

# Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Eastern Territory

c. 1891 – 1990s

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**Records Location**

These records are held by [The Salvation Army Australia \(2018 - current\)](#)

## Details

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Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Eastern Territory is a collection relating to Salvation Army children's institutions in New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory. The Salvation Army also holds records relating to maternity Homes and adoptions conducted in its Eastern Territory. The surviving records vary for each institution however the collection includes records like: admission and discharge records, client files, personal record cards, case notes and photographs.

## Access Conditions

Former residents and clients can access information about themselves after providing proof of identity. Access to information may be given to a third party providing they have written permission from the person to whom the information relates, can prove a connection with that person, or show evidence that the person is deceased. All other applications for access will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Access to information about adoptions is subject to the provisions of the NSW Adoption Act 2000 and the QLD Adoption Act 2009.

## Records

**Photographs of Salvation Army Children's Homes (1922-1993), NSW and QLD**

Photographs of Salvation Army Children's Homes (1922-1993) consists of approximately 400 photographs of Salvation Army children's homes across New South Wales and Queensland, taken from 1922 to 1993 at 13 different Salvation Army children's homes. The NSW homes included in the photographs are Algate House, Arncliffe Girl's Home, Bexley Boys' Home, Dulwich Hill Family Group Home, La Perouse Women and Children's Home, Canowindra Girls' Home, and Stanmore Children's Home. The Queensland homes include Alkira Salvation Army Home for Boys, Home for Boys Riverview, Salvation Army Home for Girls, Yeronga, and Salvation Army Girl's Home, Toowong.

These photographs are a mixture of official photographs taken of the homes, as well as personal photos that were donated by various people.

The official photographs of the various homes show the interior and exterior of the children's homes; the children, staff, managers and Salvation Army officers who were stationed there across the time period. Many of these photographs have been dated and identified by retired and current Salvation Army officers, and people who grew up and were a part of The Salvation Army children's homes.

The photographs of people are both formal and informal. They show children and staff participating in recreational activities; such as sport, excursions, holidays and Christmas parties, as well as events; such as local fetes, church events, Christmas day, school and group portraits, and the children's homes brass bands and musical groups. The Salvation Army officers (managers) were often photographed in the Salvation Army uniform.

These photographs are located at The Salvation Army Heritage Centre in North Bexley, Sydney.

### **Adoption Records from Salvation Army Homes in Queensland, 1892?-1970?**

The Adoption Records from Salvation Army Homes in Queensland relate to adoptions that were arranged from maternity hospitals and other institutions for single mothers run by the Salvation Army. These records often include notes about the mother's labour and notes from the nursery.

The Salvation Army in 2012 advised the Find & Connect web resource that the adoption records from Queensland rarely mention details of the adopting parent/s or family. These records are arranged by the name of the birth mother. Therefore, a person trying to locate records may well need to know the birth mother's name.

These records are held by the Salvation Army and are located in Sydney, New South Wales.

## **QUEENSLAND INSTITUTIONS**

Any surviving records relating to institutions in Queensland run by the Salvation Army are now located in Sydney. Anyone interested in seeking information about their time in 'care', or a family member, should contact the Salvation Army Australia.

## **NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTIONS**

The following details about records relating to institutions in New South Wales were published in the 1998 guide, *Connecting Kin*. This guide is available online and contains more detailed descriptions of what type of information is recorded.

### **Algate House**

Client Files, 1970s-1980s.  
Register, 26.10.1968 – 11.04.1995

### **Arncliffe Girls' Home/The Nest Children's Home**

Admission Register 1918-1968  
Notification of Reception 31.1.1946 – 9.8.1962  
Notifications of Discharge 15.02.1946 – 9.07.1959

### **Bathurst Maternity and Rescue Home**

Women's Career Statement, 1897-1917  
Register, 9.1.1904-20.11.1919

### **Bexley Boys' Home**

Client Files, 1970s-1980s  
Inmates Register, 7.01.1927 – 13.11.1985  
Personal Record Cards, 1960s-1980s  
Notice of Reception, Discharge, Death or Admission to Hospital of a Child, 9.04.1974 to 11.01.1980

### **Bethesda Mothers' Hospital**

Adoption Register (Completed adoptions), 30.11.1967 to 2.04.1974  
Adoption Request Registers, 1963-1973  
Case Notes, 1956-1973  
Details of Unmarried Mothers' Babies for Child Endowment and Adoption, 25.09.1970 – 4.07.1973  
Unmarried Mothers' Register, 9.2.1967 – 28.6.1973  
Register of Patients, 18.12.1966-3.8.1973

### **Burwood Maternity Home**

Women's Career Statement, 13.11.1896-13.3.1905 (contains biographical information for each woman admitted).  
Girl's Statement on Admission, Final Statement and After Career 6.07.1897 – 23.04.1906  
Record Book 26.04.1906-11.08.1917

