

Horton House

1963 – 1976

Details

Horton House, in Toowoomba, was a children's home run by the Salvation Army. It opened in 1963 and in 1976 the extended complex was renamed Horton Village.

Former residents of Horton House gave evidence to the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions in 1998-1999. Some remembered being easily identifiable as 'Home kids' when they attended school, because girls from Horton House wore box-pleated tunics and white blouses, rather than the regulation school uniform (p.85).

During the 1960s the trend towards providing care for children in smaller cottages had commenced. In 1965, work began on erecting two cottage units on the land that incorporated Horton House. By August of 1969 three cottages stood on the site: Alford House, Hocking House and Ray Powell Cottage.

The Salvation Army's Horton Village Policy & Procedure Manual describes the use of Horton House from 1966 onwards.

When the children were moved to the cottages in 1966 a small group of elderly ladies, some of which had disabilities, were accommodated in the original Horton House. The living situation proved unsuitable for them and therefore ceased to function.

In 1972, accommodation in Horton House was given over to 8 young women who were attending a sheltered workshop for intellectually disabled persons.

In 1976 the whole complex became known as Horton Village.

Gallery



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Description: Horton House was built in the late 1800s by James Horton. The home was donated to the Salvation Army in 1942 and operated as a girl's home until 1985.



The Toowoomba Salvation Army Girls' Home

More info

Chronology

- James Horton School for Girls (1954 - 1963)
 - **Horton House (1963 – 1976)**
 - Horton Village (1976 - 1985)

Related Entries

Run by

- [The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)

Related Events

- [Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions \(1998 - 1999\)](#)
Horton House was an institution mentioned by a number of witnesses to the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions.

Related Legislation

- [Children's Services Act 1965, Queensland \(1965 - 2000\)](#)
Horton House was licensed under the *Children Services Act 1965* on 4 August 1966.

Related Organisations

- [Alford House \(6 April 1966 - 1976\)](#)
Alford House was a cottage home that was part of Horton House.
- [Hocking House \(6 April 1966 - 1976\)](#)
Hocking House was a cottage home that was part of Horton House.
- [Ray Powell Cottage \(1969 - 1976\)](#)
Ray Powell Cottage was part of Horton House.

Resources

- The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, [Submission No. 46 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care: The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territorial Headquarters \(VIC\), Appendix B, Eastern Territory Social Centres, A list of openings, closings and function](#), June 2003
- Cleland, Sharon, [Caring for the Children: A history of institutional care provided by The Salvation Army for Australian children and youth \(1893-1995\)](#), August 2012
- Blayse, Lewis, [Some More Salvation Army Children's Homes \(Or: Ve Gaf Vays Of Making You Afraid\)](#), lewisblayse.net, 12 January 2014

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Eastern Territory \(c. 1891 - 1990s\)](#)

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