

Pakenham Girls' Reformatory

1897 – 1900

Details

The Pakenham Girls' Reformatory opened in 1897 on the former site of the Pakenham Boys' Home, on Army Road, Pakenham. The first girls at the reformatory were transferred to Pakenham from the Brunswick Girls' Home. In 1898 an article published in *The Herald* stated that there were 30 to 35 girls living at the reformatory. It described it as a remote property surrounded by bushland consisting of several cottages and buildings for dormitories and schoolrooms, orchards, beehives, and farmland with cows and poultry. It also reported that, despite the remote location, the reformatory had had an issue with trespassers. In 1900 the Pakenham reformatory moved to Riddell's Creek.

A sub-reformatory was established at Heidelberg which then moved to Murrumbena in 1899.

More info

Chronology

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

Related Entries

Run by

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

Related Organisations

- [Brunswick Girls' Home \(1892 - 1902\)](#)
In 1897 some girls were moved from the Brunswick Girls' Home to Pakenham Girls' Reformatory
- [Pakenham Boys' Home \(1895 - 1897\)](#)
- [Heidelberg Girls' Home \(1896 - 1899\)](#)
The Heidelberg Girls' Home was a sub-reformatory of the Pakenham Girls' Reformatory

Resources

- [Prowlers About A Girls' Reformatory. The Pakenham Home.](#), The Herald, 29 June 1898
- Kirkham, John C, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory*, 2003