

Hollywood Children's Village, Salvation Army

1965 – 1994

Other Names:

- Salvation Army Boys' Home Village
- Crossroads West Hollywood Children's Village residential unit
- Hollywood
- Hollywood Christian Home

Details

Hollywood Children's Village was the new name given in 1965 to the Salvation Army Boys' Home (in Nedlands). Cottages were built to house the boys from this time. In 1969, after the Salvation Army Girls' Home, Cottesloe closed, girls were admitted. Children who were wards and private children were admitted until the Village closed in 1994.

Hollywood Children's Village was the new name given to the Salvation Army Boys' Home, Nedlands, in 1965. At first it accommodated only boys, but girls were admitted from 1969. More than 300 children and young people were admitted between 1965 and 1991. From 1990, only teenagers were admitted. In 1991 the residential program was renamed 'Crossroads west'. In 1994, the one remaining residential cottage at the Hollywood Children's Village site closed. The site is now an aged care facility.

Brand House, later called Brand Cottage or just 'Brand', opened in 1965, with the official ceremony on 3 July. Sir David Brand was a Premier of Western Australia. Pied Piper Cottage ('Piper') opened in 1966 and its opening ceremony was on 23 October of that year. Each of these cottages housed up to 12 children, supervised by cottage parents. In 1966, there were 52 boys in total on the Nedlands site, so some boys were apparently still accommodated in dormitories.

Buckingham Cottage opened in 1969.

A newspaper article, 'Families share their affection and fellowship', written around 1969 reported that all 36 children at the Village had been referred by the Child Welfare Department and that they returned to their parents in the Christmas holidays. At that stage, the children at the Village were aged 7-15 years and according to the news item, 'some had been at the cottage for five years and would probably stay longer' though the aim was to reunite children with their families. A description of the facilities was given: Meals were prepared in a main kitchen and served in dining rooms with four tables in the cottages; cottage fathers worked outside the Village; children of different ages slept in one, two or three-bed rooms in each cottage; some children had part-time jobs; some had pocket-money from parents and others were given pocket-money by Village authorities.

Withnell Cottage opened on 25 January 1970. By 1996, Withnell Cottage was the headquarters of the Salvation Army Historical Society. In 2005 it was used by the aged care facility as a library and for storage.

Signposts records the location of Cottesloe House as the Hollywood Children's Village, Nedlands, but more recent research by Find & Connect historian, Debra Rosser has confirmed that Cottesloe House was located in Mt Lawley.

At the start of 1971, the Hollywood Children's Village was put under the management of the Superintendent of the adjacent Salvation Army Senior Citizens' Village. A swimming pool for children was officially opened on 27 March 1971 and the Children's Choir sang at the ceremony.

By 1990, around half the children referred to Hollywood were over 12 years old and the Salvation Army considered the cottage parent style of accommodation unsuitable for teenagers. There was a transition to an 'expanded youth program', focusing on teenagers. From 18 May 1990, there were no more admissions of children to the Hollywood Children's Village and by January 1991, there was only one residential unit at Hollywood, for teenagers. That unit was part of the Salvation Army's Crossroads west program and the administration of Crossroads west was run from the Hollywood site.

When the residential programs for children and young people at Hollywood ceased in 1994, the buildings were used for the Salvation Army's Eventide Home for Men.

In 1997, the buildings that had been Brand, Pied Piper and Buckingham Cottages were demolished and 'Cottesloe Cottage' was at that time the only remaining building from the Children's Village. It, too, has since been demolished.

Hollywood Children's Village, Salvation Army, was investigated by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Case Study 33: The Salvation Army children's Homes, Australia Southern Territory.

Gallery



Hollywood Children's Village, aerial photograph

Description: 'Hollywood Children's Village, aerial photograph' is a digital copy of an undated photograph held in the *Nedlands Boys Home closed social work* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. From other information in the file, it is likely that the buildings shown are (clockwise from left) Pied Piper, Brand, and Buckingham Cottages, the gymnasium and the administration block. The photograph can be dated from 1969, when Buckingham Cottage opened.



Hollywood Children's Village, aerial view

Description: 'Hollywood Children's Village, aerial view' is a digital copy of an undated photocopy held in the *Nedlands Boys Home closed social work* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. A typed list in the file identifies the numbered buildings that are visible on the photocopy, showing the different eras of the property. The list has a note that alerts readers to possible omissions and mis-identification of buildings. On the right of the photocopy is the site of the original Karrakatta Prison Gate Farm which became the Salvation Army Boys' Home (1 and 2). On the left, are the newer cottages of the Hollywood Children's Village: Pied Piper Cottage (13); Brand Cottage (14); Buckingham Cottage (15); Cottesloe, also known as 'Withnell' Cottage (16); Cook's Cottage (17); Gymnasium, with a kitchen at the rear to service the cottages (18); Administration Block, including welfare officers' interview rooms, homework room and library (19); and Vegetable Gardens and Sports Oval (22). The other buildings form the Salvation Army Senior Citizens' Village. The aerial view must have been taken after 1970, which is when Cottesloe (Withnell) Cottage opened.



