

Beechworth Mental Hospital

1867 – c.1996

- Other Names:**
- Beechworth Asylum
 - Beechworth Hospital for Insane
 - Beechworth Training Centre
 - Mayday Hills Mental Hospital
 - Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital

Details

The Beechworth Mental Hospital was opened by the Victorian Government at Beechworth in 1867. It was initially known as the Beechworth Asylum, then from 1905 to 1934 as the Beechworth Hospital for Insane, then Beechworth Mental Hospital until 1967, and finally as Mayday Hills Mental Hospital & Mayday Hills Psychiatric Hospital until its closure around 1996. The Beechworth Mental Hospital was primarily a hospital for short and long-term adult patients with mental illness and intellectual disabilities, however it is known to have also housed children and young people. Many young people at Beechworth were transferred there from other Victorian Mental Hospitals such as [Kew Children's Cottages](#) and [Janefield](#), some were admitted by family members, and some were admitted by the Child Welfare Department. Some of these children were admitted to the main hospital, and others were admitted to the Beechworth Training Centre, which opened in 1964 as a centre for people with intellectual disabilities. The hospital closed around 1996.

Gallery



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Description: This is a photograph of Beechworth Mental Hospital (then known as Beechworth Asylum) taken around the time of its opening in 1867. It shows a very large two to three storey building, with large wings built on either side of a central entrance. The building is surrounded by large gardens and lawns. Several people can be standing in front of the hospital, and two horses are near the front entrance.

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [Department of Human Services, State Government of Victoria \(1995 - December 2014\)](#)
- [Health and Community Services, State Government of Victoria \(1992 - 1995\)](#)
- [Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria \(1985 - 1992\)](#)
- [Health Commission of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)
- [Mental Health Authority, State of Victoria \(1962 - 1978\)](#)

- [Mental Hygiene Branch \(1944 - 1959\)](#)
- [Department of Mental Hygiene \(1934 - 1944\)](#)
- [Lunacy Department \(1905 - 1934\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Janefield Colony \(1937 - 1996\)](#)
Children were transferred from Janefield Colony to Beechworth Mental Hospital
- [Kew Children's Cottages \(1887 - 2008\)](#)
Children and older patients were transferred from Kew Children's Cottages to Beechworth Mental Hospital

Records

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

Records

- [Records of Beechworth Mental Hospital, Public Record Office Victoria \(1867 - 1995\)](#)

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