

Section 7

HOMES RUN BY THE SALVATION ARMY

Barton Vale Home for Girls

The Bridge Rescue Home

McBride Maternity Hospital

The Salvation Army Boys Home, Eden Park (Mount Barker)

The Salvation Army Boys Home, Kent Town

The Salvation Army Girls Home, Fullarton

Sutherland Lodge Young Women's Hostel

Records are held at The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territorial Social Programme branch, Mont Albert, Victoria; State Records of South Australia; The Salvation Army Heritage Centre Archives and Museum, Nailsworth, SA; The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne; and Adoption and Family Information Service of SA, Department for Families and Communities. All access conditions appear at the end of the section.

Barton Vale Girls Home

See also Redruth Girls Reformatory and Vaughan House

By quietly talking to them we got them out of their rough and boisterous habits. It was love that won them. They were greatly surprised at the change in themselves. One or another would say to me: 'You haven't any idea what we are like. We are known to be the worst girls in South Australia.' In about two months' time all the eleven were interested in Salvation, and two professed it. We never had real trouble with any of them.

Commandant Agnes Spencer, Matron of Barton Vale, speaking in 1929 about the first group of girls to come to Barton Vale from Redruth Reformatory, Burra in 1922. As quoted in 'The War Cry' 9 March 1929, p. 7



*Barton Vale Home
Courtesy The Salvation Army Territorial Archives
Melbourne*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Years of operation: 1922-1947

Also known as: Barton Vale School

Barton Vale Girls Reformatory

Later known as Vaughan House

Run by: The Salvation Army, under the supervision of the State Children's Council and its successor the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board

Address: Harewood Avenue, Enfield
20 Walker Court, Enfield

HISTORY

In 1922 the State Government closed the reformatory for girls at Redruth in Burra. The Government had already requested that The Salvation Army take over the running of the reformatory and it assisted the Army in its purchase of a 21 acre (8.5 hectares) estate known as Barton Vale. On the property stood the early Victorian, Gothic-style mansion originally built by pastoralist Edmund Bowman. At the death of the last member of that family the contents of the home were auctioned and the building sold to the Army for £2600.

In August of the same year, the small number of girls resident at Burra were transferred to the Enfield premises. Others soon joined them. The Salvation Army's work at Barton Vale was conducted under the control of the State Children's Council and its successor, the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board. According to the Chief Secretary, Mr JG Bice, the new institution was to be 'a home for the girls, and not a prison'. The first matron of the new home was Adjutant Ryder and she was assisted initially by three other staff members.

The Salvation Army ran the Barton Vale home until 1947 when the Government resumed responsibility for the reformatory and renamed it Vaughan House. By the late 1980s Barton Vale House was almost derelict. The Enfield Historical Society successfully campaigned for its restoration. This was funded by the State Government which later used the building for offices. The House is now the headquarters of The Smith Family.

Drawn from Lt-Col John C Kirkham, 'Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory' (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003), p. 14-15; Hedley Steer, 'Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide' (The Salvation Army Adelaide), p. 59-61; H John Lewis, 'Enfield and the Northern villages' (Corporation of the City of Enfield 1985), p. 71 and historical information about Barton Vale House from www.bartonvale.com.au.

THE RECORDS

Note: The Salvation Army holds no primary source records relating to Barton Vale. However because the Reformatory was under the control of the Government, documents relating to girls at Barton Vale appear in various government records.

- State Records of SA
- The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum

ADMISSION RECORDS - State Records of South Australia

Admission register

- **Archive reference** - GRG 29/161
- **Title** - *Register of New Committals 1931-1968*
- **Appearance** - Very thick volume held together by metal rivets.
- **Contents** - General admission information relating to homes under the control of the Government. Admissions to the Barton Vale Girls Reformatory appear as follows:
 - (A) Admissions in the period 1/7/31 – 30/6/43 are recorded on one page titled *New committals to Barton Vale School, Enfield*. Information includes: (1) Number, (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of Admission, (5) Religion, (6) Charge. Many girl's names are crossed out – reason unknown;
 - (B) From 1945-1969 brief records relating to all government controlled homes are entered into hand-drawn columns across two pages. Each column is headed with the name of a home abbreviated such as BVS for Barton Vale school;
 - (C) Two further sections contain brief admission information relating to Barton Vale after it was taken over by the Government and renamed, Vaughan House. These entries cover the periods 1/7/49-1960 and 1960-1965.

OTHER RECORDS - State Records of SA

Correspondence

- **Archive reference** – GRG 29/6
- **Title** – *Correspondence files of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department (and its successors)*
- **Date range** – 1927-1977
- **Appearance** – Correspondence docketing comprising files of letters and other documents related to a particular subject, filed chronologically.
- **Contents** – Most of this correspondence is not yet indexed but docketing relate to many different subjects and include correspondence related to homes run by The Salvation Army under the control of the Department. Some docketing relate to the cases of individual children.
- **Access** – These files are restricted for 80 years. See Access conditions for further information.

Minutes of the State Children's Council and of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board

- **Archive reference** – GRG 29/124
- **Title** - *Minutes of the State Children's Council and Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board*
- **Date range** - 1886-1965
- **Appearance** – Large volumes of handwritten and then typed minutes.
- **Contents** - As this home was under the control of the State Children's Council, and its successor the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board, some entries in minutes relate to this home. They include discussions of the establishment of the home and arrangements made between the Board and the home. Information about state wards admitted to the home is often given including names and some details.
- **Access** – These files are restricted for 80 years. See Access conditions for further information.

