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[Red Cross Archives series reference: NO21]??Comprises records arising from a range of youth activities such as conferences, national camps, training programmes, courses and other events. Records include rules of the organisation, reports on activities and operational priorities, statistics, historical notes, agenda, financial summaries, correspondence, training course material, booklets and camp ephemera.??Includes records relating to camps in Geelong, Mt Evelyn, Point Lonsdale, Perth, W.A, as well as a biennial National Gumbooya camps (Indigenous for meeting place) held throughout Australia. Also includes records relating to technical seminar for Asia Pacific region "Konnichiwa Japan 1970; an International Study Centre in Istanbul.??The Australian Junior Red Cross was founded in New South Wales in August 1914 by Mrs Eleanor MacKinnon, with the original aim of involving children in supporting the recuperation of soldiers, as well as assisting soldier's children. Subsequently the movement evolved to focus on developing the humanitarian and public service ethos amongst young people through education programs, participation and activities that encouraged active citizenship and community participation. In the 1970s the Australian Junior Red Cross changed its name to Red Cross Youth and became part of the Youth and Education Service Department (YES), focusing on people under 30 years. See: Australian Women's register: Youth and Education Services, Australian Red Cross (1914-)
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0717b.htm>??Researchers should also refer to: Victorian Division – Junior Red Cross Index Cards (2016.0072) pertaining to Junior Red Cross activities in schools. See also the National Office Poster series (2016.0076) and Junior Red Cross and Australian Red Cross Youth Publications (2016.0051), Junior Red Cross in Precis Department Notes (2016.0054.00009)??Researchers should note that under the Geneva Conventions Act 1957 protections govern the use of the Red Cross emblem. For further information see Archives staff

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