

# Adelaide Children's Hospital

1876 – 1989

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## Details

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The Adelaide Children's Hospital opened in 1879 in North Adelaide. It was run by a board of management and funded by donations, fund raising and government subsidies. The Adelaide Children's Hospital ran the Queen Victoria Convalescent Home for Children at Mount Lofty and Mareeba Babies Hospital. It also purchased and ran Estcourt House at Tennyson. In 1989 the Adelaide Children's Hospital combined with the Queen Victoria Hospital to form the Adelaide Medical Centre for Women and Children.

The Adelaide Children's Hospital was founded in 1876 and officially opened in North Adelaide in 1879. It was initially funded by several wealthy patrons, subscriptions and fund raising as well as grants from the government. Run by a board of management it was originally intended only for poor and destitute children but later opened wards for paying patients. It became an incorporated institution in 1880.

The Adelaide Children's Hospital ran the Queen Victoria Convalescent Home for Children at Mount Lofty from 1898 until the 1940s. Through the 1920s and 30s the hospital developed strong ties with Estcourt House at Tennyson which it purchased in 1955 and ran until 1978. It also ran Mareeba Babies Hospital from 1951 until the 1960s.

Some children from the Adelaide Children's Hospital were sent to Seaforth Convalescent Home to recover from illness.

In 1989 the Adelaide Children's Hospital combined with the Queen Victoria Hospital to form the Adelaide Medical Centre for Women and Children, which became known from 1995 as the Women's and Children's Hospital.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Adelaide Children's Hospital (1876 – 1989)**
  - Adelaide Medical Centre for Women and Children (1989 - 1995)
  - Women's and Children's Hospital (1995 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Estcourt House \(1894 - 1978\)](#)

Estcourt House was purchased and run by the Adelaide Children's Hospital Board in 1955

Date: 1955 - 1978

- [Mareeba Babies' Hospital \(1917 - 1960\)](#)

From 1951 Mareeba Babies Hospital was under the control of the Adelaide Childrens Hospital Board.

Date: 1951 - 1960s

- [Queen Victoria Convalescent Home for Children \(1898 - 1943?\)](#)

The Queen Victoria Convalescent Home for Children was run by the Adelaide Childrens Hospital Board.

### Related Organisations

- [Seaforth Convalescent Home \(1921 - 1946\)](#)

Some children recovering from illness were sent from the Adelaide Children's Hospital to Seaforth Convalescent Home

- [Queen Victoria Hospital \(1966 - 1989\)](#)

The Adelaide Children's Hospital and the Queen Victoria Hospital combined in 1989 to form the Adelaide Medical Centre for Women and Children.

- [Lady Norrie Junior Red Cross Children's Home \(1947 - 1959\)](#)

Some children from the Adelaide Children's Hospital were sent to the Lady Norrie Junior Red Cross Children's Home for after hospital care

## Records

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### Records

- [Records of Adelaide Children's Hospital \(1894? - 1978?\)](#)

- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)

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