Mandates

- **Archive reference** – GRG 29/121
- **Title** – *Mandates committing children to the custody of the Department*
- **Date range** – 1880-1930
- **Appearance** – Legal documents committing 'neglected', 'destitute' or 'delinquent' children to a Reformatory or to the Industrial School. Filed alphabetically. These may include committals to Barton Vale.
- **Contents** – Mandate forms change marginally over the date range but normally include a form titled *Report of Circumstances of _____ (name of child) sentenced to _____ (name of reformatory) on _____ (date)*. This form records the following information: (1) Date when born and age when committed; (2) Religious persuasion; (3) Names of parents in full – Mother/Father; (4) Address in full, occupation and average weekly earnings; (5) Number of children – Over 13 years/ Under 13 years; (6) Character and previous conduct of child so far as known; (7) Full particulars as to circumstances, character, whether sober or otherwise, of both parents; (8) Date; (9) Signature.
- **Notes on contents** – Mandates sometimes include other forms noting circumstances of admission and confirmation and date of admission signed by the Matron of the Reformatory. Some include references to State Children's Department Correspondence Dockets in which correspondence related to the child's case is filed.
- **Access** – Restricted for 80 years. At time of writing, open to 1924. See Access conditions for further information.

State ward index cards

- **Archive reference** - GRS 4472
- **Title** - *State Ward Index Cards*
- **Date range** – 1900-1992
- **Appearance** – Large system cards filed alphabetically
- **Contents** – Front of card, across top (1) Name, (2) Number, (3) Age, (4) Date of birth, (5) Late place of residence, (6) Religion, (7) Parentage, (8) Court of Committal, (9) Reason for admission, (10) Date of admission. Columns follow with (11) Date, (12) Readmitted, (13) Date of leaving, (14) Wages, (15) Where gone to. Back of card columns (1) Date of visit, (2) Result, (3) Date of visit, (4) Result, (5) Date of visit, (6) Result, (7) Date of school report, (8) Remarks. Only dates in Date column and an initial in Result column.
- **Notes on contents** - Final entry across card in red ink if released or over-age. Some cards more detailed than others. Cards may provide information about transfers to and from the Reformatory. Cards often provide references to other correspondence or personal files.
- **Access** - Restricted for 80 years

OTHER RECORDS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

Social files

- **Archive reference** – Not available due to archive reorganisation
- **Title** – *Barton Vale (SAust)*
- **Contents** - Folder of general historical information.

REPORTS - State Records of SA

Annual Reports of the State Children's Council and the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department

- **Archive reference** - GRG 29/1
- **Date range** - 1887-1955
- **Appearance** – Six bound volumes of printed reports.
- **Contents** – Yearly reports providing updates on developments at homes under the control of the State Children's Council, including *Barton Vale*. Numbers of children accommodated in these homes are included but reports contain no personal information.

PHOTOGRAPHS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

- **Archive reference** – Box 66
- **Title** – *Barton Vale, South Australia*
- **Date range** – undated
- **Contents** - A limited number of photographs including photos of building, girls and staff.

PHOTOGRAPHS – State Records of SA

- **Archive reference** – GRG 29/139/3
- **Title** – *Photographs of Departmental institutions – Folder 3: Kumanka*
- **Date range** – 1945-1970
- **Contents** – Photographs of institutions under control of the Department of Social Welfare and its predecessor. This folder includes photos of Barton Vale after it became known as Vaughan House.

PERIODICALS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

The Archives has an electronic database index to articles in The Salvation Army magazine, *War Cry*. Most articles relating to Barton Vale concern movements of staff and general activities of girls. Some photographs are included.

BOOKS

Lt-Col John C Kirkham, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory* (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003)

Hedley Steer, *Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide* (The Salvation Army Adelaide)

The Bridge Rescue Home

GENERAL INFORMATION

Years of operation: 1899-1977

Also known as: The Bridge Salvation Army Industrial Home, from 1934

Run by: The Salvation Army

Address: 146 Gilbert Street, Adelaide

HISTORY

This rescue home for women was established to provide 'a bridge back into society' for women and girls who took refuge there. Many were brought there by the Salvation Army's police court officers. In 1934 the Bridge was renamed an Industrial Home as it then provided a residential program for the 'training' of teenage girls who were placed there for 'uncontrollable' behaviour. While there, 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 inmates and generated income for the institution. In the 1970s the Bridge also provided accommodation for a number of intellectually and/or physically disabled women. In 1977 the original building was found to be suffering from severe white ant infestation and was therefore demolished. A new building, known as Centennial Court, was planned for the site.

Drawn from Lt-Col John C Kirkham, 'Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory' (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Archives and Museum, 2003), p. 29-30; 'Directory of Social Resources, South Australia' (The South Australian Council of Social Services, The Department of Public Health and The Citizens Advice Bureau, 1976).

THE RECORDS

Records not yet located.

McBride Maternity Hospital

The Matron has been telling me of the difference between upstairs and downstairs. McBride is purely a Maternity Hospital – one of the finest indeed in Adelaide...Upstairs, the Matron told me, there is accommodation for twenty patients...Downstairs, however, but receiving equally fine attention, are unmarried mothers, forty of whom can be accommodated at once. The Hospital is always full; but it must be explained that while the married women remain in Hospital for but fourteen days or so, the fixed rule is that the unmarried mother must stay at least three months...The purpose of the rule is to make sure that all girls will have a real chance to rehabilitate themselves – time to accustom themselves to their new circumstances, and the opportunity to learn to love and understand their infants.

