I think the cost of this was under-estimated and is likely to prove an initial stumbling block. In talking over this matter with the School Development Working Committee, Head Office, the group to be handling this whole project, I arranged for them to get an estimate of cost because until access is provided no building can begin. A second problem, about which no investigation has been done or even thought of, is the water supply for this institution. A visit to the site and a knowledge of the district and climate soon pin-points this problem and in talking it over with the local people, and particularly the farmer whose property we had purchased, I learned that the Raglan County Council has had trouble with the town supply and last year spent a considerable sum in sinking a well. My discussion and investigation was of course superficial, but it seemed clear to me that we were unlikely to use the town supply and would probably have to arrange for an independent water supply. As this is likely to be 30,000 gallons a day no risks can be taken and for this matter, too, I have arranged for the Committee to have investigations carried out ~~as to~~ local supply and resources.
4. I have not yet officially begun any investigations of the Weymouth property but I discussed matters of sewerage, drainage and water supply with Mr Flint when I was in Auckland some months ago and asked him to arrange matters with the Ministry of Works. I

would think that problems at Weymouth are much less likely to arise because of the nearness of the site to Manurewa.

5. These notes indicate clearly the care that must be taken in our purchase of property for an institution, large or small.

D.G.R.  
(D. G. Reilly)

Mr Reilly  
Dear Sir. I think we have no alternative but to go ahead with the building of the Girls' Home in Hamilton. We'll have to look more carefully at the layout & Weymouth proposition.  
Thank you for your comments.

RA.  
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# Appendix 2

Extract from *N.Z. Gazette*, 14 July 1966, No. 42, page 1103.

*Declaring Additional Land Taken for an Institution Established  
Under the Child Welfare Act 1925 in the City of Hamilton*

PURSUANT to section 32 of the Public Works Act 1928, the Minister of Works hereby declares that, a sufficient agreement to that effect having been entered into, the additional land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken for an institution established under the Child Welfare Act 1925 from and after the 18th day of July 1966.

SCHEDULE

SOUTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT

ALL that piece of land containing 31.8 perches situated in the City of Hamilton, being Lot 1, D.P. S. 4505, being part Allotment 419, Town of Hamilton East, All certificate of title, Volume 1286, folio 26, South Auckland Land Registry.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of June 1966.

PERCY B. ALLEN, Minister of Works.

(P.W. 24/4284; D.O. 36/3/1/2/0)

R. E. OWEN, Government Printer, Wellington, New Zealand

(1) ACCOUNTS

(2) FILE

The Commissioner of Works,

The attached Declaration pursuant to section 32 of the Public Works Act 1928 declares land to be taken for an institution established under the Child Welfare Act 1925

The Declaration has been prepared at the instance of the Department of Education

The land is situated in Dey Street, Hamilton

The owner of the land, Mrs C.G. Hartley, has been paid the sum of £ 3,600 as full compensation under the protection of a compensation certificate.

The Declaration is recommended for signature.

R.E. Hermans  
Actg District Commissioner of Works

per: *[Signature]*

- 3 JUN 1966

The Minister of Works,

The Declaration is recommended for signature. One signature is required please.

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*P. L. L. L.*  
Commissioner of Works

per: *[Signature]*

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# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

(1) Full Name (1) Colleen Gray Hartley, of  
(2) Address and Occupation (2) C/- Tompkins, Wake, Paterson and Bathgate,  
Solicitors, P.O. Box 258, HAMILTON.

(hereinafter called the owner) being the ~~owner~~ owner of the land hereinafter mentioned for an estate of ~~leasehold~~ <sup>freehold</sup> in possession hereby offers to sell to Her Majesty the Queen for the sum of Three thousand six hundred pounds.

(£ 3,600. )

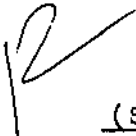
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free of <sup>(3)</sup>all leases and tenancies and discharged from all encumbrances all the piece(s) of land comprising about - acres - roods 31.8 perches being Lot 1 D.P.S.4505 and being pt of Allotment 419 Town of Hamilton E.

and being ~~part~~ <sup>all</sup> of the land in Certificate of Title 1286/26 South Auckland Registry on and subject to the conditions set out in Notes A and C endorsed on the reverse hereof:

OR ALTERNATIVELY at the option of the Minister of Works the owner agrees to the taking by Proclamation under the Public Works Act, 1928, of such piece(s) of land and to accept the above sum in full settlement of compensation for the said land together with the rights, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging and all his estate and interest therein as aforesaid and of all claims and demands in respect thereof or in respect of damage to the surrounding land by severance or otherwise howsoever: And the owner hereby authorises Her Majesty to retain and pay (if demanded) to the persons entitled the whole or a sufficient portion of the compensation to release the land agreed to be taken from all encumbrances affecting the same: And the owner further agrees to adduce a good title to the said land and to comply with the requirements set out in Notes B and C on the reverse hereof.

