

The Bridge Rescue Home

1899 – 1934

Other Names:

- The Gilbert Street Rescue Home
- The Salvation Army Rescue Home, Gilbert Street
- The Bridge

Details

The Bridge Rescue Home was opened by the Salvation Army in Adelaide in 1899. It operated as a home for women and girls in need of shelter. Women were asked to do laundry and other work in return for accommodation. In 1927, 36 women and girls resided at the Home. In 1934 The Bridge Rescue Home was officially renamed The Bridge Industrial Home.

The Bridge Rescue Home was opened as a home for women and girls in need of shelter by the Salvation Army in 1899. In 1898 the Salvation Army purchased the property of the former Bushmen's Club, which ran from Gilbert Street right through to Whitmore Square, for £4,500. The buildings on the Whitmore Square side of the property were renovated, added to and opened as the Adelaide Brigade Prison-Gate Home for men in Jan 1899. The main building at number 146 on the Gilbert Street side was turned into a women's rescue home. It was called The Bridge Rescue Home as it was intended to be a 'bridge back into society' for the women who were given refuge there. Women were asked to do laundry and other work in return for their keep. In 1927 36 women and girls resided at the Home.

In later years the Home became increasingly known simply as 'The Bridge' as the focus of the Salvation Army's social work spread. However, many women and girls were still brought to the home from the Police Courts by the Salvation Army's Police Court officers.

Although referred to in newspaper articles as 'The Bridge Industrial Home' as early as 1929, the name did not officially change until 1934 when the Home began to provide a residential program for the 'training' of teenage girls who were placed there for 'uncontrollable' behaviour.

Gallery



Maternity Home - Adelaide - Sth. Aus.

Description: This image shows the front of The Bridge Rescue Home, Adelaide. One person can be seen on the verandah of the Home.



Gilbert Street, Adelaide

Description: The library description includes: Gilbert Street, Adelaide, north side, showing part of the Bushmen's Home or Bushmen's Club. This location later went on to house The Bridge Rescue Home and The Bridge Industrial Home.



The Bushmen's Club, Adelaide

Description: The library catalogue states: Wood engraving published in The illustrated Australian news. Shows two storey stone building surrounded by iron fence.

More info

Chronology

- Rescued Sisters' Home (1890 - 1899)
 - **The Bridge Rescue Home (1899 – 1934)**
 - The Bridge Industrial Home (1934 - 1977)

Related Entries

Run by

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

Resources

- [THE BUSHMAN'S CLUB: A BUILDING WITH A HISTORY](#), The Advertiser, 30 April 1910

Records

For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

Records held by other organisations

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)

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