Girls' bedroom

Description: 'Girls' bedroom' is a digital copy of an undated photograph held in the *Nedlands Boys Home closed social work* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. The toys suggest the room was set up for primary school-aged girls so it is likely to have been a new room in a girls' cottage, possibly at the Hollywood Children's Village. The 'candlewick' bedspread and blondewood wardrobe were popular in 1960s Perth. There appears to be another bed visible in the reflection of the wardrobe mirror.



The Salvation Army Hollywood Village

Description: 'The Salvation Army Hollywood Village' is a digital copy of an image held in the *Hollywood Children's Village* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. It is held with other images relating to a 'Back to Hollywood Day' in 1994 so probably dates from then. The image shows a model locating all the facilities on the Nedlands (Hollywood) site, including the Children's Village and the aged care facility.



Hollywood Children's Village 1980s

Description: 'Hollywood Children's Village 1980s' is a digital copy of a colour image held in the *Hollywood Children's Village* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. A handwritten caption gives the location and year. The image shows a basketball court, climbing frame and other play equipment.



Pied Piper Cottage and Brand House plaques

Description: 'Pied Piper Cottage and Brand House plaques' is a digital copy of a colour image held in the *Hollywood Children's Village* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. It shows the plaques that were unveiled at the opening ceremonies for Brand House (3 July 1965) and Pied Piper Cottage (23 October 1966). It is unknown when the photograph was taken but it is possible that it was after the cottages had been demolished, with the plaques preserved at that time.



Bedroom with desk, Hollywood Children's Village

Description: 'Bedroom with desk, Hollywood Children's Village' is a digital copy of an undated colour image held in the *Hollywood Children's Village* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA.



Demolition, Brand and Pied Piper Cottages

Description: 'Demolition, Brand and Pied Piper Cottages' is a digital copy of an undated colour photograph held in the *Hollywood Children's Village* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. A handwritten caption says that the red truck in the photograph is in front of Brand and the yellow truck is outside Piper. The demolition year, 1996, has been used to date this image.



Children's village office

Description: 'Children's village office' is a digital copy of an undated colour photograph held in the *Hollywood Children's Village* file at the Salvation Army Heritage Museum WA. It is likely that most children were brought to the office as part of their admission to the Hollywood Children's Village.

More info

Chronology

- Salvation Army Boys' Home (1918 - 1965)
 - **Hollywood Children's Village, Salvation Army (1965 – 1994)**

Related Entries

Run by

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

Related Events

- [Case Study 33: The Salvation Army children's Homes, Australia Southern Territory, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse \(2015\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Alinjarra Cottage \(1986 - 1991\)](#)
Alinjarra Cottage offered emergency and short-term care at Hollywood Children's Village, Salvation Army , where the other cottages were set up for medium to long-term care.
- [Landsdale House \(1995 - current\)](#)
Some young people who had been resident at Hollywood Children's Village, Salvation Army were placed at Landsdale House.
- [Salvation Army Girls' Home, Cottesloe \(1918 - 1969\)](#)
After the Salvation Army Girls' Home, Cottesloe closed, girls were admitted to the Hollywood Children's Village, Salvation Army.
- [Withnell House \(1952 - 1969?\)](#)
Some boys who had been resident at Withnell House may have moved to the Hollywood Children's Village, Salvation Army.
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Other Resources

Title: Withnell House

Type: Image

Date: 2005

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Title: Salvation Army Hollywood site plan

Type: Image

Date: 1971 - 1994

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Title: Buckingham Cottage

Type: Image

Date: 1969? - 1994?

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Records

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 \(c. 1889 - c. 1988\)](#)
 - [Children's Homes Files, Western Australian Salvation Army Homes \(1897 - 2012\)](#)
 - [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
 - [Salvation Army, Nedlands Library Local Studies Collection, Nedlands Library \(1918? - 2000s\)](#)
 - [Files - Departmental \[Education Department\] \(1 January 1885 - 31 December 2000\)](#)
 - [Files - Community Welfare \("A" Series\), State Records Office of Western Australia \(25 August 1908 - 23 December 1990\)](#)
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