From 'Where greatest love and deepest sorrow meet: stories of tragic motherhood at a Salvation Army Maternity Hospital' in 'The War Cry' 23 June 1928, p. 3.



McBride Maternity Hospital undated,
Courtesy The Salvation Army Territorial Archives Melbourne

GENERAL INFORMATION

Years of operation: 1914-1986

Also known as: Adelaide Maternity Home

Run by: The Salvation Army

Address: 257-259 Gilbert Street, Adelaide 1893-1895

72 Morphett Street Adelaide 1895-1899

144 Carrington Street, Adelaide 1899-1913

Briar Avenue, Medindie 1913-1986

HISTORY

In 1890 The Salvation Army established its first Rescue Home, in King William Street Adelaide, for 'fallen' women and girls. Caring for girls in need, this refuge was a precursor to the Army's specific hospital for pregnant single girls. This institution, the Adelaide Maternity Hospital, began three years later in an eight-roomed house in Gilbert Street. In 1899, due to increased demand, the hospital relocated to a much larger building on Morphett Street. Here it could accommodate seventeen women under the care of a Matron and two staff members. In 1913 the institution moved again to a two-storey building in Carrington Street, known by The Salvation Army as *The Ark*. The following year the McBride Maternity Hospital opened in the suburb of Medindie. This centre took over the work of the City based hospital and continued to operate until the mid 1980s.

The hospital was named for Mr RJ McBride, a prosperous grazier with property at Kooringa, near Burra. He had contributed £3000 to assist in the purchase of the two-storey mansion known as *The Briars*. The size of the premises allowed the Army not only to provide accommodation and care for single mothers and their babies, but also to offer a private maternity hospital service to the general public. This additional service helped to raise well-needed funds allowing the Army to continue its care of the needy. The hospital was also recognised as a training centre for obstetric nursing. In 1919 the birth of quadruplets made the news and donations were collected through *The Register* newspaper for the three surviving babies.

Girls who gave birth at McBride were expected to remain there for three months. During this time they received general antenatal and postnatal care as well as assistance in learning to care for their babies. It was an unwritten policy of the hospital that no woman was discharged from care until a home or 'situation' had been arranged for her and/or her baby. Many babies were adopted from McBride and shortly after the passing of a new Adoption Act in 1967, the hospital was registered as an official adoption agency. The Matron acted as the adoption officer.

With beds for fifty patients and a high reputation, the hospital was often filled to capacity. However, by the 1970s alternative care was available for single pregnant women and demand decreased. In 1974 the hospital adapted to this new situation by also providing care for patients convalescing from surgery or major illness. This aspect of the institution's work became more and more important. In 1978 the last baby was born at McBride. The premises became primarily a convalescent hospital with a small hostel area downstairs for single mothers who had given birth elsewhere. This final service for women and babies stopped in 1983 and the convalescent hospital closed three years later. The property was sold and the proceeds used to finance hostel accommodation for the elderly.

Drawn from Lt-Col John C Kirkham, 'Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory' (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003), p. 94; Hedley Steer, 'Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide' (The Salvation Army Adelaide), p. 35-40; summary history from Adoption and Family Information Service, Department for Families and Communities; Article re quadruplets in 'The War Cry', 1 March 1919, and article re Adoption Agency in 'The War Cry' 25 April 1970.

THE RECORDS

- Adoption and Family Information Service, Department for Family and Communities
- The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

ADMISSION RECORDS - Adoption and Family Information Service, Department for Families and Communities

The Adoption and Family Information Service holds all surviving admission and discharge records of the McBride Maternity Hospital. Access to all registers is restricted. These records include:

- (1) Birth Registrations, 1919-1944;
- (2) Names/Dates and History of Women in Home;
- (3) Patient Particulars (Case Books), 1942-1978;
- (4) Patient Particulars (Large Case Books/Admittance and Discharge Registers), 1941-1976;
- (5) Case Books (Admissions and Discharges), 1893-1933;
- (6) Admittance and Discharges/Infant Books, 1923-1954;
- (7) Girls Histories Book, 1978-1982.

OTHER RECORDS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

Social files

- **Archive reference** – Not available due to archive reorganisation
- **Title** – *McBride Hospital (SAust)*
- **Contents** - Folder of general historical information.

PHOTOGRAPHS - - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 18, 70, 72 and 77
- **Title** – *McBride Maternity Hospital, South Australia*
- **Date range** – 1920s-1930s & 1980
- **Contents** – Various photographs of building, some with staff in front.

PERIODICALS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

The Archives has an electronic database index to articles in The Salvation Army magazine, *War Cry*. A small number of articles relating to McBride Maternity Hospital appear. They concern historical background, operation of the hospital and information about its adoption services. Articles often include photographs.

BOOKS

Lt-Col John C Kirkham, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory* (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003)

Hedley Steer, *Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide* (The Salvation Army Adelaide)

The Salvation Army Boys Home, Eden Park (Mount Barker)



Mount Barker Boys Home
Courtesy The Salvation Army Territorial Archives
Melbourne

Mt Barker Boys' Home and Farm...is situated twenty-three miles from Adelaide, from which it is reached by a splendid, rapidly ascending road, which, en route, crosses the picturesque Mt. Lofty ranges. From the tower of the main building, eastward a glorious panorama stretches, including Lake Alexandrina, into which the mighty Murray enters. The eye may follow the thin plume of smoke which marks the progress of the eastward bound trains, and a thousand other objects of interest gladden the eye of the beholder. There the boy will find an ample air which will serve as a physical and mental tonic, and will appreciate the majesty and diversity of the Creator's wonderful works.

