

# McBride Hospital

1975 – 1986

## Details

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McBride Hospital was the new name given to the Salvation Army run McBride Maternity Hospital in 1975. Situated in Medindie it ceased to operate as a maternity hospital in 1978 and became a convalescent hospital with a small hostel for single mothers and their babies. The hostel ceased operating in 1983 and the convalescent hospital closed in 1986.

In 1975 the Salvation Army run McBride Maternity Hospital in Briar Avenue, Medindie changed its name to McBride Hospital when it ceased to operate solely as a maternity hospital. In 1978 the last baby was born at McBride. The premises became primarily a convalescent hospital with a small hostel area downstairs for single mothers who had given birth elsewhere. This final service for women and babies stopped in 1983 and the convalescent hospital closed three years later. The property was sold and the proceeds used to finance hostel accommodation for the elderly.

McBride Hospital was mentioned in the *Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices* Report (2012) as an institution that was involved in forced adoption.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Adelaide Maternity Home (1893 - 1914)
  - McBride Maternity Hospital (1914 - 1975)
- **McBride Hospital (1975 – 1986)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

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

#### Related Events

- [Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, Commonwealth of Australia \(2011 - 2012\)](#)

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### Resources

- Senate Community Affairs References Committee, [Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices](#), 29 February 2012
- Kirkham, John C, *Southern Soup-Soap-Salvation, a compendium of Salvation Army Social Services in the Australian Southern Territory*, 2003
- The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territorial Headquarters (Vic), [Submission No. 46 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care: Appendix A: Children's Homes - A list of openings, closings and function](#), July 2003

## Records

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

### Records

- [Historical information, memorabilia and photographs of the Salvation Army](#)
  - [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
  - [Records of McBride Maternity Hospital, formerly Adelaide Maternity Home \(1893 - 1982\)](#)
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