

# Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum

1878 – 1910 Other Names:

Sandy GallopThe Gallop

## Details

The Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum was opened in 1878 to take patients from the overcrowded Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum at Wacol. The name changed to the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane in 1910.

Opened in 1878, the Ipswich Asylum, commonly known as "The Gallop", accommodated chronic cases from the overcrowded Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum.

The Insanity Act of 1884 provided for the appointment of an Inspector of Asylums for the Insane who would inspect every part of every asylum and see all patients once every six months. The Act stated that 'the Lunatic Asylums at Goodna and Sandy Gallop, near Ipswich, shall be deemed to be Hospitals for the Insane under this Act'.

At this time the "Moral Treatment" of the mentally ill was based on the provision of peaceful surroundings with uninterrupted views, well designed buildings with good ventilation, good water supply, gardens and useful employment and recreation for the patients. It was considered that the Ipswich Asylum met this criteria.

The original building was extended and later named the Arthur Pavilion. No patients were directly admitted into Ipswich and very few patients were discharged. By 1908 two additional buildings were added, Male Ward 2 (Blair House) and Female Ward 1 (Alison House). The institution was renamed the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane in 1910.

### Gallery



Female 1 (Alison House) 1911

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#### Superintendent's Residence 1909

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## More info

## Chronology

- Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum (1878 1910)
  - Ipswich Hospital for the Insane (1910 1938)
    - Ipswich Mental Hospital (1938 1964)
      - Ipswich Special Hospital (1964 1968)
        - Challinor Centre (1968 1998)

## **Related Entries**

#### Run by

- Colonial Secretary (10 December 1859 6 August 1896)
  Date: 1878 1896
- Home Secretary's Office (6 August 1896 5 December 1935)
  Date: 1896 1910

#### **Related Organisations**

• Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum (1865 - c. 1880)

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#### **Related Legislation**

• The Insanity Act of 1884, Queensland (1884 - 1938)

### Resources

- Finnane, Mark, Wolston Park Hospital 1865-2001: A Retrospect, Queensland Review, 2008
- Moon, Graham & Kearns, Robin, From asylum to college campus: memory and remembrance in transinstitutionalisation, Afterlives of the Psychiatric Asylum: recycling of concepts, sites and memories, 2015

## Records

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

### Records

- Registers of Patients and Admission Books Wolston Park / Ipswich Special Hospital / Challinor Centre, Ipswich (23 March 1861 - 18 March 1994)
- Register of Discharges, Removals and Deaths Ipswich Special Hospital/Challinor Centre, Ipswich (24 July 1885 16 October 1998)
- Case Books Male Ipswich Special Hospital (1866 1956)
- Registers of Patients' Transfers Male Ipswich Special Hospital (1909 1974)

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