Description of a visit to Mount Barker Boys Home, 'The War Cry', 3 October 1931, p. 3

GENERAL INFORMATION

Years of operation: 1900-1982

Also known as: Eden Park Boys Home
Salvation Army Probationary School for Boys, Mount Barker
Mount Barker Boys Home

Run by: The Salvation Army under the control of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.

Address: Paech Road, Wistow SA

HISTORY

In 1900 The Salvation Army leased a mansion of seventeen rooms, plus outbuildings, and over 130 acres (52 hectares) of farming land formerly owned by Hon. Mr J Ramsay. On this property, known as *Eden Park*, it established a probationary or reformatory home for boys. The first Manager was Captain Michel and he received the first group of boys into the home.

Many of the boys placed at *Eden Park* were juvenile offenders or boys considered to have 'behavioural problems'. Although 'troublesome', they were not considered to be 'bad enough for a reformatory'. From 1901 *Eden Park* was recognised as a Probationary School and was subsidised by the Government. Boys who had been made wards of the state were placed in the home and the Government paid six shillings and six pence per week for each child. While the boys were cared for by The Salvation Army, the home was entirely under the control of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and therefore subject to the authority of the Secretary of the department in the same manner as the main government reformatories.

In 1905 the Ramsay Estate offered the property for sale and The Salvation Army bought it for £2200, with assistance from a number of prominent well known citizens of Adelaide. That year the home was providing accommodation for approximately forty boys of school age and older. Children initially attended a Salvation Army school in Mount Barker but were later allowed to go to a state school in Adelaide. For this purpose some of the younger boys were moved to the Kent Town Boys Home which was established as a city home in 1929.

Through the 1970s the home cared particularly for boys with emotional and behavioural problems. *Eden Park* ceased to operate as a boys' home in December 1982, but was retained by the Army and used as the country site for an alcohol rehabilitation program. The property was sold into private hands in 1997.

Drawn from Lt-Col John C Kirkham, 'Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory' (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003), p. 100-101; Hedley Steer, 'Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide' (The Salvation Army Adelaide), p. 56; documents from file on Boys Home held at The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum in SA and Annual Report of the State Children's Council, 1901, p. 4.

THE RECORDS

- Territorial Social Programme branch of The Salvation Army, Mont Albert, Victoria.
- State Records of SA
- The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne
- The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum, SA

ADMISSION RECORDS –Territorial Social Programme branch of The Salvation Army, Mont Albert, Victoria

Original records relating to South Australian institutions run by The Salvation Army have recently been centralised at this branch. The following information was provided.

Admission registers

- **Title** – *Eden Park Mt Barker Book 1*
- **Date range** - 1960-1979
- **Contents** - Information under the following headings: (1) Name, (2) Date of birth, (3) Date of admission, (4) Date of discharge, (5) Date of absences – from and to.
- **Title** – *Eden Park Mt Barker Book 2*
- **Date range** - 1977-1982
- **Contents** - Information under the following headings: (1) Date of birth, (2) Date of admission, (3) Date of discharge.

Admission cards

- **Archive reference** – Eden Park Mt Barker Box 1
- **Date range** - 1962-1981
- **Contents** - Information under the following headings: (1) Name, (2) Arrival date, (3) Date of birth, (4) Birth place, (5) Applicant, (6) Name, address, occupation, place of employment, religion of mother and father, (7) Children in family, (8) Name of school and grade of child, (9) Character references, (10) Reasons for admission, (11) Remarks, (12) Date of discharge.
- **Archive reference** - Eden Park Mt Barker Box 2
- **Date range** - 1957-1982
- **Contents** – Information under same headings as above.

ADMISSION RECORDS - State Records of SA

- **Archive reference** - GRG 27/13
- **Title** - *Register of Admissions to The Salvation Army Probationary School for Boys, Mount Barker*
- **Date range** - 1900-1928
- **Appearance** - Large ledger divided into columns over two pages.
- **Contents** - Left hand page contains following headings: (1) Number, (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of birth, (5) Late place of residence, (6) What relatives in the Colony, where Living, Earnings and Occupation. Right hand page includes: (7) Court of committal, (8) Reasons for admission etc. (9) Date of admission, (10) Date of leaving, (11) Where gone to.
- **Notes on contents** - (8) Reasons for Admission: This entry often is 'Transfers from Industrial School' or 'Private inmate vide memo from Superintendent' or 'Private inmate vide Weekly Return' (with date). It is therefore possible that more information might be held in correspondence files of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department GRG 27/1. From 1914 no entries are made in (2) Name, (3) Age, (4) Date of birth, (5) What relatives and (6) Court of committal columns. Only name and admission and discharge details are given. This corresponds with the appearance of the entry 'vide weekly Return', suggesting more information may be held in those returns. Second half of book is blank.

OTHER RECORDS - State Records of SA

Correspondence

- **Archive reference** - GRG 27/1
- **Title** - *Correspondence files of the State Children's Department*
- **Date range** - 1887-1927
- **Appearance** - Correspondence dockets comprising files of letters and other documents related to a particular subject, filed chronologically.
- **Contents** - Most of this correspondence is not yet indexed but dockets relate to many different subjects and include correspondence related to homes run by The Salvation Army under the control of the Department. Some dockets relate to the cases of individual children.
- **Archive reference** - GRG 29/6
- **Title** - *Correspondence files of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department (and its successors)*
- **Date range** - 1927-1977
- **Appearance** - Correspondence dockets comprising files of letters and other documents related to a particular subject, filed chronologically.
- **Contents** - As with the State Children's Department correspondence, dockets relate to many different subjects and include correspondence related to homes run by The Salvation Army under the control of the Department. Some dockets relate to the cases of individual children. The series is unindexed.
- **Access** - These files are restricted for 80 years. See Access conditions for further information.

