Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home

1946 – 1959

Details

The Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home opened in 1946 at Henley Beach. Run by the Red Cross the Home comprised new premises in Henley Beach and the original Junior Red Cross Home. The two buildings operated as a convalescent Home for up to 50 children. The Lady Hore-Ruthven Home closed in 1959 and children were transferred to new premises at Glenelg known simply as the Junior Red Cross Home.

The Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home opened in 1946 on the Esplanade at Henley Beach in the former premises of the Lady Galway Convalescent Home for ex-servicemen. The latter moved to Roberts Street in Glenelg. Given that the vacated building lay opposite the original Junior Red Cross Home, the decision was made to combine the two buildings into one larger Home which was officially named the Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home.

A newspaper report on the opening of the new premises described its furnishings:

> *Visitors were delighted with the home's two dormitories with their gay primrose bedspreads, the large living room furnished with miniature armchairs, small tables, attractive toys, and green dining tables and chairs. The staff rooms have also been attractively and comfortably furnished. Seventeen beds have been given to the home.*

In 1954 the girls' dormitory was named the May Willoughby in honour of Mrs FC Willoughby who had been the Chairperson of the Home Committee since 1935.
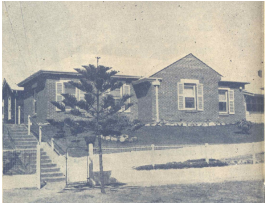
During 1958 the Home Committee decided to close and sell the Lady Hore-Ruthven Home and move the children and staff to the former Lady Galway Convalescent Home at Roberts Street in Glenelg. The adult residents at Lady Galway were to be moved to Kapara Home, also at Glenelg. In 1959 this move took place and the Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home closed.

Gallery

Adelaide, South Australia. A section of the Lady Galway Convalescent Home at Henley Beach.

Description: This is a copy of a photograph of the Lady Galway Convalescent Home for ex-servicemen in Henley Beach. In 1946, these premises became the Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home.

Lady Hore-Ruthven Home, Henley Beach, S. Australia

Description: This is an image showing the exterior of one of the buildings at the Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home. It was originally published in the March-April 1947 issue of the Australian Red Cross *Junior* Magazine.

The Lady Hore-Ruthven Home

Description: This is an image showing the front of the Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home at Henley Beach, South Australia. It was originally published in the March-April 1951 issue of the Australian Red Cross *Junior* Magazine.

Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Children's Home

Description: This image illustrated an article in the Adelaide News newspaper on 11 June 1946, p.3. The article includes the following caption with the image: The Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Children's Home at Henley Beach will be officially opened tomorrow. The home, which was formerly used as a convalescent home for servicemen, has been in operation for a fortnight and at present has 14 children. Today's pictures show (top) sme of the children behind the home's new sign..."

More info

Chronology

- Junior Red Cross Home, Henley Beach (1933 - 1946)
  - **Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Home (1946 – 1959)**
    - Junior Red Cross Home, Glenelg (1959 - 1968)

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

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- [Stolen Generations](#)

Resources

- [*Lady Norrie, Opens Red Cross Home at Henley*](#), The Advertiser, 13 June 1946
- [*Lady Hore-Ruthven Junior Red Cross Children's Home*](#), News, 11 June 1946

Records

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

Records

- Records of the Australian Red Cross Society, South Australian Division (1925 - 1984)
- Records of Red Cross Children's Homes (1918? - 1990s)

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