

# Horton Village

1976 – 1985

## Details

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Horton Village, in Toowoomba, operated as a children's home from 1976 to 1985. It was run by the Salvation Army. Previously, it was known as Horton House. From 1985 onwards Horton Village operated as a disability institution. In 2014 Horton Village functioned as the Salvation Army's disability support service in Toowoomba.

The Horton Village complex consisted of Horton House, Alford House, Hocking House and Ray Powell Cottage. Despite the reorganisation of the institution into cottage homes, concerns were expressed in the late 1970s that it was still operating as an 'old-style institution', and the cottages were not functioning independently.

According to the 1999 report of the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions, departmental officials criticised the 'isolated regime' at Horton Village in 1978 and its negative effects of children who lived there.

Due to the emerging trend towards allowing children to stay with their families where possible, to foster or house children in smaller units, the number of children requiring care at Horton Village had dropped by the 1980s.

By 1983 only eight children, funded by the Department of Children's Services, were accommodated in one cottage at Horton Village.

In the mid-1980s, the complex was re-organised to accommodate intellectually disabled adults. By 1985 children were no longer cared for at Horton Village.

## Gallery

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**Horton House**

**Description:** Horton House was built in the late 1800s by James Horton. The home was donated to the Salvation Army in 1942 and operated as a girl's home until 1985.



**The Toowoomba Salvation Army Girls' Home**

## More info

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# Chronology

- James Horton Memorial Home (1942 - 1947)
  - James Horton Industrial School for Girls (1947 - 1953)
    - James Horton Memorial Home for Girls (1953 - 1954)
      - James Horton School for Girls (1954 - 1963)
        - Horton House (1963 - 1976)
- **Horton Village (1976 – 1985)**

## Related Entries

### Run by

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

### Related Organisations

- [Alford House \(6 April 1966 - 1976\)](#)  
Alford House became part of Horton Village in 1976.
- [Hocking House \(6 April 1966 - 1976\)](#)  
Hocking House became part of Horton Village in 1976.
- [Ray Powell Cottage \(1969 - 1976\)](#)  
Ray Powell Cottage became part of Horton Village in 1976.

## Resources

- 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
- Forde, Leneen et. al., [Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Child Abuse in Queensland institutions](#), May 1999
- Blayse, Lewis, [Some More Salvation Army Children's Homes \(Or: Ve Gaf Vays Of Making You Afraid\)](#), lewisblayse.net, 12 January 2014

## Records

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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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