The Salvation Army, Australian Territory

1880 – 1921

Details

The Salvation Army, Australian Territory was established in 1880 when the first members of the church came to Australia. From 1880 until 1907, the Salvation Army Australasian Territory comprised the church's operations in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga. In 1907, the Australian Territory was separated from New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga. In 1921, the Australian Territory was split into the Southern and Eastern Territories.

The Salvation Army was founded in London in 1865. By 1880, the church was active in Australia, conducting services in Melbourne and Adelaide. In 1881, the founder of the Salvation Army, General William Booth, despatched Captain Sutherland and his wife to Australia to commence a 'campaign'. In 1883, Major James Barker established the Church's first permanent social program, the Prison Gate for discharged prisoners in Melbourne. In 1884, the Fallen Sisters Home was established in Carlton (an inner suburb of Melbourne) for women released from prison.

By the 1890s, the Salvation Army was setting up its first maternity Homes in Australia, including the Adelaide Maternity Home (established 1893), Rock Lynn House in Launceston, Tasmania (around 1895), a Home for Neglected Girls in Perth (1894) and The Haven in North Fitzroy, Victoria (1897). The Salvation Army was active in the adoption of children from their maternity Homes and hospitals. Many of its maternity Homes were not closed until the 1980s and 1990s.

The Salvation Army began establishing institutions for children in the 1890s, homes and industrial schools for 'neglected' boys and girls, as well as reformatories for 'convicted' children. The first of these was the Heidelberg Boys' Home, Victoria, established in 1893. Some of these earliest Salvation Army institutions – such as Bayswater Boys' Homes in Victoria (established 1897) – operated continuously until the 1980s.

More info

Chronology

- **The Salvation Army, Australian Territory (1880 – 1921)**
  - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory (1921 - 2018)
  - The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory (1921 - 2018)

Related Entries

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- [The Haven (1897 - 1988)](#)
- [Heidelberg Boys' Home (1893 - 1895)](#)

- Murrumbeena Girls' Home (1897 - 1912)
- Pakenham Boys' Home (1895 - 1897)
- Riddells Creek Girls' Home (1900 - 1940)
- Salvation Army Children's Creche (1915 - 1947)
- Fallen Sisters Home (1884 - 1886?)
- Heidelberg Girls' Home (1896 - 1899)
- Allenby Lodge Young Women's Hostel (1919 - 1984)
- Bathurst Maternity and Rescue Home (1897 - 1919)
- Burwood Maternity Home (1898 - 1910)
- Hopeleigh Maternity Home (c. 1910 - 1956)
- Newcastle Maternity and Rescue Home (1897 - 1924)
- Newtown Maternity and Rescue Home (1892 - 1898)
- Stanmore Rescue Home (1896? - 1928)
- The Fold Girls' Home (1920 - 1942)
- Bayswater Boys' Homes (1897 - 1987)
- Arncliffe Girls' Industrial Home (1916 - 1930)
- Paradise Boys' Industrial Colony (1897 - 1903)
- Manly Boys' Probationary Home (1903 - 1924)
- Bexley Boys' Home (1915 - 1979)
- Salvation Army Girls' Hostel (1912 - 1973)
- Rescued Sisters' Home (1898 - 1917)
- Salvation Army Industrial School for Girls (1920 - 1934)
- Salvation Army Home for Girls, Yeronga (1898 - 1942)
- Industrial School for Girls, Toowong (1907 - 1956)
- Industrial School for Boys, Riverview (1 October 1898 - 1926)
- Box Hill Boys' Home (1913 - 1984)
- Preventative Home for Girls, Riverview (19 April 1897 - 1898)
- Maternity Home Brisbane (1892 - 1897)
- Salvation Army Maternity Home Breakfast Creek (1897 - 1924)
- Glenties Rescue Home (1902 - 1924)
- The Bridge Rescue Home (1899 - 1934)
- Adelaide Maternity Home (1893 - 1914)
- McBride Maternity Hospital (1914 - 1975)
- Girls' Probationary School (1901 - 1945)
- Boys' Probationary School (1900 - 1945)
- Rescued Sisters' Home (1890 - 1899)
- Brunswick Girls' Home (1892 - 1902)
- Rock Lynn House (c. 1895 - 1960)
- Elim Maternity Hospital (1897 - c. 1973)
- Salvation Army Industrial School for Boys [Collie] (1901 - 1920)
- Salvation Army Boys' Home (1918 - 1965)
- Salvation Army Girls' Home, Cottesloe (1918 - 1969)
- Seaforth Salvation Army Boys' Homes, Gosnells (1920 - 1955)
- Seaforth Salvation Army Girls' Home (1920 - 1942)
- Salvation Army Industrial School for Girls, Collie (1901 - 1920)
- Collie Boys' Home (1902 - 1920)
- Seaforth Salvation Army Boys' Reformatory (1920 - 1955)
- William Booth Girls' Home (1912 - 1972)
- Salvation Army Girls' Home, Kalgoorlie (1904? - 1924?)
- Boulder Rescue Home (1904 - 1914?)
- Cornelie Home (1898 - 1903)
- Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls, Perth (1894 - 1898)
- Graceville Centre (1903 - current)
- The Open Door (1903 - 1922)
- Pakenham Girls' Reformatory (1897 - 1900)
- Catherine Booth Girls' Home (1915 - 1976)
- Glenroy Girls' Home (1902 - 1915)

- [The Harbour (1898 - 1994)](#)
- [Salvation Army Maternity Home, Charters Towers (1898 - 1903)](#)

Related Legislation
- [The Neglected Children's Act 1887, Victoria (1888 - 1890)](#)
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