SIGNED by the said

  
(SGD) C.G. Hartley

(Owner)

Colleen Gray Hartley

Date: Feb. 8th 1966.

in the presence of :

Witness: (SGD) J. Blakemore J.P.

Address: 126 Mt Smart Road, Onehunga, S.E.5.

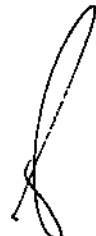
Occupation: Retired.

Acting on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen pursuant to Section 13 of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1948, and pursuant to an authority given to me by the Minister of

Works I Hereby ~~accept the above offer to sell~~ confirm the above agreement to take by Proclamation.

DATED at Hamilton this day of 1966.

SIGNED by

  
Person authorised by the  
Minister of Works.

in the presence of :

Witness:

Address:

Occupation:

# Appendix 3

14 JAN 7
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33 Scott Av.,  
HAMILTON EAST

13 January 1970

The Hon. the Minister of Education,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Private Bag,  
WELLINGTON, N.Z.

Dear Sir,

A girls' home is being built in Dey Street Extension, Hamilton, for the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Education. My property at the above address adjoins this building site, giving me a very clear view; in fact practically my whole view is dominated by the complex.

Shortly before the building was started, to my almost certain knowledge well after the letting of the building tender, the local newspaper published an article on the proposed home and a ground plan of the site. It seemed to me at the time that some sort of rehabilitation scheme was a worthwhile one, and that probably I would not be inconvenienced in any way. I certainly was not prepared for the home to be a prison, and feel that the whole project was wilfully played down by the Department of Education.

I have watched the building taking shape, and it was sometime before I or any of my neighbours realised what was going on, but when a virtual jail was poked right under my nose I thought it time to investigate. I find that the building most dominating my living room, dining room, kitchen and bedroom windows is a maximum security block with heavily barred cells for some five girls (young girls of 12-17 I understand). These cells lead to an exercise yard about the size of a small henhouse with 10 or 12' high walls and barbed wire atop. What I presume to be the good girls' sleeping quarters are also tiny cells with barred windows, little different from the maximum security cells except that presumably the girls can get out since there are no fixed toilets or handbasins. Fifteen of these are on the ground floor, and presumably the very best girls graduate to the same sized cells on a second floor, but without the stigma of the barred windows.

I am aged 83, a widow and a superannuitant; I live alone, except that my single, working daughter lives in the flat next door and keeps an eye on me when she is at home. I feel sure that the borstal type girls who must be going to inhabit this monstrosity will constantly be breaking out, and with the sort of treatment the Welfare Division is meting out to them, I don't suppose they will be any too fussy who gets hurt in the process. My daughter and I will be faced with the expense of putting doors on our garage, which in normal circumstances it does not need, and with the nuisance of maintaining strict security at all times.

I am aware that there is a lot of talk lately about integrating misfits back into society by putting these institutions in the middle of society, but I should have thought the Department of Education would think twice before building a borstal type home right next door to an intermediate school, and I protest at its being built in a relatively expensive housing area. I have been informed by local land agents that the value of my property has been considerably reduced.

I ask you to erect a high fence between my property and the welfare home. Unfortunately this will have to be on the north side of my land, and will keep the winter sun off my garden. Therefore,

(Over)

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in all fairness, you should erect such a fence well inside your boundary. I am convinced I and my neighbours are entitled to at least this courtesy.

I would also register a very strong protest at the underhand way the whole deal has been negotiated. Had I and the other residents of Scott Av. been in a position to know what was going on, we would have protested before the building became an unfortunate fact. Presumably this is precisely why your Department went about the project in the way it did. So much for democracy!

I would also like to have your firm assurance that this home and these girls will not create a nuisance in any way to me or to my neighbours; no strong lights, no noise, and no danger to person or property.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. M. Pierard".

