

New Town Rest Home

1934 – 1936

Details

The New Town Rest Home, run by the government, replaced the New Town Infirmary in August 1934. It provided accommodation to children and adults placed there for many different reasons. In 1936, New Town Rest Home became St John's Park.

The government changed the name of the New Town Infirmary to the New Town Rest Home in an attempt to avoid the stigma of poverty associated with the institution.

The Home provided temporary accommodation to state wards and permanent accommodation for people who were elderly and infirm, with chronic illnesses, or who were certified under the *Mental Deficiency Act 1920*.

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

- [Social Services Department, State of Tasmania \(1934 - 1961\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Mental Deficiency Board \(1922 - 1964\)](#)
The Mental Deficiency Board was the guardian of children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disabilities living at the New Town Rest Home.
- [State Psychological Clinic \(1922 - 1964\)](#)
The State Psychological Clinic certified children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disabilities living at the New Town Rest Home.

Related Legislation

- [Mental Deficiency Act 1920, Tasmania \(1920 - 1963\)](#)
Children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disabilities living at the New Town Rest Home were detained there under the *Mental Deficiency Act*.

Records

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

Records

- [Register of the Admission of 'Mental Defectives', New Town Infirmary \(1926 - 1965\)](#)
 - [General Correspondence, Department of Public Health \(1920 - 1956\)](#)
 - [Alphabetical Admission Register, Males and Females \(1914 - 1952\)](#)
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