

Mental Diseases Hospital, New Norfolk

1915 – 1937

Details

The Mental Diseases Hospital, New Norfolk replaced the Hospital for the Insane in 1915. It remained on the same grounds. The Mental Diseases Hospital housed children. In 1937, it became Lachlan Park Hospital.

Between 1915 and 1920, the Mental Diseases Hospital Department ran the Mental Diseases Hospital. In 1920, the Public Health Department took it over.

One of the many aims of the *Mental Deficiency Act* of 1920 was that it would provide for the segregation of children with intellectual disabilities from the other patients at the Mental Diseases Hospital.

In 1931, the new Boys' Cottage was ready and the boys moved in from La Maison which was in Humphrey Street.

Gallery



New Norfolk - Royal Derwent Hospital (Lachlan Park) - Male Asylum

Description: This is an image of the male asylum at Lachlan Park Hospital, also known as the Royal Derwent Hospital.



The original Barracks at the Insane Asylum

Description: The Barracks housed patients until 1952.

More info

Chronology

- Lunatic Asylum, New Norfolk (1827 - 1859)
 - Hospital for the Insane, New Norfolk (1859 - 1915)
- **Mental Diseases Hospital, New Norfolk (1915 – 1937)**
 - Lachlan Park Hospital (1937 - 1968)
 - Royal Derwent Hospital (1968 - 2000)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Public Health Department, State of Tasmania \(1904 - 1956\)](#)
Date: 1915 - 1937

Related Organisations

- [Elim Maternity Hospital \(1897 - c. 1973\)](#)
Some mothers from Elim Maternity Hospital were sent to the Mental Diseases Hospital, New Norfolk.

Resources

- [Royal Derwent Hospital records](#), Libraries Tasmania, No date
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- Select Committee, ['The mental deficiency bill, 1920:' report of Select Committee with minutes of proceedings and evidence](#), 1920
- Tooth, John, [Royal Derwent Hospital](#), The companion to Tasmanian history, 2005
- Tooth, John, [Treatment of Mental Illness](#), The companion to Tasmanian history, 2005
- [Willow Court History Group](#), 30 April 2014

Records

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

Records

- [Patient Records-Admission Register, Lunatic Asylum, Hospital for the Insane, Mental Diseases Hospital, and Lachlan Park Hospital \(1830 - 1954\)](#)
 - [Patient Files, Lunatic Asylum, Hospital for the Insane, Mental Diseases Hospital, Lachlan Park Hospital, and the Royal Derwent Hospital \(1857 - 1993\)](#)
 - [Patient Records-Alphabetical Register of Patients, Royal Derwent Hospital \(1888 - 1974\)](#)
 - [Patient Records Removed from Case Books, Millbrook Rise Psychopathic and Royal Derwent Hospitals \(1894 - 1979\)](#)
 - [General Correspondence, Department of Public Health \(1920 - 1956\)](#)
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