H... Pierard (Mrs)

# Appendix 4

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Extract from *N.Z. Gazette*, 26 August 1971, No. 63, page 1688

*Notice of Establishment of Institution and of Change of Name of Institution*

PURSUANT to section 7 of the Child Welfare Act 1925, the Minister of Education hereby notifies that the premises situated as listed below are established as institutions within the meaning of the said Act, and shall be known by the names shown in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Address	Name
419 Dey Street, Hamilton	Hamilton Girls Home
44 Allendale Road, Mt Albert, Auckland	Allendale Road Girls Home, Auckland

NOTE—The latter institution was formerly known as the Girls Home, Auckland. This notice cancels the notice listed below:

*New Zealand Gazette* of 14 June 1962, Vol. II, p. 929

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of August 1971.

D. N. MCKAY, for the Minister of Education.

A. R. SHEARER, Government Printer, Wellington, New Zealand.

# Appendix 5



MINISTRY OF WORKS

36/3/1/2/0

Telephone 65099

~~SECRET~~

Private Bag,  
HAMILTON.

27 October 1972

The Commissioner of Works

CHILD WELFARE GIRLS' HOME  
DEY STREET, HAMILTON: J.S. HOLDEN

Your P.W.31/2591 of 25 August 1971 refers.

...

I forward herewith, as requested, a copy of the Memorandum of Transfer which has been registered in the Land Registry Office at Hamilton under No.S.572316.

R.E. Hermans  
Dist Commr of Works

Per:   
(P.A. Penfold)

  
Encl.



JOHN SEDDON HOLDEN of Hamilton, farmer

in fee simple

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City of Hamilton containing together 2 roods 10.7 perches, more or less being Lots 1, 2 and 3, D.P.S. 13086 being part of the land comprised and described in Certificate of Title Volume 1497, folio 77, South Auckland Land Registry, SUBJECT to and together with the easements set out in Easement Certificate S.509585 IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) paid to him by Her Majesty the Queen (the receipt of which sum is hereby acknowledged) HEREBY TRANSFERS unto Her Majesty the Queen for an institution established under the Child Welfare Act 1925 being a public work within the meaning of the Public Works Act 1928 all his estate and interest in the land above described

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents have been executed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1972

SIGNED by the said  
JOHN SEDDON HOLDEN  
in the presence of:

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(P.F. 36/3/1/2/0)

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HEAD OFFICE WELLINGTON

P.W. 31/2591

D.O. 36/3/1/2/0

THE Commissioner of Works,

The attached Declaration pursuant to section 32 of the Public Works Act 1928 declares land to be taken for an institution established under the Child Welfare Act 1925 subject to and together with certain rights.

The Declaration has been prepared at the instance of the Department of Education.

The land is situated in Dey Street, Hamilton.

The owner of the land, J.S. Helden, has been paid the sum of \$5,500 as full compensation under the protection of a compensation certificate.

The Declaration is recommended for signature.

R.E. Hermann  
District Commissioner of Works

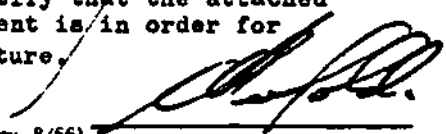
per: 

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THE MINISTER OF WORKS,

The Declaration is recommended for signature. One signature is required please.

I certify that the attached document is in order for signature.



J.H. Macky  
Commissioner of Works

per:

P.W. 526 (Rev. 8/66)

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In reply please quote	E. 7/38/24
If calling on this number please ask for	Mr Donald

All correspondence should be addressed to:  
 The Regional Superintendent,  
 Department of Education,  
 Private Bag, Newmarket,  
 Auckland.

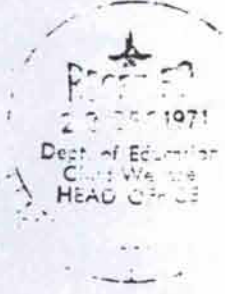
Office Address  
 Gillies Avenue,  
 Newmarket,  
 Auckland.

Telegraphic Address:  
 "Schools" Newmarket.

TELEPHONE 53 099

*W. Seamus*

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 NEWMARKET, AUCKLAND.



17 December 1971

The Superintendent,  
 Child Welfare Division,  
 Department of Education,  
 Private Bag,  
 WELLINGTON.

Copy for your information. Your memorandum C.W. 7/78/1 of 11 October 1971 refers. Please also refer to the minuted copy of a memorandum dated 25 May 1971 to the District Commissioner of Works, Hamilton, concerning the purchase of additional properties for the Girls' Home. Ministry of Works has advised that Lot 4, previously owned by Mr J.S. Holden, has been sold and the new owner is not interested in selling to the Crown. However, the Land Purchase Officer is recommencing negotiations for Lot 5 owned by Mr McNabb.

