# **New Town Rest Home**

1934 - 1936

## **Details**

The New Town Rest Home, run by the government, replaced the New Town Infirmary in August 1934. It provided accommodation to children and adults placed there for many different reasons. In 1936, New Town Rest Home became St John's Park.

The government changed the name of the New Town Infirmary to the New Town Rest Home in an attempt to avoid the stigma of poverty associated with the institution.

The Home provided temporary accommodation to state wards and permanent accommodation for people who were elderly and infirm, with chronic illnesses, or who were certified under the *Mental Deficiency Act* 1920.

### Gallery



**Infant Orphan School** 



**Orphan School, South Wing** 



Orphan School, North Wing



**Queens Orphan Asylum New Town** 

## More info

### Chronology

- Queen's Orphan Asylum (1833 1879)
  - New Town Charitable Institution (1879 1912)
    - New Town Infirmary (1912 1934)
  - New Town Rest Home (1934 1936)
    - St John's Park (1936 1994)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

Social Services Department, State of Tasmania (1934 - 1961)

#### **Related Organisations**

Mental Deficiency Board (1922 - 1964)

The Mental Deficiency Board was the guardian of children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disabilities living at the New Town Rest Home.

• State Psychological Clinic (1922 - 1964)

The State Psychological Clinic certified children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disabilities living at the New Town Rest Home.

#### **Related Legislation**

• Mental Deficiency Act 1920, Tasmania (1920 - 1963)

Children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disabilities living at the New Town Rest Home were detained there under the *Mental Deficiency Act*.

### Records

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

### Records

- Register of the Admission of 'Mental Defectives', New Town Infirmary (1926 1965)
- General Correspondence, Department of Public Health (1920 1956)
- Alphabetical Admission Register, Males and Females (1914 1952)

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