

# Riddells Creek Girls' Home

1900 – 1940

**Other Names:**

- Riddell's Creek Girls' Home
- Riddells Creek Reformatory

## Details

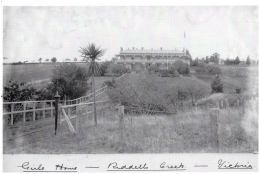
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The Riddells Creek Girls' Home was established by the Salvation Army in 1900. It was reported the *Adelaide Advertiser* in 1902 that girls living at the Home included girls 'recruited' from the 'Chinese opium dens' and other 'vile resorts' in the slums of Melbourne.

The newspaper described the Home as 'spotlessly clean', and stated it combined rigid discipline with kind treatment in a religious atmosphere. It was reported that there were 40 girls housed in the Home at that time, and that they were 'kept busy' with light gardening work, machine knitting and ornamental needlework.

## Gallery

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Girls Home - Riddells Creek - Victoria



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### Chronology

- Pakenham Girls' Reformatory (1897 - 1900)
  - **Riddells Creek Girls' Home (1900 – 1940)**

### Related Entries

Run by

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

#### Related Organisations

- [Brunswick Girls' Home \(1892 - 1902\)](#)

## Resources

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- Kirkham, John C, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory*, 2003

## Records

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

### Records

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
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