*J.H. Donald*

J.H. DONALD  
 for Regional Superintendent of  
 Education

*W. Seamus: to see and arrange further Bin about 6 months hence*

*see f. 324*

*W.S. 2/2/72*



S. 509583. Compromission Certificate by the  
Minister of Works Entered 2.10.1969 at  
12.20 o'c.

*Edwin Logan*  
A.L.R.

~~Transfer of the part Lot 5  
to Her Majesty the Queen as to the Land Act 1948  
and the Land Act 1970 at 12.20 o'c~~

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to Her Majesty the Queen as to the Land Act 1948  
and the Land Act 1970 at 12.20 o'c~~

*Edwin Logan*  
A.L.R.

Cancelled as to the hand  
in S. 491747

S. 509583 Easement Certificate certifying  
the following Rights of Way to be the  
easements intended to be created by the  
operation of Section 90 (A) Land Transfer  
Act 1952

Deposited Plan S.13086

Servient Tenement	Colour	Dominant Tenement
Part Lot 2 herein	Blue	Lots 1, 3, 4 herein and Lot 5 (part herein and part C.T. 2B/3)
Part Lot 3 herein	Yellow	Lots 1, 2, 4 herein and Lot 5 (part herein and part C.T. 2B/3)
Part Lot 4 herein	Blue	Lots 1, 2, 3 herein and Lot 5 (part herein and part C.T. 2B/3)
Part Lot 5 herein	Yellow	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 herein

27 JUL 1971  
COPY

Entered 19.2.1971 at 11.40 o'c

*Edwin Logan*  
A.L.R.

The easements referred to in Easement  
Certificate S. 509583 when created  
will be subject to section 351E (a)  
of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954.

*Edwin Logan*  
A.L.R.

S. 510757 Transfer of Lot 4 Plan S.13086  
to Edwin George Dunlop Logan produced  
17.3.1971 at 11.39 o'c  
12D/702

*Edwin Logan*  
A.L.R.

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HEAD OFFICE WELLINGTON

31/2571

Form E. 7/14

All correspondence should be addressed to:  
The Regional Superintendent,  
Department of Education,  
Private Bag, Newmarket,  
Auckland."



In reply please quote:	E. 7/38/24
If calling on this matter please ask for:	Mr Warren

Office Address  
"Gilles Avenue,  
Newmarket,  
Auckland."

Telegraphic Address:  
"Schools" Newmarket.

TELEPHONE 53 099

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NEWMARKET, AUCKLAND.

21 November 1969

~~District Commissioner of Works,  
Ministry of Works,  
Private Bag,  
HAMILTON.~~

CHILD WELFARE GIRLS' HOME, DEY STREET, HAMILTON  
POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Your reference 36/3/1/2/0

I have been informed by Child Welfare Head Office that a property adjoining three sections already acquired for the above institution, is available. The area, which is described as Lot 1, D.P.S.1833 and contains 1 rood 20.1 perches, is subdivided into two sections of 30.4 perches and 29.7 perches. A residence of three bedrooms, lounge, the usual offices and a garage, is available and I believe that the agent dealing with this property is Max Becker Land Agency.

It would appear from my records that the property is directly connected to Lots 4 and 5 which were the subject of previous correspondence between your office and mine, although it is possible that there has been a change in the description of the area and the actual dimensions.

The Child Welfare authorities have confirmed that they require additional land for staff houses and I should be pleased if you would inspect the property, which I understand is located at 413 Dey Street. It would be desirable to acquire an existing house if possible, but before entering into any firm negotiations for purchase of the residence, you should let me have a structural engineer's report as well as a valuation of the property, together with any comments you wish to make in regard to the suitability of the house and section.

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G.W. Warren  
for Regional Superintendent of  
Education

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HEAD OFFICE WELLINGTON

# Appendix 6

Extract from N.Z. Gazette, 31 July 1975, No. 63, page 1663

*Declaring Land Taken, Subject to and Together With the Benefit of a Right of Way, for an Institution Established Under the Children and Young Persons Act 1974 in the City of Hamilton*

PURSUANT to section 32 of the Public Works Act 1928, the Minister of Works and Development hereby declares that, a sufficient agreement to that effect having been entered into, the land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby taken subject to and together with the benefit of the right of way appurtenant thereto as set out in easement certificate S. 509583 and created by transfer S. 576193 and transfer S. 510757, South Auckland Land Registry, for an institution established under the Children and Young Persons Act 1974 from and after the 31st day of July 1975.

