

The Nest Children's Home

1930 – 1941

Other Names: • Dappeto
• The Nest

Details

The Nest Children's Home was established in Arncliffe in 1930 by the Salvation Army in Dappeto, the building which had previously been Arncliffe Girls' Industrial Home. It was a children's home with capacity for 60. In 1941 The Nest was converted to Arncliffe Girls' Home, which was often referred to as The Nest Girls' Home.

Arncliffe Girls' Industrial Home became known as The Nest Children's Home in January 1930. From January 1941 to January 1969 it was then called Arncliffe Girls' Home, although commonly referred to as The Nest Girls' Home.

In 1935 the Salvation Army General Evangeline Booth stayed at The Nest whilst visiting Sydney. In preparations for the visit the interior was re-painted and the 60 girls living in the home had to ensure that it was thoroughly cleaned and polished.

Gallery



The Nest (Arncliffe Girls Home)

Description: This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.



The Nest Children's Home, Arncliffe

Description: This is an image of The Nest Children's Home, Arncliffe. It shows approximately 25 young girls and several adults (presumably staff members) in the grounds of The Nest, standing in front of the manor house. The girls are all wearing white dresses, and many have what appears to be white ribbons in their hair. The image was published in a newspaper article in *The Sun* titled 'Pink and Blue Bedroom for General' in 1935. The picture was originally captioned "The Nest,' where General Evangeline Booth will live while in Sydney".

More info

Chronology

- Arncliffe Girls' Industrial Home (1916 - 1930)
- **The Nest Children's Home (1930 – 1941)**
- Arncliffe Girls' Home (1941 - 1969)

Related Entries

Run by

- [The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)

Resources

- [Dapetto](#), State Heritage Register, 2022
- [Pink and Blue Bedroom for General: Prinking Up "The Nest" To House Army Leader](#), The Sun, 1935
- [Yoonthalla Close interviewed by Anne Monsour in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project \[sound recording\]](#), 5 July 2011
- Cleland, Sharon, [Caring for the Children: A history of institutional care provided by The Salvation Army for Australian children and youth \(1893-1995\)](#), August 2012

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Eastern Territory \(c. 1891 - 1990s\)](#)

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