

Convent of the Good Shepherd, Albert Park

1892 – c. 1973

Other Names: • Rosary Place
• Marian Hall

Details

The Convent of the Good Shepherd, Albert Park, was established in 1892. It first accommodated children aged from 15, but in later years also housed younger girls. The institution was closed by 1973.

The Convent of the Good Shepherd was established in 1892 by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The Albert Park Convent came into being as a result of overcrowding at the Sisters' Abbotsford Convent.

The 1890s was a period when heavy demand was placed upon the Good Shepherd Sisters due to the economic depression in Australia. The Albert Park Convent, at 142-150 Beaconsfield Parade, initially accommodated children from 15 years upwards. At a later stage, residential care was provided for younger girls.

Some of the young women at the Albert Park Convent worked in the industrial laundry. The Convent was a complex of buildings that spread out over the site on Beaconsfield Parade. A school was built in 1905. In the mid twentieth century, the Sisters also established a hostel for young women, called Marian Hall, situated at 224 Danks Street, Albert Park. The institution was closed by 1973 in line with the Sisters' policy of deinstitutionalisation.

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Former Convent of Good Shepherd School, 142-150 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park, Port Phillip City

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The Convent at Albert Park was established due to overcrowding at the Abbotsford Convent.

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- [Good Shepherd Archive collection of records of provision of residential care in Victoria \(1863 - c. 1981\)](#)

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