

Glenroy Girls' Home

1902 – 1915

Details

The Glenroy Girls' Home was established by Salvation Army in 1902, with the first girls in residence coming from the recently closed Brunswick Girls' Home. The home had capacity for 60 girls between the ages of four and eighteen. It was situated in a leased property known as "Ashleigh", in Widford Street, Glenroy. Girls at the home received domestic training in housework, cooking, laundry, sewing, and dairy-work. They were often sent out to work in private homes as domestic servants from the age of 14 or 15. The home closed in 1915, and the remaining girls were transferred to the Salvation Army's newly purchased Catherine Booth Home in Kew.

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1950 Aerial View, Widford St. Glenroy

Description: This aerial photograph shows Widford St. Glenroy around 1950. It shows the St Agnes' Girls' Home on the left, including the George Edward Lambie Cottage. The building on the right was previously occupied by the Glenroy Girls' Home. The photograph description given by Broadmeadows Historical Society reads: "Shows the Mirror Image Houses Built for the Wiseman Brothers in the 1880s. The Houses Were Named Sawbridgeworth (L) and Ashleigh (R). When this Photograph was Taken Sawbridgeworth was Known as St. Agnes Church of England Home for Girls and Ashleigh, renamed Sunnilands, was Owned by Mr. T. Shaw Logan. Sunnilands was Demolished in 1960. B/W Photo 10x15cm"



The Salvation Army Girls' Home at Glenroy - The Home

Description: This is an image of the Glenroy Girls' Home, run by the Salvation Army. This image shows at least 40 girls, all dressed in white pinafores, standing on the upper verandah of the home, which is a very large, ornate, two-storey house. More girls, similarly dressed, sit on the lawn in front of the house, whilst several girls appear to be working in the garden. Also included in the photo are five women dressed entirely in white, who may have been members of staff. One of these women is standing on top of a horse-drawn cart loaded with hay. In the background another house similar in style to the girls home is visible, which was later used as St Agnes' Girls' Home. This image was originally published as one of a set of five photos of the Glenroy Girls' Home in the *Leader* on 12th of December 1908. The other photos show the girls at the home engaging in various activities, including a photo of the girls "asleep" in one of the dormitories. The caption reads "This is one of eight similar institutions conducted by the army. The Glenroy Home accommodates 60 childre, their ages ranging from about 6 years to 17".



1914/1918 Ashleigh, Widford St., Glenroy

Description: This is an image of 'Ashleigh', a large house in Widford Street, Glenroy which housed the Salvation Army Glenroy Girls' Home from 1902 to 1915. The house was later renamed 'Sunnilands'.

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