

Graceville Centre

1903 –

- Other Names:**
- Graceville
 - Graceville Women's Industrial Home
 - Graceville Women's Centre
 - Byanda
 - Nunyara
 - Cornelie Hostel
 - Cornelie Court
 - Perth Rescue Home
 - Graceville Rescue Home

Details

The Graceville Centre was the new name given in 1974 to what had been known since 1903 as Graceville. A Salvation Army Rescue Home, Graceville had replaced Cornelie Home at Highgate. By 1974 the Graceville Centre in Highgate was a complex of buildings accommodating: mothers and children temporarily; women aged 16-25 for alcohol rehabilitation; and, young and older women attending special schools and sheltered workshops. In 2013 the temporary accommodation services continued in an undisclosed location.

The Graceville Centre began its long history in 1898 as Cornelie Home; a Rescue Home for women and a maternity home for 'unmarried mothers'. After the maternity program was transferred to North Fremantle in 1903, Cornelie remained a Rescue Home with room for 21 women and its name changed to Graceville. On 22 March 1922, Graceville was registered as an 'Inebriates Home' but it seems that at some stage, young and older women with intellectual disabilities were also accommodated at Graceville. By 1972, Graceville reportedly was involved with the Slow Learning Children's Group workshops and 'special schools' and the Irrabeena assessment program.

In 1974 the property was further developed into the 'Graceville Centre' with additional units for women and their children needing temporary, emergency accommodation (Byanda) and lone women aged 16-25 years with a 'drink problem' (Nunyara). Byanda had previously (1920-1942) been the name of the younger children's building at the Salvation Army Girls' Home, Cottesloe. Byanda and Nunyara were built on the site previously occupied by the Graceville managers' and officers' quarters.

The original home was renamed Cornelie and was used to accommodate young and older women with intellectual disabilities who attended special schools and sheltered workshops. Many of these residents had links with Irrabeena. By 1984, this building was called 'Cornelie Hostel'. In March 1986, Cornelie was demolished and the female residents were transferred to a Baptistcare facility in Bassendean. Eleven new units were built on the site, opening on 13 December 1986 and named 'Cornelie Court'.

The Byanda and Nunyara buildings were decommissioned and new premises redeveloped in 2007. In 2013, the Graceville Centre continued to provide supported accommodation to women experiencing domestic violence or homelessness.

Gallery



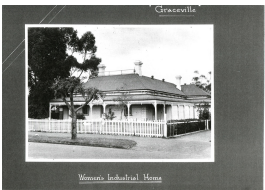
Cornelie Home, exterior

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Graceville dining room and kitchen exterior, 1974

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Graceville Women's Industrial Home

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Graceville, 1973

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More info

Chronology

- Salvation Army Home for Neglected Girls, Perth (1894 - 1898)
 - Cornelie Home (1898 - 1903)

- **Graceville Centre (1903 –)**

Related Entries

Run by

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

Related Organisations

- [Kindra Cottage Home, Bassendean \(1970 - 1975\)](#)
Following its closure, the Kindra cottage was used as an overflow facility for the Graceville Centre
- [Seaforth Salvation Army Girls' Home \(1920 - 1942\)](#)
When the Seaforth Salvation Army Girls' Home closed, some girls with intellectual disabilities were transferred to the Graceville Centre.
Date: 1942 -
- [Slow Learning Children's Group \(June 1951 - 1 March 1989\)](#)
Graceville Centre residents attended workshops and 'special schools' run by the Slow Learning Children's

Group.

Date: 1972 - ?

- [Irrabeena \(1961 - 1992?\)](#)

Graceville Centre residents with intellectual disabilities attended Irrabeena programs in the 1970s and 1980s.

Date: 1970s - 1980s

Resources

- Kirkham, John C, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory*, 2003
- *Applications for Enforcement*, The Western Australian Industrial Gazette, 24 February 1925

Records

For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

Records

- [Historical records and memorabilia of Salvation Army institutions, Southern Territory](#)
 - [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
 - [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
 - [Children's Homes Files, Western Australian Salvation Army Homes \(1897 - 2012\)](#)
 - [Correspondence Files, Colonial Secretary's Office, Chief Secretary's Department \(1883 - 1983\)](#)
 - [Files - Department of Aborigines and Fisheries \(1909 - 1920\)](#)
 - [Files - Chief Protector of Aborigines \(1898 - 1908\)](#)
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