

Lentara

1960 – 1977

Other Names:

- The Adelaide Central Methodist Mission Children's Home
- Magill Children's Home
- Central Mission Homes for Children Inc

Details

Lentara was the new name given to the Methodist Children's Homes at Magill in 1960. Run by the Adelaide Central Methodist Mission, Lentara comprised Greenslade Home, Minnie Maughan, Curtice, Cann and l'Anson Cottages. In 1964 Roberts Cottage was built. Each Home provided accommodation for up to 12 children. In 1968 children from the Croker Island Mission in the Northern Territory were placed at Lentara. In 1977 the name Lentara ceased to be used and the site was subdivided and sold off. Only Roberts and Minnie Maughan Cottages continued to operate.

Lentara, an Aboriginal word meaning 'dawning of the day', was the new name given to the Methodist Children's Homes in 1960. The Home was also officially known at that time as Lentara, the Central Mission Homes for Children Inc.

Run by the Adelaide Central Methodist Mission, Lentara comprised Greenslade Home, Minnie Maughan, Curtice, Cann and l'Anson Cottages. In 1964 Roberts Cottage was built to replace Roberts Home which had been demolished in 1954. All of the Cottages provided accommodation for up to 12 children under the supervision of a housemother or cottage parents. Curtice, Cann and l'Anson Cottages provided family group care with the aim to keep siblings together wherever possible.

In 1966, when the Methodist run Croker Island Mission in the Northern Territory was closed some Aboriginal children from the Mission were sent to Lentara.

During 1976-1977 the Adelaide Central Methodist Mission began to decentralize cottage care and from 1977 the name Lentara was no longer used. That year the Magill property was divided into allotments. For a short period of time Greenslade Home was used for a 'family live in trial' accommodating a father and his six children. Shortly afterwards, the cottages were offered for sale and only Minnie Maughan and Roberts Cottages continued to run independently.

In 2013 the original Greenslade Home was a private residence with the name, Lentara.

Gallery



Cann and l'Anson Cottages

Description: This image shows Cann and l'Anson Cottages which operated in two halves of the same building, the former Cann Home.



Lentara - Greenslade Home

Description: The image shows Greenslade Home, part of Lentara Central Mission Homes for Children at Magill, SA.



Lentara - Greenslade Home

Description: This image shows Greenslade Home, part of Lentara Central Mission Homes for Children at Magill, SA.



Lentara - Greenslade Home for sale

Description: This image shows Greenslade Home, part of Lentara Central Mission Homes for Children at Magill, SA when the building was up for sale in 1978.



Lentara sign - Greenslade Home

Description: This image shows the sign for Lentara, with Greenslade Home in background.



Minnie Maughan Cottage

Description: This image shows Minnie Maughan Cottage, part of Lentara, Central Mission Homes for Children.

More info

Chronology

- Methodist Children's Home (1905 - 1924)
 - Methodist Children's Homes (1924 - 1960)
- **Lentara (1960 – 1977)**

Related Entries

Run by

- [Adelaide Central Methodist Mission \(c. 1901 - 1977\)](#)
Date: 1950s - 1976

Related Events

- [Interstate movement of Northern Territory children \(1930s - 1970s\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [l'Anson Cottage \(1957 - c. 1977\)](#)

l'Anson Cottage was one of the children's cottage style residences that made up Lentara

Date: 1960 - 1977

- [Curtice Cottage \(1957 - 1977\)](#)

Curtice Cottage was one of the children's cottage style residences that made up Lentara

Date: 1960 - 1977

- [Elizabeth Downs Cottage \(1976 - 1980s\)](#)

Some children from Lentara may have been moved to Elizabeth Downs Cottage.

- [Hove Cottage \(1976 - 1986\)](#)

Some children from Lentara may have been moved to Hove Cottage.

- [Largs Bay Cottage \(1976 - c. 1985\)](#)

Some children from Lentara may have been moved to Largs Bay Cottage.

- [Minnie Maughan Cottage \(1955 - 1980?\)](#)

Minnie Maughan Cottage was one of the children's cottage style residences that made up Lentara

Date: 1960 - 1977

- [Roberts Cottage \(1964 - 1980s\)](#)

Roberts Cottage was one of the children's cottage style residences that made up Lentara

Date: 1964 - 1977

- [Greenslade Home \(1912 - 1976\)](#)

Greenslade Home was one of the children's residences that made up Lentara

Date: 1960 - 1976

- [Cann Cottage \(1957 - c. 1977\)](#)

Cann Cottage was one of the children's cottage style residences that made up Lentara

Date: 1960 - 1977

- [Croker Island Mission \(1940 - 1968\)](#)

- [Cheltenham Cottage Home \(1976 - 1980s\)](#)

Some children from Lentara may have been moved to Cheltenham Cottage Home.

- [Christies Beach Cottage \(1976 - c. 1985\)](#)

Some children from Lentara may have been moved to Christies Beach Cottage.

Related Concepts

- [Stolen Generations](#)

Resources

- [Japarta Maurie Ryan interviewed by Glenys Dimond in the Bringing Them Home Oral History Project \[sound recording\]. \(2000\)](#), 29 December 2000
- Bailey, Ivor, *Mission story: the story of the Adelaide Central Mission*, 1987
- *Adelaide Central Mission - A Photographic Exhibition 1901-2001*, 2001

Records

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

Records

- [Records of Methodist Children's Home/Lentara \(c. 1905 - 1980s\)](#)

You can view this page online by visiting <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/entity/lentara/>