

Home for Boys, Riverview

1956 – 1966

Other Names: • Riverview

Details

The Home for Boys, Riverview, situated at 29 Riverview Road, was operated by the Salvation Army. In the 1950s it received young migrants from Britain to train in farm practices. The name changed to the Training Farm for Boys in 1966.

In the 1950s the Salvation Army Training Home for Boys at Riverview admitted 77 boys under the child migrant scheme. Only “child migrants” over 14 years of age were accepted, on account of the type of work involved at the training farm.

In 1998, former residents of Riverview Training Farm made submissions to the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions (widely known as the Forde Inquiry). The Committee reported on incidents of unsafe, improper and illegal treatment of children in Queensland institutions, including cases of sexual, physical, emotional and systems abuse. Its findings were detailed and explicit.

In January 2014, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse commenced a public hearing into response of the Salvation Army (Eastern Territory) to child sexual abuse in children’s Homes in Queensland and New South Wales, including the Riverview Training Farm. The evidence to be heard was to have a particular focus to the years 1966-1977, although the Royal Commission stated it expected to hear allegations dating back to as early as 1936.

Gallery



Collage of images from the Salvation Army training farm for youths, Riverview

Description: This description was supplied with the photograph and included on the library website: Images include boys having fun in a swimming hole, working on the farm with the horses, cutting crops and herding the cows.



Child migration - British youth migrants learning how to mount and ride a horse at the Salvation Army Training Farm for Boys, Riverview, Queensland.



Canaan Training Room, Riverview



Entrance to Riverview Farm

Description: The Salvation Army has occupied this site since 1897. The avenue of pines was planted c.1920s.



Front entrance to original home, Riverview



Original buildings, Riverview



Salvation Army Hall, Riverview



Bethany, farm manager cottage Riverview



Entrance drive Riverview

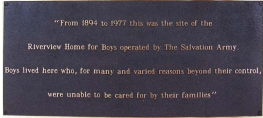


Looking towards visitor residence



Plaque on memorial plinth at Riverview

Description: This is an image of a memorial plaque at Riverview. The inscription reads: "This monument commemorates the residents of Riverview Girls Home April 1897 to June 1898 and Riverview Boys Home July 1898 to January 1977 'Never to be forgotten' Funded by The Salvation Army Australia and Mayor Paul Pisasale City of Ipswich 14th January 2012"



Plaque unveiled at Riverview on 21st April 2007

Description: The inscription reads: "From 1894 to 1977 this was the site of the Riverview Home for Boys operated by the Salvation Army. Boys lived here who, for many and varied reasons beyond their control, were unable to be cared for by their families."

More info

Chronology

- Riverview Training Farm (1926 - 1956)
 - **Home for Boys, Riverview (1956 – 1966)**
 - Training Farm for Boys (1966 - 1969)

Related Entries

Run by

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

Related Events

- [Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions \(1998 - 1999\)](#)
- [Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care, Parliament of Australia \(2003 - 2005\)](#)

Home for Boys, Riverview was mentioned in Submissions 75, 90, and 339 to the Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care

Related Concepts

- [Child Migration \(1800s - 1970s\)](#)

Resources

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- [Boys home apology is a comfort](#), Queensland Times, 1 September 2009
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- Biddy, Paul, [Salvation Army abuse at 'severe end' of the scale](#), Sydney Morning Herald, 29 January 2014
- 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
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- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, [*Report of Case Study No. 5: Response of The Salvation Army to child sexual abuse at its boys homes in New South Wales and Queensland*](#), January 2015

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 \(c. 1891 - 1990s\)](#)
 - [Forgotten Australians : Micah Pilot Oral History and Digital Story Project \[sound and video recording\] \(March 2011 - April 2011\)](#)
Bob Cox's audio interview discusses his time at Riverview in the early 1960's.
 - [Commonwealth Child and Youth Migration Records \(1947 - 1967\)](#)
 - [Commission of Inquiry Exhibits, Farm Home for Boys Westbrook \(c. 1915 - c. 1961\)](#)
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