

# Sherriff and Gaols Department, Colony of Tasmania

1824 – 1901

## Details

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The Sheriff and Gaols Department, established in 1824, enforced Supreme Court judgements and managed the jury system. In this role, it oversaw local gaols, many of which housed children. In 1901, following Australian federation, Tasmania became a state and the state government took over the management of the Sheriff and Gaols Department.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Sherriff and Gaols Department, Colony of Tasmania (1824 – 1901)**
  - Sherriff and Gaols Department, State of Tasmania (1901 - 1924)
    - HM Gaols Department (1936 - 1944)
    - Gaols Department (1944 - 1959)
      - Prisons Department (1959 - 1983)
      - Law Department, State of Tasmania (1983 - c. 1992)

### Related Entries

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- [Launceston Gaol \(1827 - 1917\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Law Officers' Establishment, Colony of Tasmania \(1823 - 1856\)](#)
- [Attorney General's Department, Colony of Tasmania \(1856 - 1901\)](#)

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