

Sunbury Mental Hospital

1872 – 1992

Other Names:

- Sunbury Asylum
- Sunbury Hospital for the Insane
- Sunbury Training Centre
- Caloola Training Centre

Details

The Sunbury Mental Hospital was opened by the Victorian Government at Sunbury in 1879 on the site that had previously been used as the [Sunbury Industrial School](#). It was initially known as the Sunbury Asylum, then from 1905 to 1934 as the Sunbury Hospital for Insane, then Sunbury Mental Hospital until 1962, then Sunbury Training Centre, and from 1985 it was called the Caloola Training Centre. The Sunbury 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. The first patients at Sunbury were transferred there from Ballarat Asylum. Some young people at Sunbury Mental Hospital were transferred there from other Victorian Mental Hospitals such as Royal Park Mental Hospital, and others were admitted through the courts or by family members. The hospital closed in October 1992.

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Related Entries

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- [Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria \(1985 - 1992\)](#)
- [Health Commission of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)
- [Mental Health Authority, State of Victoria \(1962 - 1978\)](#)
- [Department of Mental Hygiene \(1934 - 1944\)](#)
- [Lunacy Department \(1905 - 1934\)](#)

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- [Mental Hygiene Branch \(1944 - 1959\)](#)

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