

Mental Health Authority, State of Victoria

1962 – 1978

Details

The Mental Health Authority came into being in 1962, under the terms of the Mental Health Act 1959. The Authority was responsible for policy relating to mental health and control of what was previously called the Mental Hygiene Branch. Between 1944 and 1978 the Mental Hygiene Branch/Mental Health Authority greatly increased its services to patients and the public with the establishment of several clinics and childrens' facilities. It adopted a policy of regionalisation of facilities for the retarded and mentally ill, providing local accommodation in a less institutionalised environment. In 1978, the Mental Health Authority was abolished and was succeeded by the new Health Commission.

More info

Chronology

- Lunacy Department (1905 - 1934)
 - Department of Mental Hygiene (1934 - 1944)
 - Mental Hygiene Branch (1944 - 1959)
- **Mental Health Authority, State of Victoria (1962 – 1978)**
 - Health Commission of Victoria (1978 - 1985)
 - Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria (1985 - 1992)
 - Health and Community Services, State Government of Victoria (1992 - 1995)
 - Department of Human Services, State Government of Victoria (1995 - December 2014)
 - Department of Health & Human Services, State Government of Victoria (January 2015 - 2021)

Related Entries

Ran

- [Travancore \(1933 - current\)](#)
- [Kew Children's Cottages \(1887 - 2008\)](#)
- [Janefield Colony \(1937 - 1996\)](#)
- [Pleasant Creek Colony \(1937 - 1999\)](#)
- [Sandhurst Boys' Home \(1956 - 2016\)](#)
- [Moorakyne Hostel \(1942? - c. 1988\)](#)
- [Mont Park \(1912 - c.1997\)](#)
- [Larundel \(1953 - 1999\)](#)
- [Beechworth Mental Hospital \(1867 - c.1996\)](#)
- [Sunbury Mental Hospital \(1879 - 1992\)](#)

- [Ballarat Mental Hospital \(1893 - 1996\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Mental Health Act 1959, Victoria \(1962 - 1987\)](#)

Resources

- Hills, Ben and John Larkin, *Pity the retarded, ours is the shame*, The Age, 11 June 1973
- *Annual Report of the Mental Health Authority, Victoria*, 1962 - 1979

Records

Records

- [General Correspondence Files \(c. 1920 - c. 1981\)](#)
 - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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