

# Hillcrest Hospital

1964 – 1994

## Details

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The Hillcrest Hospital was the new name given to the Northfield Mental Hospital in 1964. Run by the government it provided mental health services for inpatients, outpatients and day patients including children, some of whom were State children. In 1979-82 patients from Enfield Hospital were transferred to Hillcrest. The Hillcrest Hospital closed in 1994.

It provided mental health services for inpatients, outpatients and day patients, as well as community services for the acute and chronically mentally ill, elderly patients suffering from dementia and related illnesses and people with alcohol dependence problems. Children, including some State children, continued to be sent to Hillcrest Hospital.

The 2008 report from the Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry (the Mullighan inquiry) contained accounts from two former wards of state who were placed at Hillcrest as children and experienced sexual abuse (pp.139-142).

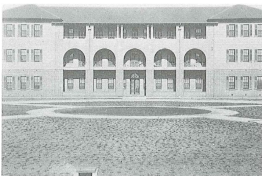
On 1st July, 1979, Enfield Hospital was incorporated with Hillcrest Hospital. Both Hospitals came under the control of a single board of management. By 1982 all Enfield Hospital patients had been transferred to Hillcrest.

In 1991 the Hospital was operating 370 beds and was also responsible for the administration of the Northfield Security Hospital and a rehabilitation hostel at College Park.

Hillcrest Hospital closed in 1994.

## Gallery

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Administration Block, 1935

### Administration Block, 1935

**Description:** This image shows Hillcrest Hospital Administration Block.



### Two nurses with a young girl at Northfield Mental Hospital, South Australia



A woman standing barefoot outside Northfield Mental Hospital, South Australia

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Northfield Mental Hospital (1929 - 1964)
  - **Hillcrest Hospital (1964 – 1994)**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Hospitals Department, State Government of South Australia \(1940 - 1978\)](#)
- [Health Commission, State Government of South Australia \(1978 - 2008\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Enfield Hospital \(1963 - 1982\)](#)

When Enfield Hospital closed the remaining patients were transferred to Hillcrest Hospital

### Resources

- Dowdell, Andrew, [Mental Scars Spark Action](#), The Advertiser, 24 March 2012

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