

# William Booth Girls' Home

1912 – 1972

**Other Names:**

- Camberwell Children's Home
- East Camberwell Girls' Home
- William Booth Memorial Home

## Details

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The William Booth Girls' Home, East Camberwell, opened in 1912 and was run by the Salvation Army. It accommodated girls aged between 4 and 14 years old. The first 43 girls in residence at the William Booth Girls' Home had been transferred there from the Murrumbeena Girls' Home, which closed in 1912. When the Home closed in 1972, children were transferred to the Salvation Army's Catherine Booth Girls' Home in East Kew.

The Home was named after William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army. It was located on Brinsley Road, East Camberwell.

Education of the girls was provided by the staff at the home, initially within the home and, from 1939, in a school room built on the site. At this time there were 67 girls living in the home.

In November 1955, the William Booth Memorial Home for Girls was declared an approved children's home under the Children's Welfare Act 1954.

## Gallery

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**Salvation Army Girls Home (East Camberwell)**

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army, Australian Territory \(1880 - 1921\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Catherine Booth Girls' Home \(1915 - 1976\)](#)
- [Murrumbeena Girls' Home \(1897 - 1912\)](#)

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## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Historical information, memorabilia and photographs of the Salvation Army](#)
  - [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
  - [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)
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