

Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls, Perth

1894 – 1898

Other Names:

- Salvation Army Rescue Home
- Summer Street Rescue Home
- Summer St

Details

The Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls was established in 1894 in Claisebrook Road, Perth (East Perth), for women and girls with a range of needs. The Home moved to Summers Street, East Perth in 1895. In 1898, new premises were built and the Home moved to Cornelie House in Lincoln Street (North Perth, Highgate).

The Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls began on 27 December 1894 at Claisebrook Road, after Cheriton Street, East Perth. It was also known as the Salvation Army Rescue Home.

The Home was established by J and H Fuller, female Salvation Army officers, who came to Western Australia from Melbourne and Adelaide for this purpose. In a memoir recalling the Home, J Fuller reported that the first house, in Claisebrook Road, was a 'nice cottage but the conveniences and water supply were a fair distance from the home' with a deep well from which water could be drawn with difficulty, and had to be strained before it was fit to use. At first, 'girls and women were not eager to come to the Home' and the first resident was admitted on 27 December 1894. An official opening was held on 18 February 1895 and the Home 'was soon full', according to Fuller, who described the Home as 'a Rescue Home, Maternity and preventive Home'.

At the end of 1895, Fuller reported that the Home moved 'almost opposite', to Summers Street, after West Parade, East Perth.

In 1898, the Home moved to Lincoln Street, Highgate (North Perth) and became Cornelie House (or Cornelie Home). The original house in Claisebrook Road was demolished in 2007.

Gallery



The First Home, 1894

Description: 'The First Home, 1894' is a copy of an image of the Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls at its first location in Claisebrook Road, Perth, in 1894.



Rescue Home Perth

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More info

Chronology

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

Related Entries

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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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