

# Peat Island Centre

1989 – 2010

## Details

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Peat Island Centre was a government run institution established in July 1989. It was previously known as Peat Island Hospital. In 2001, responsibility for the facility was transferred to the Department of Ageing and Disability. Peat Island Centre closed in 2010.

In 1995, there were a number of allegations raised in the media of extensive sexual abuse and violence between patients. The Minister ordered an inquiry, particularly into the case of a male patient who allegedly repeatedly sexually assaulted another female patient. Five staff faced disciplinary action, and others were investigated over misappropriation of funds, but no charges were laid.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Rabbit Island Hospital for the Insane (1910 - 1917?)
  - Rabbit Island Mental Hospital (1917? - 1936)
    - Peat and Milson Islands Mental Hospital (1936 - 1973)
      - Peat Island Hospital (1973 - 1989)
- **Peat Island Centre (1989 – 2010)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department of Community Services, State Government of New South Wales \(1992 - 2009\)](#)  
Date: 1992 - 2001
- [Department of Human Services, State Government of New South Wales \(2009 - 2011\)](#)
- [Health Department, State Government of New South Wales \(1982 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1982 - 1989
- [Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, State Government of New South Wales \(2001 - 2009\)](#)

#### Related Places

- [Peat Island \(1936 - current\)](#)  
Peat Island Centre was located on Peat Island.

### Resources

- State Records Authority of New South Wales, [Peat Island Centre](#), No date

- Sutton, Candace, [\*Haunting pictures from inside the secret island asylum that was Australia's 'One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest' where naked young patients were once kept caged and spent their whole lives banished from society\*](#), 29 October 2014
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