

# Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies

1914 – 1936

**Other Names:**

- Greycliffe House
- Greycliffe Children's Hospital
- Lady Edeline Hospital for Babies
- Greycliffe

## Details

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The Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies was a government children's hospital at Nielsen Park, in Vaucluse, in an historic house called 'Greycliffe'. It began in 1914. It had 40 cots and was intended as a hospital to nurse babies who were sick with gastroenteritis, which was common in Sydney summer. It closed in 1936 and the building was taken over by Tresillian.

Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies was named after Lady Edeline Strickland, the wife of the New South Wales Governor.

'Greycliffe' was originally built by W.C. Wentworth, for his daughter. It had been left to the New South Wales Government, which consented to its use as a hospital in 1913. Its position, on three acres and fronting a beach, was considered perfect for restoring the health of babies, particularly as it could grow its own food.

Vaucluse House, the sea and Greycliffe House are rumoured to be linked by tunnels.

In 1936 the Lady Edeline Hospital for Babies closed. Greycliffe was then used by Tresillian Homes as a Mothercraft Nursing Home until 1968.

In 1968 the Government resumed control of Greycliffe House and since then it has been owned and managed by Parks and Wildlife as part of the Nielsen Park reserve.

## Gallery

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**The Lady Edeline Hospital for Babies, 'Greycliffe'**

**Description:** This image shows the building, Greycliffe, where The Lady Edeline Hospital for Babies operated in.

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**Greycliffe Hospital was in a home built for the daughter of W C Wentworth, opposite Vaucluse House. There was a tunnel from Vaucluse House to Greycliffe which the nurses occasionally used - Greycliffe Children's Hospital, NSW**

**Description:** This image shows nurses and babies from the Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies outside in a garden. The image is in the collection At Work and Play - images of rural life in NSW 1880-1940. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

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**Greycliffe Children's Hospital was for sick children. Many babies were admitted with gastroenteritis - Greycliffe Children's Hospital, NSW**

**Description:** This image shows a nurse and baby sitting on a step outside the Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies. From the State Library Collection At Work and Play - images of rural life in NSW 1880-1940. This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate.

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**Official Opening of 'Rosalind Black' Ward**

**Description:** This image shows a group of adults standing outside the front of a building with a cot on the lawn, in front of the new hospital wing at the Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies.

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**Tresillian home, Greycliffe**

**Description:** This image shows the building where the Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies and later the Tresillian Vaucluse operated in.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Tresillian Vaucluse \(c. 1935 - October 1968\)](#)

Tresillian used the house Greycliffe after the Lady Edeline Hospital for Sick Babies closed.

### Resources

- Paul Davies Pty Ltd, [Conservation Management Plan, Nielsen Park - Sydney Harbour National Park](#), 11 March 2013
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