

# Biloela Reformatory School for Females

1871 – 5 February 1880

## Details

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Biloela Reformatory School for Females was established in 1871 and was located in a small cottage on Cockatoo Island within the grounds of Biloela Industrial School. Girls were transferred to Biloela Reformatory School from Newcastle Reformatory School for Girls when it closed. Biloela Reformatory School for Females shut on 5 February 1880 and girls were transferred to Shaftesbury Reformatory School.

The Reformatory School operated within the site of the Biloela Industrial School for Girls for the small number of girls charged with criminal offences. In practice the girls were not kept separately and there were many issues with the schools including regular rioting and lewd behaviour.

The Reformatory School was closed in 1880 and girls were transferred to Shaftesbury Reformatory, which was located at Double Bay.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Newcastle Reformatory School for Females (19 January 1869 - 20 July 1871)
  - **Biloela Reformatory School for Females (1871 – 5 February 1880)**
    - Shaftesbury Reformatory School (1880 - 1904)

### Related Entries

#### Related Legislation

- [Reformatory Schools Act 1866, New South Wales \(1869 - 1901\)](#)  
Biloela Reformatory School for Females was established under the *Reformatory Schools Act*.

#### Related Organisations

- [Biloela Industrial School, Cockatoo Island \(1871 - 1887\)](#)  
Biloela Industrial School and Biloela Reformatory School for Females were located on the same site on Cockatoo Island.

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

# Records

- [Records of Girls' Industrial and Training Schools, State Archives NSW \(1867 - 1983\)](#)
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