

Julia Farr Centre

1981 – 1994

Details

The Julia Farr Centre was the new name given to the Home for Incurables in 1981. It was run by a board of management and provided residential care for people with permanent injuries and diseases that at the time were considered incurable, and people with disabilities from the age of 15. In 1994 the Julia Farr Centre became Julia Farr Services.

In 1981 the Home for Incurables was renamed the Julia Farr Centre after its most renowned founder, Mrs Julia Warren Farr.

In the 1982 Julia Farr Centre Annual Report the chairman of the Board of Management that ran the centre explained the name change:

The term 'Centre' has been adopted as the new name as it is considered more appropriate in view of the wider range of proposed services now being considered ... world wide philosophies on the care of the disabled are changing. Greater emphasis is now being placed on the training and rehabilitation of the individual who is impaired with the object of restoring the maximum degree of self-sufficient capacity to enable the achievement of a satisfying life in a non-institutional environment.

The Centre continued to provide support and residential care for people with 'chronic physical ailments' that impaired their 'capacity for independent living'. People with disabilities were also provided with residential care. While the rules of admission stated that residential care could only be provided to young people aged 15 and up, in practice some younger children were admitted. Beyond the 15 year minimum the Julia Farr Centre made no discrimination with regards to age but made all its admissions decisions based on need.

In 1984 the West Wing, originally built in 1967, was vacated after renovations to the building revealed large quantities of asbestos. The building remained empty and unused for many years.

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Gallery



Original house used as the Home for Incurables

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Chronology

- The Home for Incurables (1879 - 1981)
 - **Julia Farr Centre (1981 – 1994)**
 - Julia Farr Services (1994 - 2006)
 - Highgate Park (2006 - 2020)

Records

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Records

- [Client files of Disability Services South Australia \(1879? - c. 2020\)](#)
 - [Highgate Park Heritage Collection \(1879 - 2020\)](#)
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