

# Riddells Creek Girls' Home

1900 – 1940

**Other Names:**

- Riddell's Creek Girls' Home
- Riddells Creek Reformatory

## Details

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The Riddells Creek Girls' Home was established by the Salvation Army in 1900. In 1902 it housed 40 girls, including some 'recruited' from Melbourne's slums. The Home closed in 1940.

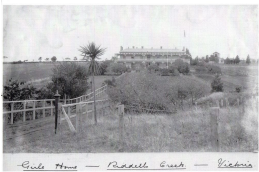
The Riddells Creek Girls' Home, reported the *Adelaide Advertiser* in 1902, included girls 'recruited' from the Chinese opium dens and other 'vile resorts' in the slums of Melbourne.

The newspaper described the Home as 'spotlessly clean', and stated it combined rigid discipline with kind treatment in a religious atmosphere.

In 1902 the Home housed 40 girls. They were 'kept busy' with light gardening work, machine knitting and ornamental needlework.

## Gallery

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**Girls Home - Riddells Creek - Victoria**



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## More info

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### Chronology

- Pakenham Girls' Reformatory (1897 - 1900)
  - **Riddells Creek Girls' Home (1900 – 1940)**

## Related Entries

### Run by

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

### Related Organisations

- [Brunswick Girls' Home \(1892 - 1902\)](#)

## Resources

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## Records

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

### Records

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
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