

Industrial School for Boys, Riverview

1 October 1898 – 1926

Other Names:

- Riverview Boys' Probationary Home
- Salvation Army Industrial School for Boys
- Riverview Boys' Industrial Colony

Details

The Industrial School for Boys, in Riverview, was run by the Salvation Army. Boys sentenced to confinement by Children's Courts were sent to Riverview for training in general farm work. It opened 1 October 1898 and in 1926 it became a training farm for British male youth migrants.

The Industrial School for Boys, Riverview was established in 1898 under the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act 1865. It was licensed under the State Children Act 1911.

The Staff Captain of the Industrial School, in a letter to the Home Secretary 26 September 1910, provides insight into the running of the facility. He wrote:

This school was established on the 1st of October 1898, the boys being sent to us by the Government, and up to the present 101 boys have passed through the Institution, of whom 75 were returned to their parents, 19 placed in suitable situations, and 7 still in the Home.

While under our care the boys are instructed as possible in general farm work, each boy is also taught to milk, and dairying work in general, we keep about 70 head of dairying stock, generally milking between 40 & 50 cows.

A School is kept under Government inspection and the boys put in full time at same, and the inspectors report from year to year is very satisfactory.

We also go in for pig raising, poultry keeping, and in addition each boy has a piece of ground allotted to him, for gardening purposed, he does his own gardening, and the proceeds are placed to his credit, he can spend this now or it will be kept for him until his time expires, when the amount is given to him, by this means alone, two brothers on leaving the Home had 4-10-0 between them, besides moneys they had spent from time to time while in the Home, by this means we find the boys get very interested and encouraged, and they make the most of their chances.

We correspond with discharged boys, and very many of them return to spend the week end with us at the Home, we having as many as four old boys there for the one week end. We have quite a number of old boys that are today in good situations, and several of these have written back wanting to get boys from the Home for themselves.

For some time now we have not received any boys from the Government, until our numbers have got to be very small, but we have had an interview with Mr Appel (Home Sect.,) and he has promised that all boys committed between now and the 1st Jan 1911 shall be sent to the Salvation Army Industrial School at Riverview and also that he will transfer some six or seven boys from Westbrook to Riverview. Since that promise we have received two committed boys to Riverview.

I remain your obedient Servant.

T F Smith

P.S. Mr Macdonald of Brisbane is visiting Justice to this School.

Gallery



Boys standing on the verandah of the Queensland Home for Boys, Riverview

Description: This description was supplied with the photograph and included on the library website: The Queensland Home for Boys was opened and operated by the Salvation Army in 1903.



Entrance to Riverview Farm

Description: The Salvation Army has occupied this site since 1897. The avenue of pines was planted c.1920s.



Front entrance to original home, Riverview



Original buildings, Riverview



Salvation Army Hall, Riverview



Bethany, farm manager cottage Riverview

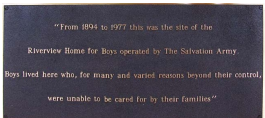


Entrance drive Riverview



Plaque on memorial plinth at Riverview

Description: This is an image of a memorial plaque at Riverview. The inscription reads: "This monument commemorates the residents of Riverview Girls Home April 1897 to June 1898 and Riverview Boys Home July 1898 to January 1977 'Never to be forgotten' Funded by The Salvation Army Australia and Mayor Paul Pisasale City of Ipswich 14th January 2012"



Plaque unveiled at Riverview on 21st April 2007

Description: The inscription reads: "From 1894 to 1977 this was the site of the Riverview Home for Boys operated by the Salvation Army. Boys lived here who, for many and varied reasons beyond their control, were unable to be cared for by their families."

More info

Chronology

- **Industrial School for Boys, Riverview (1 October 1898 – 1926)**
 - Riverview Training Farm (1926 - 1956)
 - Home for Boys, Riverview (1956 - 1966)
 - Training Farm for Boys (1966 - 1969)
 - Endeavour Training Farm (1969 - 1973)
 - Hillsdale Village for Boys (c. 1973 - c. 1977)

Related Entries

Run by

- [The Salvation Army, Australian Territory \(1880 - 1921\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory \(1921 - 2018\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [State Children Act 1911, Queensland \(1911 - 1966\)](#)
- [Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act 1865, Queensland \(1865 - 1911\)](#)

Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001
- The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory, [Submission No. 46 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care: The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territorial Headquarters \(VIC\), Appendix B, Eastern Territory Social Centres, A list of openings, closings and function](#), June 2003
- [Riverview Industrial School](#), Queensland Times, 7 October 1927
- [Queensland News](#), Morning Bulletin, 3 October 1898

- 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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