

# Launceston Police Watch House

1917 – 1976

## Details

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The Launceston Police Watch House, run by the government, replaced the Launceston Gaol in 1917. It was a place where prisoners, sometimes under the age of 18, could be held temporarily. In 1976, the functions of the Police Watch House were transferred to new police buildings.

The Police Department ran the Launceston Watch House but the HM Gaols Department and its successors had oversight of the inmates.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Launceston Gaol (1827 - 1917)
  - **Launceston Police Watch House (1917 – 1976)**
  - Launceston Reception Prison (1976 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Police Department, State of Tasmania \(1898 - 2004\)](#)  
The Police Department ran the Police Watch House, Launceston

#### Related Organisations

- [Sherriff and Gaols Department, State of Tasmania \(1901 - 1924\)](#)
- [HM Gaols Department \(1936 - 1944\)](#)
- [Gaols Department \(1944 - 1959\)](#)
- [Prisons Department \(1959 - 1983\)](#)

## Records

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### Records

- [Register of Prisoners Received into and Discharged from Gaols other than at Hobart \(1910 - 1937\)](#)
- [Returns from the Superintendents of Hobart and Launceston Gaols of Persons Committed and Received under Sentence \(1919 - 1935\)](#)
- [Record, and Descriptions of People Admitted to the Gaol, Launceston \(1966 - 1973\)](#)

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