Minutes of the State Children's Council and of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board

- **Archive reference** – GRG 29/124
- **Title** - *Minutes of the State Children's Council and Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board*
- **Date range** - 1886-1965
- **Appearance** – Large volumes of handwritten and then typed minutes.
- **Contents** - As this home was under the control of the State Children's Council and its successor the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board, some entries in minutes relate to this home. They include discussions of the establishment of the home and arrangements made between the Board and the home. Information about state wards admitted to the home is often given including names and some details.
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State ward index cards

- **Archive reference** - GRS 4472
- **Title** - *State Ward Index Cards*
- **Date range** – 1900-1992
- **Appearance** – Large system cards filed alphabetically.
- **Contents** – Front of card, across top (1) Name, (2) Number, (3) Age, (4) Date of birth, (5) Late place of residence, (6) Religion, (7) Parentage, (8) Court of Committal, (9) Reason for admission, (10) Date of admission. Columns follow with (11) Date, (12) Readmitted, (13) Date of leaving, (14) Wages, (15) Where gone to. Back of card columns (1) Date of visit, (2) Result, (3) Date of visit, (4) Result, (5) Date of visit, (6) Result, (7) Date of school report, (8) Remarks. Only dates in Date column and an initial in Result column.
- **Notes on contents** - Final entry across card in red ink if released or over-age. Some cards more detailed than others. Cards may provide information about transfers to and from the Probationary School. Cards often provide references to other correspondence or personal files.
- **Access** - Restricted 80 years

OTHER RECORDS – The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum, SA

Miscellaneous documents and correspondence

- **Title** - *Mt Barker Boys' Home Reports*
- **Date range** – 1960s-1980s
- **Appearance** - Manila folder of documents with above title.
- **Contents** - Miscellaneous documents including reports on activities at the home; information about accommodation, staffing at the home and admission policies; limited correspondence and reports 1970s; and news clippings. Some details and a few names of boys are mentioned in reports.

OTHER RECORDS – The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

Social files

- **Archive reference** – Not available due to archive reorganisation
- **Title** – *Mt Barker Boys Home (SAust)*
- **Contents** - Folder of general historical information.

PHOTOGRAPHS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

- **Archive reference** – Box 93
- **Title** – *Mt Barker Boys Home (SAust)*
- **Date range** – 1917, 1920s-1930s
- **Contents** – Collection of photos including photos of the home dated 1917 and 1928; boys in front of home 1928; boys working in fields and at play, undated.

PERIODICALS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

The Archives has an electronic database index to articles in The Salvation Army magazine, *War Cry*. A large number of articles relating to the Mount Barker Boys Home appear. They concern historical background, general activities of boys, staff movements and building developments. Articles often include photographs.

BOOKS

Lt-Col John C Kirkham, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory* (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003)

Hedley Steer, *Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide* (The Salvation Army Adelaide)

The Salvation Army Boys Home, Kent Town

I was one of the older ones, at seven years old, I was an older boy...not only older but mature and I guess a supporting person. Because most of these boys that were in the room were the little fellas and therefore they needed attention and they were really missing their folks and just life was miserable for them. And they didn't know really what they were there for and...how their world just changed so dramatically and they couldn't understand it.

Interview with Sid Graham, Bringing Them Home Oral History Project, National Library of Australia TRC 5000/258. Quoted with permission from Sid Graham.



*Kent Town Boys Home
Courtesy The Salvation Army Territorial Archives Melbourne*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Years of operation: 1929-1972

Also known as: Kent Town Boys Home

Run by: The Salvation Army

Address: 64 Kent Terrace, Kent Town
64 Fullarton Road, Norwood

HISTORY

In 1929 The Salvation Army purchased *Darling House*, the former residence of Mr John Darling, an Adelaide Member of Parliament. The Army had been running a home for boys in need of care at Mount Barker since 1900. The Kent Town premises was opened as an alternative city-based residence for boys. This allowed them to attend a local community school, the Norwood Primary School.

The two-storey stone residence provided accommodation for fifty boys and the grounds included tennis courts, lawns and established gardens. The Army used the existing building as it was, but did convert a coach house and garage into lavatories and a playroom. It also built a separate laundry and drying room and installed a swimming pool.

The boys were encouraged to participate in the local Salvation Army Corps at Kent Town. A number became junior soldiers and took part in Self Denial and other programs regularly run by the corps.

Kent Town Boys Home closed in 1972 and was sold shortly afterwards. It is now the headquarters of The Aids Council of South Australia. In 2000 a ceremony was held at the Norwood Primary School in remembrance of the contribution of the Kent Town Boys to the school.

Drawn from Lt-Col John C Kirkham, 'Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory' (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003), p. 82; Hedley Steer, Social Salvation, 'Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide' (The Salvation Army Adelaide), p. 58 & War Cry, 20 April 1929, p. 8.

THE RECORDS

- The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne
- The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum, SA

ADMISSION RECORDS

No admission records have survived.

Note: Virtually no primary source records relating to The Salvation Army Boys Home, Kent Town have survived. The following statement with regard to records has been provided by the Territorial Social Programme Branch of The Salvation Army in Melbourne, the repository for all surviving material.

