

The Bridge Industrial Home

1934 – 1977

Other Names:

- The Bridge
- The Salvation Army Industrial Home for Women and Girls
- The Bridge Salvation Army Industrial Home

Details

The Bridge Industrial Home was the new name given to The Bridge Rescue Home in 1934. Run by the Salvation Army it was located in Gilbert Street, Adelaide, and provided accommodation and training for teenage girls. Girls living at the Industrial Home worked in a laundry that operated at the Home. In the 1970s it also accommodated women with disabilities. The Bridge Industrial Home was closed in 1977 and the building was demolished.

In 1934 The Bridge Rescue Home became officially known as The Bridge Industrial Home when it began to provide a residential program for the 'training' of teenage girls who were placed there for 'uncontrollable' behaviour. The Industrial Home was run by the Salvation Army at 146 Gilbert Street, Adelaide, in a large two story building that had once housed the Adelaide Bushmen's Club. In September of 1943, 6 women and girls lived at The Bridge. While at the Home, girls were encouraged and assisted to complete their education and were helped to find employment. A laundry which operated at the home provided some work for the girls and generated income for the institution.

In the 1970s The Bridge also provided accommodation for a number of women with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. At this time it became clear that the old Bushmen's Club building was in need of much renovation. However, in 1977 when it was discovered that the building was riddled with white-ants (termites) it was demolished. It was replaced with a new building known as 'Centennial Court' in 1980 – 81 and its role changed to that of a centre for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Gallery



Gilbert Street, Adelaide

Description: The library description includes: Gilbert Street, Adelaide, north side, showing part of the Bushmen's Home or Bushmen's Club. This location later went on to house The Bridge Rescue Home and The Bridge Industrial Home.

More info

Chronology

- The Bridge Rescue Home (1899 - 1934)
 - **The Bridge Industrial Home (1934 – 1977)**

Related Entries

Run by

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

Records

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