

Tower House Young Women's Hostel

1943 – 1978

Other Names:

- Tower House Hostel for Girls
- Salvation Army Tower House Hostel for Girls

Details

Tower House Young Women's Hostel, run by the Salvation Army, opened in Launceston in 1943. It provided accommodation for young working women. The Hostel closed in 1978.

Tower House opened officially on 17 July 1943. Its first Matron was the former Matron of Rock Lynn House. It had accommodation for 30 young women with employment.

In an article to celebrate the opening, the *Mercury* said that the organisers tried to provide 'comfort and homeliness':

The ground floor consists of a cosy lounge with wall-to-wall carpet in brown and brick tonings. Modern writing tables are in the room and comfortable lounge suites can be drawn around the large fireplace. The curtains are brick and cream, and a long mirror and electric clock enhance the appearance of the room. The carpet extends into the spacious hall and a comfortable corner has been furnished with chairs and reading table for the girls and waiting visitors.

The dining room has gaily checked cloths and cream walls. Adjoining the living room is the kitchen and well-stocked pantry. A bright office is on this floor.

The laundry and a sewing machine were at the back of the building. There was a sun garden and bicycle shed.

The first and second floors had bedrooms, bathrooms and shower rooms. Each young woman had her own wardrobe.

Gallery



View showing a group of women standing outside the front door of Salvation Army Tower House Hostel for Girls, 1 Wellington Street, Launceston, Tasmania, c 1944.



Women gathered around a piano at Tower House Young Women's Hostel



In the lounge at Tower House Young Women's Hostel



On the stairs at Tower House Young Women's Hostel

More info

Related Entries

Run by

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

Related Organisations

- [Rock Lynn House \(c. 1895 - 1960\)](#)

The former Matron of Rock Lynn House was the first Matron of Tower House Young Women's Hostel.

Resources

- 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

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

Records

- [Salvation Army Australia, Records of Homes in the former Southern Territory \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
- [Correspondence Files \(1919 - 1998\)](#)

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