We have been unable to locate any surviving records relating to The Salvation Army Home for Boys in Kent Town. I am unable to advise you as to whether they were destroyed in the closure of the home or whether they were lost subsequently. Every attempt has been made to locate any such records but to no avail. The Salvation Army deeply regrets this situation and the consequent unavailability of these records. Please be assured that if we do locate any such records in the future, we will notify you immediately.

4 January 2005

OTHER RECORDS - Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum, SA

Kent Town Boys Home history book

- **Title** - *Kent Town Boys Home History Book*
- **Date range** - 1932-1972
- **Appearance** - Foolscap black notebook.
- **Contents** - Entries begin 14 January 1932 and end on closure of home, 12 January 1972. They mainly concern visits to the home by members of The Salvation Army and other dignitaries, inspections of the home and staff movements. Diary includes some mention of boys' activities including outings and Christmas parties. Outbreaks of illness are also noted, as is the boys' involvement in the local Salvation Army Corps as junior soldiers. All information is general. Names are mentioned on two occasions when the death of former residents is recorded.

OTHER RECORDS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

Social files

- **Archive reference** - Not available due to archive reorganisation
- **Title** - *Mt Barker Boys Home (SAust)*
- **Contents** - Folder of general historical information.

PHOTOGRAPHS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

- **Archive reference** - Box 93
- **Title** - *Kent Town Boys Home (SAust)*
- **Date range** - 1930s and undated
- **Contents** - Includes some photographs of boys.

PERIODICALS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

The Archives has an electronic database index to articles in The Salvation Army magazine, *War Cry*.

A number of articles relating to the Kent Town Boys Home appear. They concern historical background, general activities of boys and staff movements. Some articles include photographs.

BOOKS

Lt-Col John C Kirkham, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory* (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003).

Hedley Steer, *Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army*, Adelaide (The Salvation Army Adelaide).

The Salvation Army Girls Home, Fullarton

I was taken from Umeewarra at 2 1/2 years and sent to Fullarton Girls Home. I think I left when I was about 15-16 years old. It was the only way of life I knew. It had its good points about it, we had good meals and always dressed well and were well mannered. We were taught not to be cheeky to people. It was all new to me because I didn't know my parents. We had to go to school at the Home and then after we went to Parkside, which I liked because I liked the walk there and home. I was very shy because it was mixed boys and girls and I found it very hard to learn, because I was so shy.

When the older girls became teenagers they left and it was sad because they weren't coming back. They had jobs and places arranged for them to stay...I went to work at Inman Valley. It was a long way and quiet. I thought I was returning to the home and felt sad that I wasn't. I was in shock. I was going to stay with strange people and it was a spin out. I was not told what was happening to me. But I'm OK now, I've got a good life, my kids and grandkids which I love very much, but don't we all. I'm very happy now.

Audrey Nisbet (nee Higgins)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Years of operation: 1901-1986

Also known as: The Salvation Army's Girls Probationary Home, *Tenterden*, Woodville
The Salvation Army's Girls Probationary Home at Beaumont
Beaumont Girls Home
Norwood Girls Home
Fullarton Girls Home
Fullarton Children's Home
The Haven

Run by: The Salvation Army under the control of the State Children's Council, the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board and its successors.

Address: Tenterden, Woodville 1901-1905
Sea View House, Beaumont 1905-1910
5 Charles Street, Norwood 1910-1913
39 Florence Street, Fullarton 1912-1986

HISTORY

The Salvation Army home for girls began life in 1901 as an alternative probationary home to which state wards could be sent rather than being placed in the State Reformatory. Most girls at the Probationary School were placed there for truancy or 'troublesome behaviour'. Some girls committed to the Reformatory were moved down to the Probationary school, but most came directly from the Industrial School or were admitted privately. Like the Probationary School for Boys at Mt Barker, the home was run by the Army but under the absolute control of the State Children's Council. The home moved a number of times



Fullarton Girls Home 2005 now the SA Divisional Headquarters of the Salvation Army, Courtesy Kay Goodman-Dodd. Fullarton Girls Home, Courtesy The Salvation Army Territorial Archives Melbourne

during its first twelve years. Girls were first accommodated at *Tenterden*, a two-storey residence at Woodville. When the lease expired in 1905, the home moved to larger premises at Beaumont. This property, known as *Sea View House*, was set on 12 acres (4.8 hectares) of extensively planted grounds. The home accommodated 32 girls. In 1910, after complaints about home girls 'lowering the moral tone' of the nearby Burnside Primary School, The Salvation Army moved the inmates to a new residence at Norwood. Thirty girls were housed in this two-storey home. The majority were those charged as neglected by the State Children's Court.

In 1912, at the expiry of the Beaumont lease, the home moved to its final location at Florence Street, Fullarton. This larger home had twenty-one rooms, accommodated fifty girls and six staff members, and was regarded as a 'new star in The Salvation Army sky'. A coach house on the property was renovated in 1916 to make two schoolrooms.

In 1939 The Salvation Army magazine, *The War Cry*, reported that a number of Aboriginal girls had completed a three-year course of training in the domestic arts. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs subsidised the cost of the course and had enrolled a number of new girls each year. Until 1947 all resident girls were educated at the home.

In 1969 the Army referred to the Fullarton home as a 'substitute home' in its promotional brochure. It reported that the need for this type of home, was brought about by 'the actions or mis-actions of adults, not children'. The Army aimed to give children not only food and shelter but also 'the opportunity of living in a Home where there is love, acceptance and someone to look to for direction and guidelines in living'.

During the 1980s, as part of an arrangement with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, a number of Aboriginal girls were sent to live at Fullarton while completing their final years of High School. In 1986 the premises ceased to operate as a children's home. The building was retained by the Army and is now the South Australian Divisional headquarters.

