

OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00596

2. NAME Lady Lawley Cottage (1903; 1915; 1924)

FORMER NAME Lady Lawley's Cottage by the Sea; John Nicholson Convalescent

Home for Service Women.

3. LOCATION 8 Gibney Street, Cottesloe

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Lots 44, 45 and 46 on Plan 3392, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 257 Folio 193.

- 5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Cottesloe
- **6. OWNER** Australian Red Cross Society.
- 7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

•	Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	22/11/2002
		Permanent Entry	24/04/2003
•	National Trust Classification:	•	
•	Town Planning Scheme:		
•	Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	30/09/95
•	Register of the National Estate:	-	

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lady Lawley Cottage, a single-storey rock-faced limestone house with corrugated colourbond roof, constructed in the Federation Bungalow style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is significant in the development of institutional care for young and disabled people, having been built specifically for that purpose in 1903, and its use for this purpose for most of the twentieth century is rare;

the place was constructed at the suggestion of Lady Annie Allen Lawley, wife of the Governor of Western Australia from 1901-1902, Sir Arthur Lawley, and named in recognition of her assistance to various charitable movements within the State; the place was used as a convalescent home for women personnel from the Australian Women's Land Army and the Merchant Navy during World War Two;

the place is a good example of a Federation Bungalow style house with a distinctive turret;

the place is one of a suite of convalescence facilities established by philanthropists in Cottesloe, in close proximity to the ocean, due to the perceived health benefits of such a location;

the place is associated with the Australian Red Cross Society, which has managed it since 1944; and,

as one of a small number of surviving large houses in the area built around the turn of the twentieth century, the place forms part of a pleasing cultural environment and contributes to the community's sense of place.

Extensions completed in 2002 are of no heritage significance.

Other buildings on site have not been included in this assessment.