

# Challinor Centre

1968 – 1998

## Details

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The Challinor Centre, in Ipswich was previously known as the Ipswich Special Hospital. The Challinor Centre was closed in 1998, following the site's purchase by the University of Queensland for the location of its Ipswich campus. The heritage listed buildings of the former Challinor Centre were integrated into the university campus.

In the late 1960s there was a change in focus in health services in Queensland and the Ipswich Special Hospital became the Challinor Centre for the training and care of the intellectually handicapped.

Over time more residents were moved into a home environment within the community and supported by community services. Most of the intellectually disabled children were moved to villa type accommodation at the Basil Stafford Centre, Wolston Park or Toowoomba. Only a few severely disabled children remained in Charles Pavilion in 1978.

## Gallery

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**Challinor Centre**

**Description:** This image provides an aerial view of Challinor Centre and was included in the UQ Ipswich Campus Progression of an Institution exhibition.

## More info

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### 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

- [Health Department, State Government of Queensland \(26 September 1963 - 3 April 2012\)](#)  
Date: 1968 - 1998

### Related Organisations

- [Basil Stafford Centre \(1968 - 2013\)](#)  
Children from the Challinor Centre were transferred to the Basil Stafford Centre in 1977.

## Resources

- [Record of Proceedings \(Hansard\)](#), 1860 - current. *Relevance:* The history of the Challinor Centre was discussed in the Queensland Parliament on 29 April 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

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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 \(24 July 1885 - 16 October 1998\)](#)
  - [Registers of Restraint - Challinor Centre, Ipswich \(26 September 1973 - 9 June 1978\)](#)
  - [Meals Book \(17 June 1977 - 25 February 1978\)](#)
  - [Complaints Book - Challinor Centre, Ipswich \(1 March 1979 - 2 March 1982\)](#)
  - [Special Batches \[Correspondence Files of the Colonial Secretary's Office and Health Departments\] \(1852 - 1975\)](#)
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