Drawn from Lt-Col John C Kirkham, 'Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory' (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003), p. 58; Hedley Steer, 'Social Salvation, Early development of the Social Wing of The Salvation Army, Adelaide' (The Salvation Army Adelaide), p. 45-53; 'Fullarton's Children's Home' brochure 1969, Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum, SA; articles in 'The War Cry', 11 February 1939, p. 10; un-referenced clipping, 1978 and Minutes of the State Children's Council 1900-1901.

THE RECORDS

- Territorial Social Programme branch of The Salvation Army, Mont Albert, Victoria.
- The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne
- The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum, SA

ADMISSION RECORDS – Territorial Social Programme branch of The Salvation Army, Mont Albert, Victoria

Original records relating to South Australian institutions run by The Salvation Army have recently been centralised at this branch. The following information was provided.

Admission cards

- **Archive reference** – Fullarton, 1959
- **Date range** - 1959
- **Contents** - Records information under the following headings: (1) Child's name, (2) Name and address of applicant, (3) Relationship to child, (4) Date and place of birth of child, (5) Any physical deformities, (6) Mentally retarded, (7) Serious illnesses, (8) Healthy, (9) Father's full name, (10) Mother's full name and maiden name, (11) Full address of each parent, (12) Father's occupation, (13) Name and address of employment, (14) Mother's occupation, (15) Name and address of employment, (16) Religion of parents, (17) Why is the child placed in the home? (18) Number of children in family, (19) Character reference, (20) Name of child's school and grade.

- **Archive reference** – Fullarton, 1957-1964
- **Date range** – 1957-1964
- **Contents** - Records information under the following headings: (1) Name, (2) Place of birth, (3) Father's name, (4) Mother's name and maiden name, (5) Address, (6) Source from which child was received, (7) Date of admission, (8) Date of discharge, (9) Details of absences.
- **Archive reference** – Fullarton, 1963-1964
- **Date range** – 1963-1964
- **Contents** - Records information under the following headings: (1) Name, (2) Age, (3) Date of Admission, (4) Date of discharge.
- **Archive reference** – Fullarton, 1967-1986
- **Date range** – 1967-1986
- **Contents** - Records information under the following headings: (1) Name, (2) Date of birth, (3) Parents, (4) Siblings, (5) Admission date, (6) Discharge date, (7) Admitted from, (8) Discharge.

OTHER RECORDS – State Records of SA

Correspondence

- **Archive reference** – GRG 27/1
- **Title** – *Correspondence files of the State Children's Department*
- **Date range** – 1887-1927
- **Appearance** – Correspondence dockets comprising files of letters and other documents related to a particular subject, filed chronologically.
- **Contents** – Most of this correspondence is not yet indexed but dockets relate to many different subjects and include correspondence related to homes run by The Salvation Army under the control of the Department. Some dockets relate to the cases of individual children.
- **Archive reference** – GRG 29/6
- **Title** – *Correspondence files of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department (and its successors)*
- **Date range** – 1927-1977
- **Appearance** – Correspondence dockets comprising files of letters and other documents related to a particular subject, filed chronologically.
- **Contents** – As with the State Children's Department correspondence, dockets relate to many different subjects and include correspondence related to homes run by The Salvation Army under the control of the Department. Some dockets relate to the cases of individual children. The series is unindexed.
- **Access** – These files are restricted for 80 years. See Access conditions for further information.

Minutes of the State Children's Council and of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board

- **Archive reference** – GRG 29/124
- **Title** - *Minutes of the State Children's Council and Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board*
- **Date range** - 1886-1965
- **Appearance** – Large volumes of handwritten and then typed minutes.
- **Contents** - As this home was under the control of the State Children's Council and its successor the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board, some entries in minutes relate to this home. They include discussions of the establishment of the home and arrangements made between the Board and the home. Information about state wards admitted to the home is often given including names and some details.
- **Access** – These files are restricted for 80 years. See Access conditions for further information.

State ward index cards

- **Archive reference** - GRS 4472
- **Title** - *State Ward Index Cards*
- **Date range** – 1900-1992
- **Appearance** – Large system cards filed alphabetically.
- **Contents** – Front of card, across top (1) Name, (2) Number, (3) Age, (4) Date of birth, (5) Late place of residence, (6) Religion, (7) Parentage, (8) Court of Committal, (9) Reason for admission, (10) Date of admission. Columns follow with (11) Date, (12) Readmitted, (13) Date of leaving, (14) Wages, (15) Where gone to. Back of card columns (1) Date of visit, (2) Result, (3) Date of visit, (4) Result, (5) Date of visit, (6) Result, (7) Date of school report, (8) Remarks. Only dates in Date column and an initial in Result column.
- **Notes on contents** - Final entry across card in red ink if released or over-age. Some cards more detailed than others. Cards may provide information about transfers to and from the Probationary School. Cards often provide references to other correspondence or personal files.
- **Access** - Restricted 80 years

OTHER RECORDS – The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

Social files

- **Archive reference** – Not available due to archive reorganisation
- **Title** – *Fullarton Girls Home & Child Care (SA)*
- **Contents** - Folder of general historical information.

OTHER RECORDS - Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum, SA

The Archives holds a few miscellaneous advertising brochures relating to the Girls Home as well as a small number of The Salvation Army Social Services Annual Reports which include information about the home.

