

# Prisons Department

1959 – 1983

## Details

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The Prisons Department replaced the Gaols Department in 1959. It had oversight of the inmates of the Police Watch House in Launceston and other local prisons. The Department ran Campbell Street Gaol and its replacement, Risdon Prison. In 1983, the Prisons Department became part of the Division of Corrective Services which was located within the Law Department.

Although the Prisons Department had oversight of the inmates at the Police Watch House in Launceston and in other local gaols around Tasmania, the Police Department ran them. Some of those inmates were under the age of 18.

## 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)
  - Department of Justice, State of Tasmania (c. 1992 - 1998)
    - Department of Justice and Industrial Relations, State of Tasmania (1998 - c. 2004)
    - Department of Justice, State of Tasmania (c. 2004 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Ran

- [Risdon Prison \(1960 - current\)](#)
- [Campbell Street Gaol \(1821 - 1960\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Police Department, State of Tasmania \(1898 - 2004\)](#)

The Police Department ran the Police Watch House at Launceston but the Prisons Department had oversight of the inmates.
- [Launceston Police Watch House \(1917 - 1976\)](#)