

# Cornelie Home

1898 – 1903

**Other Names:**

- Golden Gate
- Salvation Army Rescue Home
- Cornelie
- Cornelie Rescue Home
- Perth Rescue Home

## Details

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Cornelie Home was the name given in 1898 to the Salvation Army's rescue Home when it moved to North Perth (Highgate) from Perth (East Perth). It accommodated single mothers, pregnant women, elderly women and women who had been released from prison. In 1903 the maternity program transferred to The Open Door, (which later became 'Hillcrest'), in North Fremantle and Cornelie was renamed 'Graceville'.

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The 1900 report of the Aborigines Department showed that the Salvation Army Rescue Home received grants of £3 5s. It is likely that this referred to the Cornelie Home. The Chief Protector, Henry Prinsep referred in the report (p.4) to the 'occasional help in the care of children' given by the Salvation Army'.

The Cornelie Home was a fifteen-room house, purpose-built as a Rescue Home for women and maternity home for 'unmarried girls' on land granted by the Government in Highgate. In an overview written in 1984, Cornelie's residents were described as 'elderly, destitute or alcoholic women, un-wed mothers, deserted wives, women on release from prison or young offenders'.

In 1899, the *Kalgoorlie Miner* reported there were nine 'children and adults' admitted during the year to the Perth Rescue Home, as Cornelie was also called, with 14 people at the Home at May 31. Eight of the infants and children who had been in the Home during the year 'went to situations with their mothers, eight remained in the Home and one was adopted, while four died.'

The maternity section of Cornelie transferred to North Fremantle in 1903 (to the Open Door, which later became 'Hillcrest').

After the maternity program was transferred to North Fremantle, Cornelie remained a Rescue Home with room for 21 women and its name was changed to Graceville.

In 1974 the property was further developed into the 'Graceville Centre' with additional units for destitute women and their children (Byanda) and lone women (Nunyara). The original home was renamed Cornelie and was used to accommodate women with intellectual disabilities. In March 1986, Cornelie was demolished and new units were built on the site.

## Gallery



### Cornelie Home, exterior

**Description:** 'Cornelie Home, exterior' is a digital copy of an item held in the *Cornelie Court social homes closed lever-arch* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. The item is an undated photocopy with 'Graceville' written on the caption. This may mean the photograph was taken after 1903, when the Cornelie Home's name was changed to Graceville.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls, Perth (1894 - 1898)
  - **Cornelie Home (1898 – 1903)**
    - Graceville Centre (1903 - current)
    - The Open Door (1903 - 1922)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)  
Date: 1898 - 1903
- [The Salvation Army, Australian Territory \(1880 - 1921\)](#)

### Resources

- Kirkham, John C, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory*, 2003
- [Salvation Army Rescue Home](#), *The West Australian*, 29 December 1897

### Other Resources

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## Records

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### Records

- [Historical records and memorabilia of Salvation Army institutions, Southern Territory](#)
- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
- [Children's Homes Files, Western Australian Salvation Army Homes \(1897 - 2012\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
- [Correspondence Files, Colonial Secretary's Office, Chief Secretary's Department \(1883 - 1983\)](#)

- [Files - Department of Aborigines and Fisheries \(1909 - 1920\)](#)
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