

# FIND & CONNECT FACT SHEET RECORDS FROM SALVATION ARMY HOMES

A web resource for people who experienced out of home 'care'

This is a guide to looking for records from children's Homes, institutions and reformatories run by the Salvation Army. These records date back to the 19th century and continue up until around the 1980s, when these institutions were closed.

Please be aware that if you were a state ward and spent time in a Salvation Army Home, there may be more records about your time at a Salvation Army Home on your ward file. These ward records are not held by the Salvation Army, they are held by the state government. For more information about applying for ward records, please see 'Where to Start' [<https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/resources/where-to-start>].

Please note that more recent records (created since around the 1980s) of out-of-home care services run by the Salvation Army are likely to be held by current Salvation Army services, not by the Territorial Headquarters.



Salvation Army's Boy's Home at Mount Barker [1905]. Courtesy State Library of South Australia B 60658. More details here: <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/sa/objects/SD0000026.htm>

## TERRITORIES

The Salvation Army Australia has two autonomous territories: the Eastern Territory and the Southern Territory. Any records about children's Homes and institutions run by the Salvation Army will be held in one of these two territories – when you are looking for Salvation Army records it is important to contact the relevant Salvation Army Territory.

### SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY

Contact the [Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory](https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/nsw/biogs/NEO0208b.htm) [<https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/nsw/biogs/NEO0208b.htm>] about records relating to children's Homes in:

- New South Wales
- Queensland
- Australian Capital Territory

The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory holds records of the children's Homes that operated in New South Wales and Queensland. If you want to apply for access to any of these records, contact:

Historical Records Researcher  
Office hours: Weekdays 9 am to 5 pm  
Phone: 02 9466 3548  
Email: [historicalrecords@aue.salvationarmy.org](mailto:historicalrecords@aue.salvationarmy.org)

### SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY

Contact the Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory about records relating to children's Homes in:

- Northern Territory
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia

The [Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Headquarters](https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/vic/biogs/E000014b.htm) [<https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/vic/biogs/E000014b.htm>] located in Blackburn, Victoria, holds records of the children's Homes that operated in Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.

If you want to apply for access to any of these records, contact:

Social Programme Department  
Salvation Army Australian Southern Territory – Territorial Headquarters  
95-99 Railway Road, Blackburn  
PO Box 479, Blackburn VIC 3130  
Phone: 03 8878 4777  
Fax: 03 8878 4838  
Email: [social.programme@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:social.programme@aus.salvationarmy.org)

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### HERITAGE CENTRES

The Salvation Army also operates heritage centres. These centres do not hold personal records, but they often have historical material that may be of interest, including photos, War Cry (the Salvation Army newspaper) articles, and Salvation Army memorabilia.

### EASTERN TERRITORY

Heritage Centre – Sydney  
120 Kingland Road, Bexley North NSW 2207  
PO Box 226 Bexley North NSW 2207  
Phone: 02 9502 0424  
Fax: 02 9554 9204  
Email: [aueheritage@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:aueheritage@aus.salvationarmy.org)

### SOUTHERN TERRITORY

The Southern Territory has Salvation Army heritage centres in Melbourne and in Perth. The South Australian heritage centre has closed and some of its material is now at the Melbourne heritage centre.

### MELBOURNE

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The Salvation Army Archives and Museum – Australia Southern Territory  
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### PERTH

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Salvation Army Girls Home Band, c1920, 26 July 2013, courtesy of State Library of Western Australia.  
More details here: <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/ref/wa/objects/WD0000444.htm>

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