

Koinonia

c. 1967 – 1978?

Other Names: • Life Line Home for Unmarried Mothers

Details

Koinonia was a maternity home (also known as Life Line Home for Unmarried Mothers) in Graceville run by the Methodist Church. It opened in around 1967 and had closed by 1978 when the property was sold by the Methodist Church.

Koinonia was located in a substantial building called Glenrae in Bank Road, Graceville which was given to the Methodist Church in 1967 when its owner, Louisa Taylor, died (Brisbane City Council).

A publication from 1968 stated that Koinonia (said to be in the suburb of Chelmer) was “for the care and rehabilitation of unmarried and expectant girls”. It had accommodation for 18 residents in dormitories and shared rooms. It described the Home’s activities:

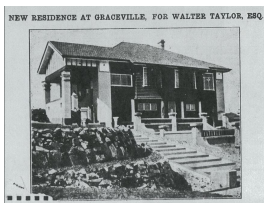
Girls assist with general household duties.

Girls receive individual counselling from Life Line staff and participate in group therapy. A physiotherapist and doctor visit the home regularly and give antenatal lectures and exercises. The girls are confined either in the Royal Brisbane Women’s Intermediate Hospital (with private doctor attending) or Royal Brisbane Women’s Public Hospital, attending the Antenatal Clinic (Social Services Queensland, 1968).

Records

In May 2022, the Presbyterian Church of Queensland and UnitingCare Queensland advised that unfortunately they cannot locate any records relating to the management of or residents at Koinonia.

Gallery



New residence at Graceville for Walter Taylor Esq.

Description: This is a copy of a photograph of a building known as "Glenrae" which was the site of the Koinonia maternity home in the 1960s and 1970s.

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- [Methodist Church in Queensland \(c. 1851 - 1977\)](#)

Resources

- National Stolen Generations Alliance, [Submission No 227 to the Senate Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices](#), 2012

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