

Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum

1878 – 1910

Other Names:

- Sandy Gallop
- The Gallop

Details

The Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum was opened in 1878 to take patients from the overcrowded Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum at Wacol. The name changed to the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane in 1910.

Opened in 1878, the Ipswich Asylum, commonly known as “The Gallop”, accommodated chronic cases from the overcrowded Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum.

The Insanity Act of 1884 provided for the appointment of an Inspector of Asylums for the Insane who would inspect every part of every asylum and see all patients once every six months. The Act stated that ‘the Lunatic Asylums at Goodna and Sandy Gallop, near Ipswich, shall be deemed to be Hospitals for the Insane under this Act’.

At this time the “Moral Treatment” of the mentally ill was based on the provision of peaceful surroundings with uninterrupted views, well designed buildings with good ventilation, good water supply, gardens and useful employment and recreation for the patients. It was considered that the Ipswich Asylum met this criteria.

The original building was extended and later named the Arthur Pavilion. No patients were directly admitted into Ipswich and very few patients were discharged. By 1908 two additional buildings were added, Male Ward 2 (Blair House) and Female Ward 1 (Alison House). The institution was renamed the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane in 1910.

Gallery



Female 1 (Alison House) 1911

Description: The caption included with this image states: Female 1 (Alison House) 1911. Qld Parliamentary Paper 1911.



Superintendent's Residence 1909

Description: The caption included with this image states: Superintendent's Residence 1909. Qld Parliamentary Paper 1909.

More info

Chronology

- **Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum (1878 – 1910)**
 - Ipswich Hospital for the Insane (1910 - 1938)
 - Ipswich Mental Hospital (1938 - 1964)
 - Ipswich Special Hospital (1964 - 1968)
 - Challinor Centre (1968 - 1998)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Colonial Secretary \(10 December 1859 - 6 August 1896\)](#)
Date: 1878 - 1896
- [Home Secretary's Office \(6 August 1896 - 5 December 1935\)](#)
Date: 1896 - 1910

Related Organisations

- [Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum \(1865 - c. 1880\)](#)
The Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum was opened in 1878 to take patients from the overcrowded Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum at Wacol.

Related Legislation

- [The Insanity Act of 1884, Queensland \(1884 - 1938\)](#)

Resources

- Finnane, Mark, [Wolston Park Hospital 1865-2001: A Retrospect](#), Queensland Review, 2008
- Moon, Graham & Kearns, Robin, *From asylum to college campus: memory and remembrance in transinstitutionalisation*, Afterlives of the Psychiatric Asylum: recycling of concepts, sites and memories, 2015

Records

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

Records

- [Registers of Patients and Admission Books - Wolston Park / Ipswich Special Hospital / Challinor Centre, Ipswich \(23 March 1861 - 18 March 1994\)](#)
- [Register of Discharges, Removals and Deaths - Ipswich Special Hospital/Challinor Centre, Ipswich \(24 July 1885 - 16 October 1998\)](#)
- [Case Books - Male - Ipswich Special Hospital \(1866 - 1956\)](#)
- [Registers of Patients' Transfers - Male - Ipswich Special Hospital \(1909 - 1974\)](#)

You can view this page online by visiting <https://www.findandconnect.gov.au/entity/ipswich-branch-of-the-woogaroo-lunatic-asylum/>