

Blue Ribbon Gospel Army

c. 1882 – c. 1890

Other Names: • Blue Ribbon Temperance Gospel Union

Details

The Blue Ribbon Gospel Army was established by Sydney philanthropist and evangelist George Edward Ardill in 1882. It provided a range of services to the destitute of the city, including the Open All Night Refuge, the Jubilee Home for Domestic Servants and the Home of Hope for Friendless and Fallen Women. It seems that Ardill merged the Blue Ribbon Gospel Army into the Sydney Rescue Work Society around 1890.

The emphasis of the Blue Ribbon Gospel Army was campaigning for temperance and the reform of alcoholics, as well as protecting women and children from domestic violence and rehabilitating prostitutes. Members campaigned on city streets and across the state. The personal drive of George Ardill and his wife Louisa were essential elements of the organisation, but it did have a committee of management, drawn from the New South Wales Government, Sydney City Council, the Baptist ministry and various philanthropic circles.

The institutional work of the Blue Ribbon Gospel Army was taken over by the Sydney Rescue Work Society, which was founded by Ardill in 1890.

More info

Related Entries

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- [Open All Night Refuge \(c. 1882 - 1950s\)](#)
Date: 1882 - 1890
- [Home of Hope for Friendless and Fallen Women \(1883 - 1904\)](#)
The Blue Ribbon Gospel Army set up the Home of Hope.
Date: 1882 - 1890
- [Jubilee Home \(1887 - 1960?\)](#)
Date: 1884 - 1890

Related Organisations

- [Sydney Rescue Work Society \(1890 - 1982\)](#)
The Sydney Rescue Work Society possibly replaced the Blue Ribbon Gospel Army.
Date: 1890 -

Resources

- Sydney Rescue Work Society/Society for Providing Homes for Neglected Children, *The Rescue: official organ of the Sydney Rescue Work Society and Society for Providing Homes for Neglected Children*, 1880 - 1910
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