**SCHEDULE**

**SOUTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT**

ALL that piece of land containing 860 square metres situated in the City of Hamilton, being Lot 5, D.P. S. 17859, and being part Allotment 419, Town of Hamilton East. All certificate of title No. 17A/1487, South Auckland Land Registry.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of July 1975.

M. A. CONNELLY, Minister of Works and Development.

(P.W. 31/275/1; Hn. D.O. 36/3/1/2/0/1)

A. R. SEARER, Government Printer, Wellington, New Zealand.

(1) ACCOUNTS

(2) FILE

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Minister of Works and Development

(P.W. 31/275/1)  
(Hn.D.O. 36/3/1/2/0/1)

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HEAD OFFICE WELLINGTON

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

- (1) Full Name
- (2) Address and Occupation

(1) ALEXANDER THOMAS McNAB of \_\_\_\_\_

(2) C/- Messrs McCaw, Smith and Arcus, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 471, Hamilton.

(hereinafter called the owner) being the ~~lessor~~<sup>owner</sup> of the land hereinafter mentioned for an estate of ~~leasehold~~<sup>freehold</sup> in possession hereby offers to sell to Her Majesty the Queen for the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars

( \$2,500.00 )

- (3) Delete if not applicable

free of (3) all leases and tenancies and discharged from all encumbrances all the piece(s) of land comprising about \_\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_\_ roods <sup>34.00</sup> perches being Lot 5 on scheme plan of subdivision of Lot 1, D.P.S. 1833 and Lot 5, D.P.S. 13086 as shown on plan attached hereto

and being <sup>all</sup><sub>part</sub> of the land in Certificate of Title 2B/3

South Auckland Land Registry on and subject to the conditions set out in Notes A and C endorsed on the reverse hereof:

OR ALTERNATIVELY at the option of the Minister of Works the owner agrees to the taking by Proclamation under the Public Works Act, 1928, of such piece(s) of land and to accept the above sum in full settlement of compensation for the said land together with the rights, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging and all his estate and interest therein as abovesaid and of all claims and demands in respect thereof or in respect of damage to the surrounding land by severance or otherwise howsoever: And the owner hereby authorises Her Majesty to retain and pay (if demanded) to the persons entitled the whole or a portion of the compensation to release the land agreed to be taken from all encumbrances affecting the same: And the owner further agrees to adduce a good title to the said land with the requirements set out in Notes B and C on the reverse hereof.

SIGNED by the said  
Alexander Thomas McNab

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

in the presence of:

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Acting on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen pursuant to Section 13 of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1948, and pursuant to an authority given to me by the Minister of Works I Hereby accept the above offer to sell.  
~~confirm the above agreement to take by Proclamation.~~

DATED at Hamilton this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1973.

SIGNED by

JOHANNA GATHARINA LIEBERGREEN

Person authorised by the  
Minister of Works.

in the presence of:

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: Hamilton  
Occupation: Public Servant

# Memorandum of Transfer

WHEREAS ALEXANDER THOMAS McNAB of Hamilton, Technician

Transferor is  
(hereinafter called the ~~transferor~~), being registered as the proprietor

of an estate in fee-simple

subject, however, to such encumbrances, liens, and interests as are notified by memoranda underwritten or endorsed hereon, in all those pieces of land situated in the Provincial District of Auckland containing by admeasurement THIRTY-THREE (33) PERCHES

be the same a little more or less, being Lot 6 Deposited Plan S.17859 part Allotment 419 Town of Hamilton East and being part of the land comprised and described in Certificate of Title Volume 15D Folio 712 South Auckland Registry SUBJECT to the reservations and conditions imposed by Section 59 Land Act 1948 and subject to Mortgage S.154466 and having appurtenant rights of way created by Memoranda of Transfer Nos S.510757 and S.576193 (hereinafter called "the Dominant Tenement")

