

# Department of Health Services, State of Tasmania

1956 – 1989

## Details

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The Department of Health Services replaced the Public Health Department in 1956. The Department was responsible for public health, including, at first, mental health. In 1989, the Department of Health Services became the Department of Health.

Initially the Department of Health Services ran mental services, including Lachlan Park and Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospitals. In 1968, the Mental Health Services Commission took over responsibility for mental health. The two hospitals combined to form the Royal Derwent Hospital, run by its own Board.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Central Board of Health (1885 - 1903)
  - Public Health Department, State of Tasmania (1904 - 1956)
- **Department of Health Services, State of Tasmania (1956 – 1989)**
  - Department of Health, State of Tasmania (1989 - 1993)
    - Department of Community and Health Services, State of Tasmania (1993 - 1998)
      - Department of Health and Human Services, State of Tasmania (1998 - current)
        - Department of Communities Tasmania (2018 - 2022)
          - Department for Education, Children and Young People, Tasmanian Government (2022 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Ran

- [Lachlan Park Hospital \(1937 - 1968\)](#)
- [Mothercraft Home \(1925 - c. 1988\)](#)
- [Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital \(1934 - 1968\)](#)
- [Queen Alexandra Maternity Hospital \(1908 - 1999\)](#)
- [Royal Hobart Hospital \(1938 - current\)](#)
- [Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital \(1897 - 1993\)](#)
- [Devon Public Hospital \(1888 - 1958\)](#)
- [Mersey General Hospital \(1958 - 1995\)](#)
- [Burnie General Hospital \(1951 - 1965\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [The Mental Health Services Commission \(1968 - 1989\)](#)

The Mental Health Services Commission took over the management of mental health from the Department of Health Services in 1968.

- [Meercroft Hospital \(1925 - 1958\)](#)

# Records

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- [General Correspondence-Hospital and Health Administration \(1932 - 1987\)](#)
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