

# Victoria Hospital for Infectious Diseases

1893 – 1938

**Other Names:** • Infectious Hospital, (West ) Subiaco

## Details

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The Victoria Hospital for Infectious Diseases began as 'little more than a tent outpost' in response to an outbreak of smallpox in 1893. It was located in the Perth suburb of Subiaco (later known as Shenton Park). Children with infectious diseases were regularly admitted during the early life of the hospital. In 1938, 'after many changes and more epidemics', the hospital became the Metropolitan Infectious Diseases Hospital.

A letter of appreciation for the donation from *The Daily News Orphans' Christmas Cheer Fund* in 1915 gives an insight into life at the Victoria Hospital for Infectious Diseases:

*I have to acknowledge with grateful thanks the cheque to the value of £1 0s. 6d...for the purpose of brightening the Christmas tide of those unfortunate children at the Infectious Hospital...The Christmas passed off very satisfactorily, and the gifts that we were enabled to purchase were very much appreciated by the children, numbering close to 40 in the respective wards. Letter, 5 January 1916 published in The Daily News 2 December 1916*

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Victoria Hospital for Infectious Diseases (1893 – 1938)**
  - Metropolitan Infectious Diseases Hospital (1938 - 1956)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Public Health Department, State Government of Western Australia \(1911 - 1984\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Methodist Children's Home \(1922 - 1959\)](#)

The Methodist Children's Home sometimes sent sick children to the Victoria Hospital for Infectious Diseases for treatment.

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