

Brisbane Servants' Home

1865 – 1873

Details

The Brisbane Servants' Home, 166 Ann Street, Brisbane, was established by Lady Bowen and a group of private citizens in 1865 (including Mary Ann Douglas, wife of Legislative Assembly member John Douglas). It provided a home for single adult females who had migrated to Queensland and were awaiting employment as domestic servants. The building was purchased by the Brisbane School of Arts in 1873.

On Wednesday 25 November 1863, a group of Brisbane citizens met with the purpose of establishing a Servants' Home in Brisbane. The proposal, to form a home where domestic servants could reside in between positions, was passed. A set of rules for the home were adopted and a Ladies' Committee and Gentlemen's Committee were elected to administer the Brisbane Servants' Home.

Gallery



School of Arts Building in Ann Street, Brisbane, Queensland, ca. 1900

Description: This description was supplied with the photograph and included on the library website: Originally the Servants Home, this building was acquired in 1873, but not converted to usage as the School of Arts until 1878. (Opened 17/5/1878.)



Brisbane School of Arts, 1910

Description: The Brisbane Servants' Home was located in this building from 1865 to 1873.

More info

Resources

- Australian Heritage Council, [A thematic heritage study on Australia's benevolent and other care institutions](#), 2016
 - [The Brisbane Servants' Home](#), Queenslander, 16 April 1881
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