

Queensland Lying-In Hospital

2 November 1864 – November 1867

Other Names:

- The Lady Bowen Hospital
- The Lady Bowen Lying-In Hospital

Details

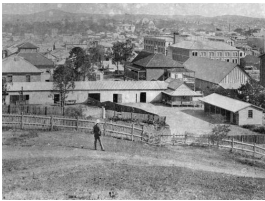
The Queensland Lying-In Hospital was established on 2 November 1864 in rented accommodation, “Fairview House”, Leichardt Street, Brisbane. A ladies committee ran the hospital. On 26 January 1866, the hospital moved to newly built premises in Ann Street, Brisbane. It was renamed the Lady Bowen Hospital, after the wife of Queensland’s first governor, in November 1867. The Queensland Lying-In Hospital provided hospital care for indigent, unmarried and destitute women of Queensland and their babies.

At this time in Queensland the majority of women gave birth at home. Commonly, it was the poor or unmarried who entered hospital to have their babies, although the hospital accommodated paying as well as non-paying patients.

An advertisement appearing in the Brisbane Courier on 15 September 1864 described the facilities at Fairview House:

Hall, Six Large Rooms, Detached Kitchen and Servant’s Room, large Tank and Yard.

Gallery



City skyline including Lady Bowen Hospital, ca. 1885

Description: This description was included on the library website: Lady Bowen Hospital located in the centre and to the right, behind the Government Roads Depot (long low building in the foreground.) Government House can be seen in the centre of the background.



Lady Bowen Hospital in Brisbane, ca. 1875

More info

Chronology

- **Queensland Lying-In Hospital (2 November 1864 – November 1867)**
 - Lady Bowen Hospital (1867 - 1938)
 - Brisbane Women's Hospital (13 March 1938 - 2003)
 - Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (2003 - current)

Resources

- Friends of Toowong Cemetery Association Inc., [Toowong Cemetery: Notable Women](#), 2012
- [Institutions](#), Forced Adoptions History Project, 2014

Records

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- [Adoption Records](#)
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