

# Luprina Hostel

1971 –

## Details

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Luprina Hostel was opened by the government at Dudley Park in 1971. The Hostel was built to provide accommodation for up to 23 young women, between the ages of 16 to 30, who were working or studying in the city. Luprina Hostel was still operating in 2026 and was run by [Aboriginal Hostels Limited](#) as short term accommodation for Indigenous people living away from home.

Luprina , meaning ‘place of rest’, was officially opened by the government on 3 May 1971. It was one of a small number of Hostels opened in 1971 that were financed by the Commonwealth Government. [Nindee Hostel](#) was another of these hostels that were created to provide accommodation for young Aboriginal people who were working or studying in the Adelaide.

Luprina was purpose built at Dudley Park because of the employment opportunities for women in that area. Girls and women from the age of 16 to 30 were accommodated there. Before placing a girl at Luprina, the Department assessed each resident’s employment prospects. An Advisory Hostel Committee assisted with placement. Two representatives of the Aboriginal Women’s Council were appointed to this Committee. Control of Luprina Hostel was transferred to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs on 31 December 1974.

In 2026, Luprina Hostel continued to operate as short-term accommodation in Adelaide for Indigenous people who are living away from home to access services or economic opportunity, and was run by Aboriginal Hostels Limited.

## Gallery

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**Luprina Hostel**

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department of Social Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs, South Australian Government \(1970 - 1972\)](#)  
Date: 1971 - 1972
- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)  
Date: 1972 - 1974

- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Federal Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)  
Date: 31 December 1974 -
- [Aboriginal Hostels Limited \(1973 - current\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Allambi Girls' Hostel \(1947 - 1977\)](#)  
In the mid 1970s five Hostels for children between 12 and 18 years were operating. These included Kumanka Hostel, Nindee Hostel, Luprina Hostel, Stuart House Hostel and Allambi Girls' Hostel.
- [Nindee Hostel \(1971 - current\)](#)  
Nindee Hostel and Luprina Hostel were both funded by the Commonwealth Government to provide accommodation for Aboriginal children working or studying in the city and/or suburbs.
- [Stuart House Boys' Hostel \(1964 - 1990\)](#)  
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### Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Child Welfare Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors, South Australia \(1862 - 2000\)](#)
  - [Records of the Department for Community Welfare and Successor Agencies \(1972 - current\)](#)
  - [Records of the Aborigines' Office and Successor Agencies \(1866 - 2003\)](#)
  - [Government Child and Social Welfare Client Files, State Records of South Australia \(1900 - 2014\)](#)
  - [A8739 Aboriginal Affairs photographic negatives, daily single number with 'A' \[black and white\] or 'AKN' \[colour\] prefix \(1974 - 1980\)](#)
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