

Cascades House of Correction

1856 – c. 1877

Details

The Cascades House of Correction opened in the former Female Factory at Cascades, South Hobart, in 1856. It housed the children of the prisoners living there as well as children who were orphaned or neglected and waiting for transferral to Queen's Asylum or the boarding-out system. Between 1869 and 1876, the Boys' Reformatory was also on the site. The House of Correction closed in about 1877.

The Cascades House of Correction was on the site of the Cascades Female Factory. Its main purpose was to accommodate women who had received their sentences in Tasmania. During the 1860s, it became less of a gaol and more of an invalid depot for aging and destitute former convicts.

In 1870, a *Mercury* article referred to a children's refuge at the site of the Cascades House of Correction. It accommodated children whose parents had deserted them or were prisoners. This appears to be the same establishment that the English social reformers and advocates of the boarding-out system, Florence and Rosamund Hill, saw when they visited the site in 1874. In their book *What we saw in Australia*, they wrote that about 18 children, 'all very little', lived there in a separate section to the prisoners. One of the prisoners looked after the children. They attended school on the site.

Gallery



Female Factory Cascades from the east

Description: The photograph of the Female Factory Cascades, South Hobart, from the east is part of ER Pretzman's collection of photographs and glass plate negatives, 1880 - 1920

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- [Convict Department \(1818 - 1877\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Female Factory, Cascades \(1827 - 1853\)](#)
The Cascades House of Correction was located on the site of the former Female Factory, Cascades.
- [Queen's Orphan Asylum \(1833 - 1879\)](#)
Some of the children at the Cascades House of Correction awaited transfer to the Queen's Orphan Asylum.
- [Boys' Reformatory \(1869 - 1876\)](#)

- [New Town Charitable Institution \(1879 - 1912\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Queen's Asylum Act 1861, Tasmania \(1861 - 1934\)](#)

According to the *Queen's Asylum Act*, apprentices aged between 12 and 18 who misbehaved could be sent to the Cascades House of Correction.

Resources

- Australian Heritage Council, [A thematic heritage study on Australia's benevolent and other care institutions](#), 2016

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