### **Canowindra Girls' Home**

Clients Records, 1942-1977  
Notification of Reception, 18.2.1947 – 20.02.1970  
Notifications of Discharge, 11.02.1942 – 11.03.1976  
Register, 10.5.1955-6.2.1968  
Register: Particulars of Illness of Children, March 1942-September 1954

### **Dee Why Home for Boys**

Gill and Dee Why, Inmates' Register, 16.07.1928-9.10.1936 – The volume contains the Inmates' Register for the Gill Memorial Home for Boys, Goulburn, 10 Sep. 1936 to 18 Oct. 1993 and Dee Why Home for Boys, 16 Jul. 1928 to 9 Oct. 1936.  
Register, 1.12.1919-27.02.1932

### **Dulwich Hill Family Group Home**

Client Files, 1980s-1990s

### **Earlwood Family Group Home**

Client Files, 1980s-1990s

### **The Fold Girls' Home and Canowindra Girls' Home (Lyndon House)**

Admission Register, 18 April 1924 – 19 September 1976

### **Gill Memorial Boys' Home**

Notification of Reception, 9.1.1942 to 3.2.1970  
Notice of Reception, Discharge, Death or Admission to Hospital, 18.12.1978 to 27.01.1984  
Client Files 1933 – c.1983 (foremost from the 1950s to early 1980s) – these Client Files, comprising 4 cartons, date foremost from the 1950s to the early 1980s. The earliest of these files pre-date the opening of the Gill Memorial Home; they relate to boys who were initially admitted to Bexley Boys' Home and subsequently transferred to the Gill Memorial Boys' Home in Goulburn. The amount of information available varies from file to

file, depending on the circumstances of each case. There are also a small number of files from the 1930s and 1940s, which contain an application form, and correspondence about the child. In a number of instances the correspondence is from the parent or guardian to the manager of the Home, conveying money or clothes for their child.

See also the Gill and Dee Why, Inmates' Register, 1928-1936

### **Hopeleigh Maternity Home**

Record Books, 18.03.1905-22.03.1928

### **Narwee Family Group Home**

Client Files, 1980s-1990s. A number of the files pre-date the opening of the home, as they relate to children who had previously been in another of the Salvation Army's homes.

### **Newtown Maternity and Rescue Home**

Inmates Register, 22.03.1892-3.6.1906

### **Newcastle Maternity and Rescue Home**

Girl's Statement on Admission, Final Statement and After Career, 16.7.1897 – 1.05.1906

Inmates' Register, 1891-1906 (this volume has been used as the Inmates' Register for several Homes, including Bathurst Maternity and Rescue Home from 5 July 1897 to 28 May 1906, Newtown Rescue Home from 1 June 1891 to 28 May 1906 and Newcastle Rescue Home from 16 July 1897 to 11 June 1906. Each Home is listed in a separate part of the volume).

Record Books 25.05.1906 – 23.04.1927

Women's Career Statement, 16.7.1897-26.2.1914

### **Salvation Army Foster Care Program**

Case Files, c.1984 to c.1994

The case files from the Foster Care Program (Salvation Army) include case notes, social worker's notes, admission forms, school correspondence, etc. for each child or young person admitted to the foster care program. Occasionally there are school reports, medical reports, copies of court orders and mandates, case conference minutes, and photographs.

### **Stanmore Children's Home**

Client Files, 1970-1980s. Some of the children admitted to Stanmore Children's Home were later transferred to one of the Family Group Homes (e.g. Dulwich Hill, Earlwood, Narwee), and there are also files for those children in the relevant group home's records.

### **Stanmore Rescue Home**

Girl's Statement on Admission, Final Statement and After Career 9.6.1900 – 5.7.1906

Record Books 4.8.1905 – 13.01.1928

Registration Book, 5.2.1969 – 5.12.1987

Women's Career Statement, 25.11.1906 – 9.3.1903

## **More info**

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# Organisations in these records

