

# Sunbury Mental Hospital

1879 – 1992

**Other Names:**

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

## Details

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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.

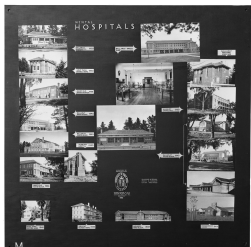
## Gallery

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**Sunbury Asylum**

**Description:** This is a photograph of the Sunbury Asylum, also known as the Sunbury Mental Hospital. It shows a row of ornate multi-story brick buildings with steep pitched roofs. The buildings visible are (from left to right) the administration building and main entrance to the asylum, the female hospital building, and the male admission and special wards. These buildings were not part of the former Sunbury Boys' Industrial school, which makes up a different portion of the Mental Hospital site. This photograph is undated, the date included is an estimate.



**Mental Hospitals (around Victoria designed by Percy Everett)**

**Description:** This is a poster created by the Victorian Department of Public Works to show buildings at Mental Hospitals around Victoria that had been designed and built by the department. It includes images of ward blocks, administration offices, and staff residences at Ballarat Mental Hospital, Sunbury Mental Hospital, Mont Park, Janefield, Larundel, and Brierly Hospital Warrnambool.

## More info

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## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Lunacy Department \(1905 - 1934\)](#)
- [Department of Mental Hygiene \(1934 - 1944\)](#)
- [Mental Hygiene Branch \(1944 - 1959\)](#)
- [Mental Health Authority, State of Victoria \(1962 - 1978\)](#)
- [Health Commission of Victoria \(1978 - 1985\)](#)
- [Community Services Victoria, State Government of Victoria \(1985 - 1992\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Ballarat Mental Hospital \(1893 - 1996\)](#)

The first patients at Sunbury Asylum were transferred there from the earlier iteration of Ballarat Asylum

## Resources

- Hume City Council, [Place: Asylum Water Supply - Ruins, Place No 179](#), No date
- [Caloola \(Former Sunbury Mental Hospital\)](#), Victorian Heritage Database, No date

## Records

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

### Records

- [Records of Sunbury Mental Hospital, Public Record Office Victoria \(1879 - 1992\)](#)
  - [Records of Ballarat Mental Hospital, Public Record Office Victoria](#)
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