AND WHEREAS DOROTHY ELIZABETH HART of Rotorua, Married Woman is registered as proprietor of an estate in fee-simple subject, however, to such encumbrances and liens and interests as are notified by memoranda underwritten or endorsed hereon in all those pieces of land situated in the Provincial District of Auckland containing by admeasurement THIRTY-FOUR DECIMAL NINE (34.9) PERCHES more or less being Lot 4 Deposited Plan S.13086 and being part Allotment 419 Town of Hamilton East and being all the land comprised and described in Certificate of Title Volume 12D Folio 702 South Auckland Registry SUBJECT to the reservations and conditions imposed by Section 59 of the Land Act 1948, Fencing Covenant in Transfer S.510757 and to Right of Way created by Transfer S.510757 (hereinafter referred to as "the first Servient Tenement")

AND WHEREAS the land described as TWO (2) ROODS TEN DECIMAL SEVEN (10.7) PERCHES more or less being Lots 1, 2 and 3 Deposited Plan S. 13086 SUBJECT to Right of Way created by Transfer S.576193 is vested in Her Majesty The Queen for an institution established under the Child Welfare Act 1925 (which said land is hereinafter called "the second Servient Tenement")

AND WHEREAS the Transferor desires to surrender the rights of way created by Transfers Nos S.510757 and S.576193 to the respective registered proprietors of the first Servient Tenement and the second Servient Tenement

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) paid to the Transferor by the said Dorothy Elizabeth Hart the Transferor DOETH HEREBY TRANSFER to the said Dorothy Elizabeth Hart by way of surrender the Rights of Way created by Transfer S.510757 in so far as they are appurtenant to the Dominant Tenement

AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) paid to the Transferor by Her Majesty The Queen the Transferor DOETH HEREBY TRANSFER to Her Majesty The Queen the Rights of Way created by Transfer S.576193 in so far as they are appurtenant to the said Dominant Tenement

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.# = presents an interest in the said piece as of and above described.

In Witness whereof these presents have been executed this  
day of one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

Signed by the said ALEXANDER THOMAS McNAB

} *A. T. McNab*

Transferor Vendor in the presence of

*[Handwritten signatures]*

SIGNED by the Minister of Works and Development  
for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen as  
purchaser in the presence of:-

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HEAD OFFICE WELLINGTON

# Appendix 7

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT PLAN 1987/88**

**(A) CLEAR POLICY DIRECTIVE**

- Reduce reliance on residential provision for children and young persons.
- Divert resources to community based programmes for larger number of children and young persons who may be offending or exhibiting disordered behaviour.
- Net savings overall are required.

**(B) UNDERLYING PREMISES**

- Departmental response to needs of behaviour for disordered young people is now mainly residential.
- This response is the most costly option and reaches a very limited group.
- Many such young people receive no help/intervention before their problems/behaviours reach serious proportions.
- This trend should be stopped and reversed.
- No new resources are feasible, locked in resources need to be freed up and diverted.

**(C) POLICY INTO ACTION**

- Review the functions of those institutions which cannot be regarded as providing an essential service (no matter how desirable).
- Determine the adaptation/closure of some or all non-essential programmes.
- Free resources for replacement programmes.
- Develop replacement programmes using Residential Social Workers whose skills fit them well for working with difficult young people in the community, as well as in Residences.

**(D) PRINCIPALS TASK**

- Assess the "non essential" services.
- Research and describe possible community alternatives and their resource requirements.
- Plan a process over 12 - 24 months to put the new policy direction into action.

# Appendix 8

## **Overseas Trends - Closure of Residences**

As this evaluation exercise is about the rationalisation of residential services, it is reasonable to suggest a note of caution. Overseas experience points to what may be called a "ten year cycle". This "cycle" relates to the occurrence of a drop-off in the use of residential facilities for children and young people, followed by a rationalisation of those services and the subsequent closure of residences. This in turn has been followed over time by a gradual hardening of attitudes in respect of the incarceration of juvenile offenders. This shift has been due to reasons such as the lack of placement facilities, failure of certain programmes to deliver on the meeting of needs of children and young people, and due to community and political pressure. Consequence: the need to either re-open or, as has been the case, to build new remand and assessment and other treatment centres.