## Related Organisations

- [The Salvation Army, Australian Territory \(1880 - 1921\)](#)
- [Newtown Maternity and Rescue Home \(1892 - 1898\)](#)
- [Maternity Home Brisbane \(1892 - 1897\)](#)
- [Stanmore Rescue Home \(1896? - 1928\)](#)
- [Bathurst Maternity and Rescue Home \(1897 - 1919\)](#)
- [Newcastle Maternity and Rescue Home \(1897 - 1924\)](#)
- [Paradise Boys' Industrial Colony \(1897 - 1903\)](#)
- [Preventative Home for Girls, Riverview \(19 April 1897 - 1898\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Maternity Home Breakfast Creek \(1897 - 1924\)](#)
- [Burwood Maternity Home \(1898 - 1910\)](#)
- [Rescued Sisters' Home \(1898 - 1917\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Home for Girls, Yeronga \(1898 - 1942\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Boys, Riverview \(1 October 1898 - 1926\)](#)
- [Glenties Rescue Home \(1902 - 1924\)](#)
- [Manly Boys' Probationary Home \(1903 - 1924\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Girls, Toowong \(1907 - 1956\)](#)
- [Hopeleigh Maternity Home \(c. 1910 - 1956\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Girls' Hostel \(1912 - 1973\)](#)
- [Bexley Boys' Home \(1915 - 1979\)](#)
- [Arncliffe Girls' Industrial Home \(1916 - 1930\)](#)
- [The Fold Girls' Home \(1920 - 1942\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Girls, Chelmer \(1920 - 1941\)](#)
- [Industrial School, Purga Mission Station \(c. 1920 - 1948\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Industrial School for Girls \(1920 - 1934\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)
- [Stanmore Girls' Industrial Home \(1922 - 1948\)](#)
- [Industrial School for Boys \(20 November 1922 - 1942\)](#)
- [Maryville Mothers' Hospital \(1924 - 1933\)](#)
- [Dee Why Home for Boys \(1924 - 1936\)](#)
- [Boothville Mothers' Hospital \(24 May 1924 - 1994\)](#)
- [Glenties Mothers' Hospital \(1924 - 1938\)](#)
- [Riverview Training Farm \(1926 - 1956\)](#)
- [The Nest Children's Home \(1930 - 1941\)](#)
- [Hillcrest Hospital \(1933 - 1977\)](#)
- [Gill Memorial Boys' Home \(1936 - 1980\)](#)
- [Bethesda Mothers' Hospital \(1938 - 1968\)](#)
- [Arncliffe Girls' Home \(1941 - 1969\)](#)
- [Canowindra Girls' Home \(1942 - 1977\)](#)
- [Boys' Home, Washpool \(1942 - 1945\)](#)
- [James Horton Memorial Home \(1942 - 1947\)](#)
- [La Perouse Women's and Children's Home \(1944 - 1988\)](#)
- [Boys' Home, Indooroopilly \(1946 - 1968\)](#)
- [James Horton Industrial School for Girls \(1947 - 1953\)](#)
- [The Lodge Young Women's Hostel \(1948 - c. 1975\)](#)
- [James Horton Memorial Home for Girls \(1953 - 1954\)](#)
- [James Horton School for Girls \(1954 - 1963\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Girls' Home, Toowong \(1956 - c. 1961\)](#)
- [Home for Boys, Riverview \(1956 - 1966\)](#)
- [Bethesda Maternity Hospital \(1957 - 1973\)](#)
- [Kalimna Vocational Centre for Girls \(1962 - 1977\)](#)
- [Horton House \(1963 - 1976\)](#)
- [Training Farm for Boys \(1966 - 1969\)](#)
- [Alford House \(6 April 1966 - 1976\)](#)
- [Hocking House \(6 April 1966 - 1976\)](#)

- [Algate House \(1968 - 1996\)](#)
- [Cooinda Salvation Army Home for Boys \(1968 - September 1969\)](#)
- [Bethesda Hospital and Hostel \(1968 - 1970\)](#)
- [Alkira, Salvation Army Home for Boys \(September 1969 - 1983\)](#)
- [Endeavour Training Farm \(1969 - 1973\)](#)
- [Ray Powell Cottage \(1969 - 1976\)](#)
- [Bethesda Hostel \(1970 - 1976\)](#)
- [Stead House \(1973 - c. 2007\)](#)
- [Hillsdale Village for Boys \(c. 1973 - c. 1977\)](#)
- [Canaan School for Training and Development \(c. 1973 - 2013\)](#)
- [Stanmore Children's Home \(1975 - 1988\)](#)
- [Horton Village \(1976 - 1985\)](#)
- [Bethesda Hostel and Children's Home \(1976 - 1977\)](#)
- [Bethesda Children's Home \(1977 - September 1979\)](#)
- [Marrickville Children's Residence \(1979 - 1982\)](#)
- [Gundanah Group Home \(3 September 1979 - 3 February 1987\)](#)
- [Gill Memorial Family Group Home \(1980 - 1995\)](#)
- [John Irwin Lodge \(1980 - 1993\)](#)
- [Salvation Army Youth Refuge, Warilla \(1983 - 1991\)](#)
- [Foster Care Program, Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory \(c. 1984 - c. 1994\)](#)
- [Narwee Family Group Home \(1987 - 1996\)](#)
- [Dulwich Hill Family Group Home \(1989 - 1995\)](#)
- [Earlwood Family Group Home \(1989 - 1995\)](#)
- [Oasis Youth Care Centre \(1991 - 1994\)](#)

#### **Related Legislation**

- [Adoption Act 2009, Queensland \(2009 - current\)](#)

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