Arncliffe Girls' Home

1941 – 1969

Other Names:
- The Nest
- The Nest Girls' Home
- Dappeto

Details

Arncliffe Girls' Home, also known as The Nest Girls' Home, was a Salvation Army Home for girls that opened in 1941 in the building that had been The Nest Children's Home. The Nest Girls' Home closed in 1969 and was converted to aged care.

The Nest Girls' Home was in a building called Dappeto that was once an oyster merchants' home, and the home of author Christina Stead's stepmother.

The Home closed temporarily during World War II. On 25, 26 and 27 March 1942, 30 girls from The Nest, together with 44 girls from The Fold at Marrickville and three children from Bethesda Hospital, were transferred to Canowindra Girls' Home (Lyndon House Girls' Home). In January 1945 The Nest Girls' Home re-opened, and sixteen girls were transferred back from Canowindra to Arncliffe.

Arncliffe Girls' Home closed in January 1969 and the girls were transferred to the Stanmore Children's Home (The Lodge Young Women's Hostel). The building, Dappeto, was restored and redeveloped as an aged care home.

Arncliffe Girls' Home was mentioned in the Lost Innocents Report (2001) as an institution involved in the migration of children to Australia.

Gallery

The Nest (Arncliffe Girls Home)

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

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)

Related Organisations
- Canowindra Girls' Home (1942 - 1977)
  During World War II (1942-1945) girls from Arncliffe Girls' Home (The Nest) were taken to Canowindra Girls' Home (Lyndon House) at Canowindra.
  Date: 1942 - 1945
- The Lodge Young Women's Hostel (1948 - c. 1975)
  When Arncliffe Girls' Home (The Nest) closed the remaining girls were transferred to The Lodge Young Women's Hostel (Stanmore Children's Home)

Related Concepts
- Child Migration (1800s - 1970s)

Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, *Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration*, 30 August 2001
- *Dapetto*, State Heritage Register, 2022
- 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

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

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