*From a Department of Social Welfare working paper prepared for the Residential Services Review 1989.*

# Appendix 9

## 8. Central North Region

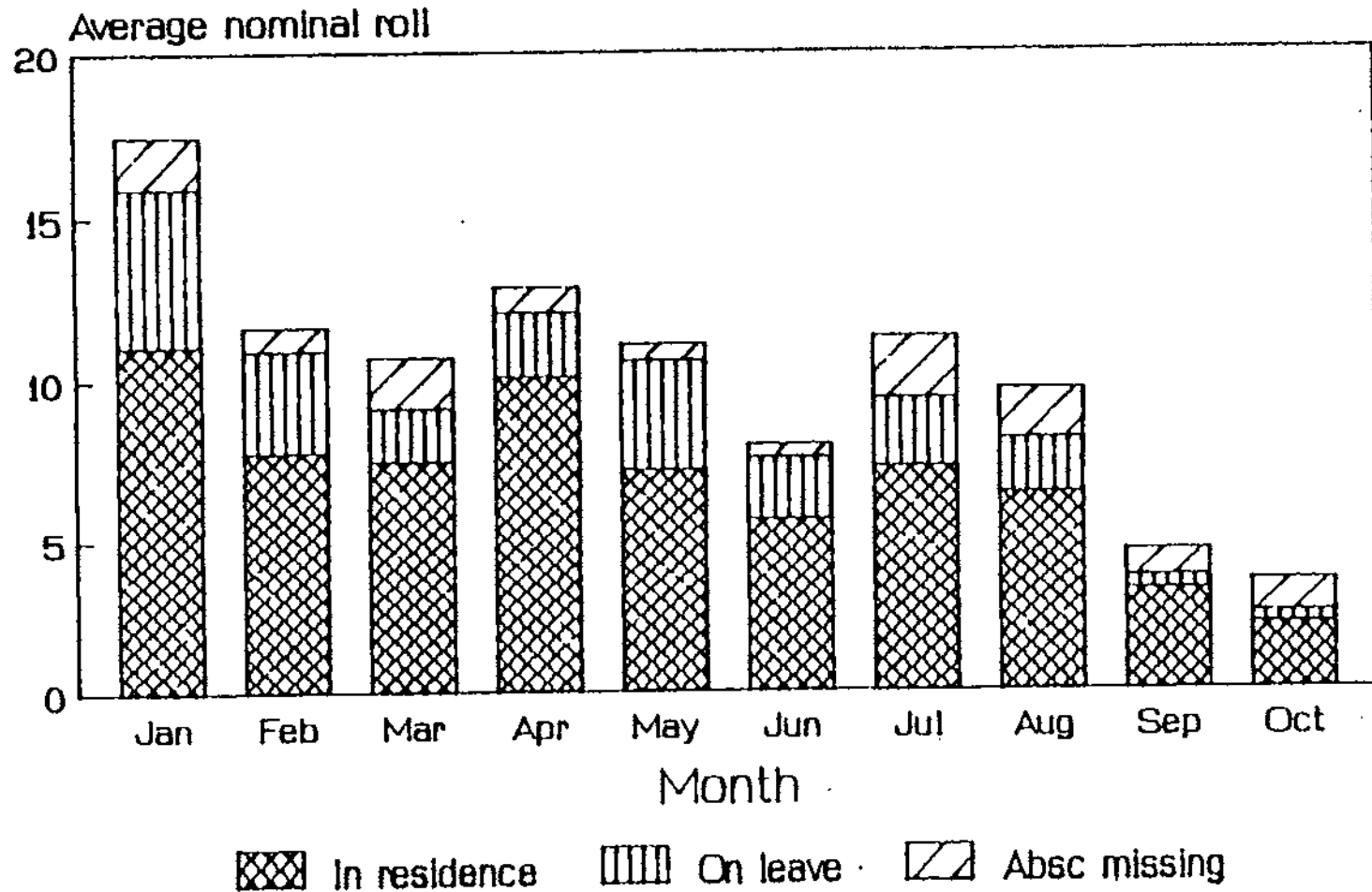
A strategic planning document for restructuring residential services in this region was released on 31.7.89 and circulated to all Districts within the Region for discussion and feedback. The planning document recommended:

- the amalgamation of Departmental Residential Services onto one campus (Dey Street);
- a review of current administrative servicing with consideration of making residential services independent and fully accountable to the Residence Management Committee;
- the identification of already existing community based programmes that a Residential Services Outreach programme could work alongside;
- that a needs analysis of alternative care programmes be carried out, with a view to developing the Boys Home at Mt. View Road into a community Resource Centre.

