

# Mental Hospitals Department, State Government of Western Australia

1934 – 1954

## Details

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The Mental Hospitals Department was a government department responsible for the administration of mental health hospitals in Western Australia for the period 1934 until 1 January 1954. It took over this role from the Lunacy Department. During this period it was common to place children with intellectual and other disabilities in mental health institutions. Through the office of the Inspector General of the Insane (from 1947 known as the Inspector General of Mental Hospitals), the Department ran several hospitals and institutions for those with mental disabilities. In 1954 this responsibility was transferred to the Mental Health Services.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Lunacy Department, State Government of Western Australia (1903 - 1934)
  - **Mental Hospitals Department, State Government of Western Australia (1934 – 1954)**
    - Mental Health Services, State Government of Western Australia (1954 - 1984)
    - Health Department, State Government of Western Australia (1984 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Fairholme \(1952 - 1984\)](#)
- [Heathcote \(1929 - 1994\)](#)
- [Whitby Falls Hospital \(1897 - 1972\)](#)  
Date: 1934 - 1954
- [Claremont Mental Hospital \(1903 - 1972\)](#)  
Date: 1934 - 1954
- [Greenplace \(1914 - 1979\)](#)  
Date: 1934 - 1954
- [Earlsferry \(1952 - 1989\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Unemployed Boys' Farm, Wokalup \(1932 - 1938\)](#)  
The Mental Hospitals Department, in 1939, purchased the farm that had previously been the Unemployed Boys' Farm (Bundidup) run by the Ugly Men's Association at Wokalup.  
Date: 1939 -

#### Related Legislation

- [Lunacy Act 1903, Western Australia \(1903 - 1962\)](#)

## Resources

- [The Bentley Case](#), The West Australian, 23 April 1938
  - [Bentley case](#), The West Australian, 5 May 1938
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