

# Ballarat Benevolent Asylum

c. 1859 – 1960?

## Details

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The Ballarat Benevolent Asylum opened in 1859, in a building in Ascot Street. Until institutions specifically for children were established in Ballarat, many children were housed there. The Ballarat Benevolent Asylum closed its doors to children in 1869.

Surviving records of the Benevolent Asylum include admission registers (1859-1900) and annual general reports (1859-1970). These records are in the custody of Ballarat Health Services.

The Ballarat Benevolent Asylum became the Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre sometime before 1960. In 1997 it merged with the Ballarat Base Hospital and the Grampians Psychiatric Service to form the Ballarat Health Services.

## Gallery

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**Ballarat Benevolent Asylum**



**Benevolent Asylum, Ballarat**

**Description:** This is a photograph of the exterior of Ballarat Benevolent Asylum showing the front entrance and North wing. The photograph was taken sometime between the mid 1860s and 1887 by Fred Kruger.



**Ballarat Benevolent Asylum**

**Description:** This is a photograph showing the full front exterior of Ballarat Benevolent Asylum. The date the photograph was taken and the name of the photographer are unknown, however it is estimated to have been taken in the 1860s.

## More info

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### Related Entries

### Related Organisations

- [Ballarat District Orphan Asylum \(1865 - 1909\)](#)

Before the Ballarat District Orphan Asylum was established in 1865, many children were accommodated at the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum.

## Resources

- Kinloch, Helen, [Ballarat and its Benevolent Asylum: A Nineteenth-Century Model of Christian Duty, Civic Progress and Social Reform](#), 2004
- [The Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre - Ballarat: A chronology of important events in the history of the Centre taken principally from Annual Reports 1857-1990.](#), 1990

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Ballarat Benevolent Asylum Records \(1859 - current\)](#)

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