At its' October meeting the Central North Executive considered the strategic planning document, and on the basis of District feedback and an accelerated downturn in admissions over the July - October 1989 period, a reconsideration of options in the strategic planning document was recommended. The Executive agreed to the following:

- (a) That the districts reassess whether they wish to continue using and supporting a regional Residential Service and to evaluate the alternatives.
- (b) That the Residence Management Committee and Residential Service reassess their needs having regard to the current level of admissions, and advise how they plan to manage the resources available.
- (c) That the Central North Executive would consider both the Residence Management Committee/Residential Service proposals along with district reviews in December 1989.
- (d) That the Central North Executive would consider whether to seek a review of Residential Services and formally request this review with the PSA as detailed under the Employee's Agreement.
- (e) The intention is that we take no further action in regard to restructuring before 31 March 1990.

# Hamilton Girls Home Average Occupancy - 1989



*from the "Wood Report"  
Review of Residential Services*

# Appendix 10

# Home for offenders reopens

*Waikato Times*  
1-6-92  
(copy of faded original)

**A Hamilton home for young offenders is to reopen — less than two years after it closed.**

The Dey St, Hamilton East, home closed in September 1990 after admissions declined with the introduction of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act.

However, a ministerial review team looking at the Act recommended the home be reopened. The team's report also recommended a change to Section 215 which outlines the rights of children and young people being questioned by the police and highlighted the lack of training among social workers.

Social Welfare Minister Jenny Shipley said a secure facility for long-term young offenders would also be developed at Kingslea Home in Christchurch. It would cater for young offenders convicted of serious charges such as murder and rape and would offer therapeutic care.

"It is the Government's view that it is in the country's interest to invest in them so that they do not become repeat offenders," she said.

The Epuni, Hutt Valley, home for young offenders is to be upgraded.

Hamilton guidance teacher George Middleton said today he favoured re-opening the home as it would provide better access for families of offenders.

Mr Middleton was in charge of a school attached to the former girls' home and said it catered for people as far away as Gisborne and Taranaki.

Police have also been critical of the lack of facilities for young offenders. In March this year a 16-year old youth on

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By **SUSAN PEPPERELL** and **NZPA**

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remand was transferred to Weymouth after spending a month in the cells because there was no other place for him.

Mr Middleton said a Hamilton committee established to look into children at risk also believed there was a need for a separate facility for young women offenders.

And Allison Slavich, wife of murdered Paeroa farmer Steve Slavich, said the family was thrilled the law on police questioning young people was to be changed.

"Hopefully now no other family will have to experience our pain," she said.

Mrs Slavich said she was especially pleased for the police who "did everything in their power to help the family and were beaten by an outrageous law".

Changes to the Act were sparked by the national uproar surrounding the Slavich murder case last year when one of the two accused was freed on a technicality.

Police Association national secretary Graham Harding said the changes were a victory for victims of crime and would make the police job easier.

The Government is also to pump an extra \$5.8 million into social worker training this year in a bid to reduce what the report has called a "dangerous level of incompetence amongst many social workers".

# Appendix 11



CITY OF HAMILTON

24 April 1992

The Director  
Department of Social Welfare  
District Office  
Private Bag 3050  
HAMILTON

ATTENTION: L D HAYES  
PROPERTY ADVISOR

Dear Sir

RE: CHILD WELFARE INSTITUTION - DEY STREET

Thank you for your letter setting out the intended use of the existing complex owned by the Department in Dey street, and described as Part Section 436, Town of Hamilton East, on SO Plan 41898.

The land has been designated as "Child Welfare Institution" in the Hamilton City District Plan since 1969, and both the past use and the proposed use by the Department are in compliance with this designation. The proposed uses of secure wing (maximum number five children/young persons), administrative offices, and associated training offices, being in fact of a lesser nature than the previous utilisation of the complex.

We further advise that the proposed use of the remainder of the complex (dormitories and associated facilities) as a youth hostel would be in accordance with the Resource Consent approved by Council. This was granted for a tertiary students hostel of a total 125 bed occupancy, and as the use proposed by the Hearts and Hands Ministry is limited to the existing building and a maximum of 50 beds, this again being of a lesser nature, there should be no problem in their compliance with the conditions of the consent.

As requested we enclose a copy of the Resource Consent report and a copy of the conditions of approval. Please note that the final conditions of consent detailed in the approval dated 26 February 1992 differ from those recommended in the report.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your liaison in this matter with this office.

Yours faithfully  
D WAKELING  
CITY PLANNER

Per: Alan Matheson  
R Maynard  
PLANNER

*Keep the plan  
in the building office  
for the  
Council*

*Roche  
Maynard*

*2.30.18h*

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Grand floor  
4/11/92*

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