

New Town Infirmary

1912 – 1934

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Details

The New Town Infirmary replaced the New Town Charitable Institution in 1912. Its residents included children detained by the government for various reasons. In 1934, the New Town Infirmary became the New Town Rest Home.

The main purpose of the New Town Infirmary was to house people who were aged and infirm. However, as the former Queen's Orphan Asylum, it was a large site which meant that the government found additional uses for it. Adults and children detained under the *Mental Deficiency Act* 1920 lived in a Mental Defectives Home at the Infirmary. Until 1922, when it moved to Deloraine, the Boys' Training School was there. State wards requiring temporary accommodation or that the Children of the State Department did not know how to place also lived at the Infirmary. Apart from the boys at the Training School, children at the Infirmary lived with adults. In 1934, the New Town Infirmary became the New Town Rest Home.

Gallery



Infant Orphan School



Orphan School, South Wing



Orphan School, North Wing



Queens Orphan Asylum New Town

More info

Chronology

- Queen's Orphan Asylum (1833 - 1879)
 - New Town Charitable Institution (1879 - 1912)
- **New Town Infirmary (1912 – 1934)**
 - New Town Rest Home (1934 - 1936)
 - St John's Park (1936 - 1994)

Related Entries

Run by

- [Charitable Grants Department, State of Tasmania \(1901 - 1934\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Mental Deficiency Board \(1922 - 1964\)](#)
The Mental Deficiency Board was the guardian of children and adults living at the New Town Infirmary.
- [State Psychological Clinic \(1922 - 1964\)](#)
The State Psychological Clinic had classified the children and adults living at the New Town Infirmary who were considered to be 'mentally defective'.

Records

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

Records

- [Register of the Admission of 'Mental Defectives', New Town Infirmary \(1926 - 1965\)](#)
- [Alphabetical Admission Register, Males and Females \(1914 - 1952\)](#)

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