

Queen of the Holy Rosary Mission

1886 – 1891

Other Names:

- Daly River Mission
- Old Uniya
- Uniya

Details

The Queen of the Holy Rosary Mission, also known as Old Uniya, was established by Jesuit missionaries on the Daly River in 1886. Although missionaries aimed to educate and convert children, no dormitories were established. The mission closed in July 1891 and was reopened at a new location a few months later. It was then referred to both as New Uniya and St Josephs.

The Queen of the Holy Rosary Mission, also known as Old Uniya, was established by Austrian Jesuit Missionaries on the Daly River in 1886. The land was granted to the Jesuits by the South Australian Government. It was the second Jesuit mission to open in the Northern Territory and was started due to the perceived success of the first mission at Rapid Creek, St Josephs. For five years, the two missions operated at the same time.

Missionaries at Old Uniya struggled with illness and the impact of the harsh climate, but just before its closure in July 1891, the mission was described as 'a thriving settlement'. It appears that although the missionaries tried to educate and convert Aboriginal children, they did not establish a residential dormitory.

The Queen of the Holy Rosary Mission closed in 1891 and then re-opened as a new station called New Uniya that same year on a new site. It also took on the name of the first mission at Rapid Creek, St Josephs, which closed in December 1891.

More info

Chronology

- **Queen of the Holy Rosary Mission (1886 – 1891)**
 - St Joseph's Mission, Daly River (1891 - 1899)

Related Entries

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- [Jesuit Aboriginal Mission \(1882 - current\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Rapid Creek Mission \(1882 - 1891\)](#)

The Queen of the Holy Rosary Mission was operated by Jesuit missionaries at the same time as the Rapid Creek Mission which was also known as St Joseph's.

Resources

- Jolly, Rhonda, *A failed venture: The Jesuit Mission at Rapid Creek 1882-1891*, Journal of Northern Territory History, 2000
- [Blacks v. Coolies.](#), South Australian Register, 20 June 1893

Records

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- [Records held by Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Darwin \(1882? - 1983\)](#)
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