

Stead House

1973 – c. 2007

Other Names: • Bethesda House

Details

Stead House was opened at Marrickville in 1973 by the Salvation Army in 'Hopeleigh', which had been part of Bethesda Maternity Hospital. Stead House was opened as Bethesda House but its name was changed to honour the founding matron of the hospital. Stead House was a hostel for working girls and students and a home for unmarried mothers. It was closed in 2007.

Stead House occupied the historic house Hopeleigh, which had served as nurses' quarters and a laundry for Bethesda Maternity Hospital since 1956. It was named after the founding matron of Bethesda Maternity Hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Doris Stead.

Stead House remained a hostel for women students and low income earners until the mid-2000s, when economic and fire regulation compliance issues became insurmountable. The Salvation Army sold the entire site in 2007 and between 2010-2012 the Bethesda Maternity Hospital building and Stead House were converted to apartments.

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Stead House

Description: Stead House was the main building of the former Hopeleigh Maternity Home in Marrickville, which was run by the Salvation Army.



Hopeleigh 1915

Description: This image shows the building where Hopeleigh Maternity Home operated. The building was later converted to Stead House.



Bethesda Maternity Hospital 1927

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More info

Chronology

- Hopeleigh Maternity Home (c. 1910 - 1956)
 - Bethesda Maternity Hospital (1957 - 1973)
- **Stead House (1973 – c. 2007)**

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