

# Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home

1951 – 1997

**Other Names:** • Eleanor MacKinnon Home

## Details

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The Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home, at Cronulla, was run by the Australian Red Cross from 1951. It was a boys' home that took in children whose families were in crisis, or who were experiencing health problems. The Eleanor MacKinnon Home closed in 1997.

Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home was a boys' home specialising in receiving children whose families were in crisis, due to hospitalisation, desertion, illness, death, confinements, financial or housing problems, or where children had health problems and needed to recover from malnutrition or illnesses.

It was named after the Junior Red Cross founder and honorary director from 1914 until 1936. The building was a suburban home that accommodated up to 21 boys at a time. The Department of Education provided a schoolroom, with its own teacher, in the grounds.

The property, in Lucas Street, Cronulla, was auctioned in 2014. An article in the *St George & Sutherland Shire* described it like this:

*The property was built in the early 1920s as a private home, but from 1945 to 1980 was run by the Red Cross as a home for boys whose families were suffering a crisis.*

*It was named after Eleanor MacKinnon, the founder of Junior Red Cross and its honorary director from 1914 to 1936.*

*In those days, the house was set among large gardens, with a swimming pool, but a villa complex now occupies that space.*

## Gallery

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**Boys at the Eleanor MacKinnon Home with voluntary teachers**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image from the *Australian Women's Weekly* article, For the Sake of the Children. The image shows children and adults sitting outside on the steps of the Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home.

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## The former Red Cross children's home at Cronulla

**Description:** This is a copy of an image that was published in the real estate section of the St George and Sutherland Shire Leader on 14 March 2014. The property was auctioned on 29 March 2014.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Australian Red Cross \(1914 - current\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Cudgelo Junior Red Cross Home \(1923 - 1951\)](#)

When the Cudgelo Junior Red Cross Home closed the work was transferred to the Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Home.

- [Junior Red Cross Society \(1918 - 1995?\)](#)

- [Eleanor MacKinnon Memorial Junior Red Cross Home \(February 15 1938 - 1951\)](#)

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## Records

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

### Records

- [Records of Red Cross Children's Homes \(1918? - 1990s\)](#)
  - [Archives of the Australian Red Cross Society, New South Wales Division, 1914-2014 \(1914 - 2014\)](#)
  - [School Files \(1876 - 1979\)](#)
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