

# Ballarat Town and City Mission

1867 – 1974?

**Other Names:**

- Ballarat United Town Mission
- Ballarat Town Mission
- Open Air Mission

## Details

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The Ballarat Town and City Mission was founded in 1867. The Ballarat Town and City Mission ran a number of Homes for women and children, including, from around 1921 until 1973, the Alexandra Babies' Home.

The organisation was initially known as the Ballarat Town Mission, as well as the Open Air Mission. In 1913, it was renamed the Ballarat Town and City Mission (*Ballarat Star*, 15 July 1913).

In 1921, the Ballarat Town and City Mission took over the management of the Ballarat Female Refuge. The Mission moved all of the women and children in its care to Scotts Parade, Ballarat East. At its annual meeting in July 1922, the City Mission announced that the site was now named the Ballarat Female Rescue and Alexandra Homes (*Ballarat Star*, 20 July 1922). The Mission ran the Ballarat Rescue Home for women in the former Female Refuge building until it closed in 1941.

The Alexandra Babies' Home closed in November 1973, and the Ballarat Town and City Mission also wound up around this time.

## Gallery

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**Female Refuge Complex, 183 Scott Parade, Ballarat East [former site]**

**Description:** This two-storey building was constructed c.1884. Before the building at 187 Scott Parade was built for the Alexandra Babies' Home (later known as the Alexandra Toddlers' Home), babies and their mothers were accommodated at this site.



**Former Female Refuge Complex [editor's note: former site of the Alexandra Babies' Home, Scott Parade, Ballarat East]**

**Description:** This single storey building at 187 Scott Parade was constructed in 1909 for the Alexandra Babies' Home (later known as the Alexandra Toddlers' Home). Previously, babies and their mothers were accommodated at the two-storey building at 183 Scott Parade (the former Ballarat Female Refuge). It would seem that babies and toddlers were accommodated in both buildings in Scott Parade at different times.

## More info

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## Related Entries

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- [Alexandra Babies' Home \(c. 1909 - 1973\)](#)  
The Ballarat Town and City Mission took over the management of Alexandra Babies' Home in c.1921.  
Date: 1921 - 1974
- [Mission Rescue and Children's Home, Canadian \(1897 - c. 1921\)](#)
- [George Street Children's Home \(1916 - c. 1920\)](#)
- [Ballarat Female Refuge \(1867 - 1941\)](#)  
Date: 1921 - 1941

## Resources

- Wickham, Dorothy Glennys, [Beyond the Wall: Ballarat Female Refuge, A Study in Moral Authority](#), 2003
- [Town and City Mission](#), Ballarat Courier, 12 July 1917

## Records

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- [Ballarat Town and City Mission records \(c.1887 - 1973\)](#)
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