

# Wongala Junior Red Cross Home

25 October 1947 – 1952

## Details

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Wongala Junior Red Cross Home in Turrumurra was established in 1947 as one of several children's homes run by the Australian Red Cross. Wongala was described in *The Kiama Independent, and Shoalhaven Advertiser* 'as a holiday home for the delicate sons of service and ex-servicemen'. There were 10 boys already living at Wongala when it was officially opened on 25 October 1947. The Home could accommodate up to 26 boys. According to the Australian Red Cross, the Home closed in 1952.

The Turrumurra property where Wongala was located was left to the New South Wales Division of the Red Cross Society in the will of Mr EA Clift. The Home was to be supported by the efforts of boys and girls of the Junior Red Cross. The Home was officially opened by Mr LG Kendall, Superintendent of Primary Education with the Department of Education on 25 October 1947.

The Home was a place for boys to convalesce and regain their full health. On Friday 31 October 1947 The *Murrumbidgee Irrigator* reported on the children that would visit Wongala.

*'Wongala.' – The Junior Red Cross Home 'Wongala' is to be used in part for the purpose of giving long recuperative periods to asthmatic children, and also those liable to recurrence of respiratory infections. It is hoped that much benefit will result from this experimental program.*

According to the Australian Red Cross website, Wongala Junior Red Cross Home closed in 1952.

## Gallery

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**27-29 Boomerang Street, Turrumurra NSW 2074**

**Description:** The photo shows the front of the house 'Wongala', where the Wongala Junior Red Cross Home was located. It was listed on Homebound when the property was for sale in around 2013.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

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

## Related Organisations

- [St Christopher's Home for Little Children \(1928 - 1978\)](#)  
The buildings for St Christopher's Home for Little Children and Wongala Junior Red Cross Home were donated by Mr Ernest Clift.
- [Junior Red Cross Society \(1918 - 1995?\)](#)

## Resources

- ["Choklit Pudding for Dinner": relief of mind for an ex-RAAF](#), The Sunday Herald, 18 February 1951
- [Red Cross gives girl holiday](#), The West Wyalong Advocate, 13 February 1950

## 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 \(1914 - 2014\)](#)
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