

Wiltja Hostel

1956 – 1978

Other Names: • Aborigines Advancement League Hostel
• Millswood Girls Home

Details

Wiltja Hostel was opened in 1956 at Millswood by the Aborigines Advancement League. It provided accommodation for Aboriginal girls who were attending secondary school in Adelaide. In 1978 the Hostel ceased to operate as a Hostel for Aboriginal girls and became a boarding home for adult Aboriginal people visiting the city.

Wiltja Hostel opened in November 1956 at 17 East Avenue Millswood. Many girls remained at the Hostel during their first year of work after leaving secondary school.

In 1978 the Hostel ceased to operate as a Hostel for Aboriginal girls and became a boarding home for adult Aboriginal people visiting the city. In 1980 the Aborigines Advancement League leased the property to the Education Department and two years later that department purchased the Hostel.

National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse

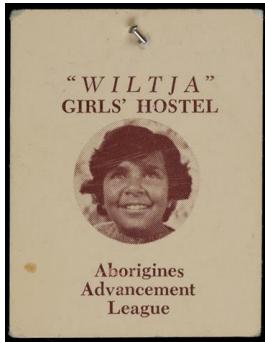
The South Australian government has agreed to be a funder of last resort for this institution. This means that although the institution is now defunct, it is participating in the National Redress Scheme, and the government has agreed to pay the institution's share of costs of providing redress to a person (as long as the government is found to be equally responsible for the abuse a person experienced).

Gallery



Former Wiltja Hostel 2005

Description: This image was included in Finding Your Own Way, Section 9.



Badge - Aborigines Advancement League Wiltja Girls Hostel, 1956-1982

Description: The museum description states: Badge from "WILTJA" Girls' Hostel which was run by the Aborigines Advancement League.

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- [Records of the Aborigines Advancement League \(1938 - 2008\)](#)
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