

# Launceston Police Watch House

1917 - 1976

### **Details**

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

### 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

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

#### 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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