PHOTOGRAPHS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

- **Archive reference** – Boxes 66 and 70
- **Title** – *Fullarton Girls Home, South Australia*
- **Date range** – 1900-1980s
- **Contents** – Collection of photos spanning entire period of home's operation. Includes group shots of girls and photos of children at play, dated mainly early 1900s and 1950s. Also photographs of children in front of home buildings.

PERIODICALS - The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne

The Archives has an electronic database index to articles in The Salvation Army magazine, *War Cry*. A large number of articles relating to the Fullarton Girls/Children's Home appear. They concern historical background, general activities of girls, staff movements and education of children. Articles often include photographs. One article dated 11/2/1939 refers specifically to training of Aboriginal children.

BOOKS

Lt-Col John C Kirkham, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory* (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum, 2003).

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Sutherland Lodge Young Women's Hostel

The Army, ever alert to checkmate evil, has realised the temptations to which a young woman may be subjected when she leaves a country home to take industrial employment in the city. When a girl has to pay board and lodgings, clothe herself and enjoy amusement she frequently finds the tax on her financial resources more than if she could live at home. Therefore the Salvation Army have provided a hostel where home comforts can be obtained at reasonable cost, where the home atmosphere sheds its influence upon the girls who take up residence there, and where the spiritual needs will receive proper attention. Such a place cannot but work for the good of a big city,

'The Chronicle', Adelaide, 11 March 1922

GENERAL INFORMATION

Years of operation: 1922-1988

Also known as: The Salvation Army Angas Street Young Women's Hostel

Run by: The Salvation Army

Address: Angas Street, Adelaide

HISTORY

This hostel was specifically built as accommodation for young country girls moving to the City to take up employment. It was named after Captain Sutherland, the first officer in charge of The Salvation Army's work in Adelaide. During the early 1970s demand for accommodation decreased. However The Army continued to run the hostel as accommodation for visitors to Adelaide and for students. The hostel closed in 1988 and the building was sold.

Drawn from Lt-Col John C Kirkham 2003, 'Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory' (The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Archives and Museum)

THE RECORDS

Records not yet located.

ACCESS TO RECORDS OF HOMES RUN BY THE SALVATION ARMY

TERRITORIAL SOCIAL PROGRAMME BRANCH OF THE SALVATION ARMY, MONT ALBERT, VICTORIA.

Access conditions

Persons requesting their records from The Salvation Army will need to write to the Territorial Social Programme Secretary and include proof of identity in the form of copies of their birth certificate and driver's licence. A covering letter should provide as much information regarding family history as possible, i.e. mother's maiden names, father's name, any siblings, time spent in the home etc. Please note that The Salvation Army has a policy of not conducting post adoption searches.

Contact: The Territorial Social Programme Secretary
The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territorial Headquarters
Locked Bag 1, Mont Albert Victoria 3127

Telephone: (03) 9896 6000 **Fax:** (03) 9899 2339

THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY TERRITORIAL ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Access Conditions

Public access within the guidelines of privacy legislation and restrictions by donors of material. Some material may be considered by the Archivist to be too frail for accession. No client or financial records are held.

Contact: The Territorial Archivist
The Salvation Army Territorial Archives and Museum
PO Box 18137, Collins Street East Melbourne Victoria 8003

Telephone: (03) 9639 3618 **Fax:** (03) 9650 1407

Email: lindsay_cox@aus.salvationarmy.org

Location: 69 Bourke Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

Opening Hours: 9 am - 4 pm Tuesday - Friday or by appointment

Fees: No charge is made for visits and basic enquiries. A flat fee of \$20 is made for research by staff. Charges apply for photocopying.

THE SALVATION ARMY HERITAGE CENTRE, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM, NAILSWORTH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Access conditions

Please contact the Centre for information regarding access conditions.

Contact: The Director, The Salvation Army Heritage Centre, Archives and Museum
2a Burwood Avenue, Nailsworth SA 5083

Telephone: (08) 8342 2545 **Mobile:** 0409 091 276

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am-2pm or by appointment.

Fees: No charge is made for research. Charges apply for photocopying.

STATE RECORDS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Access conditions

Although some early records relating to institutions for children in South Australia are open access, many later records are subject to restrictions. Records which contain personal information about individuals are usually restricted for at least sixty years from the date of their creation. More sensitive records, such as adoption files, are restricted for at least seventy five years. Written permission must be obtained from the government agency which created the record in order to access restricted material. In the case of records relating to children, the agency responsible is, in most cases, Family and Youth Services.

A Research Centre Members card, obtainable at the Archives, is required. State Records has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SA Link-Up.

Contact: State Records of South Australia

GPO Box 1072, Adelaide SA 5001

Telephone: (08) 8226 7750

Email: srsageneralenquiries@saugov.sa.gov.au

Location: *Gepps Cross Research Centre*

115 Cavan Road, Gepps Cross SA 5094

City Research Centre, Bickford North Building

26-28 Leigh Street Adelaide SA 5000

Website: www.archives.sa.gov.au

Opening hours: Closed on public holidays.

Gepps Cross: Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am-3.30 pm, 1st Sunday each month 11 am – 5 pm.

City: Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am – 3.30 pm.

Fees: Photocopying 50 cents per A4, \$1.05 per A3. Researchers may take digital photographs of records subject to approval from staff.

ADOPTION AND FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE [AFIS]

Access conditions

All records held by this service are restricted. Please see Section 11 for more information about AFIS.

Contact: Adoption and Family Information Service

GPO Box 292, Adelaide SA 5001

Telephone: (08) 8207 0060

Email: adoptions@dfc.sa.gov.au

Location: 1st floor

45 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Website: www.adoptions.sa.gov.au