

# Willowburn Epileptic Home

1919 – 1950?

## Details

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The Willowburn Epileptic Home, was situated at the corner of Hogg and Tor Streets, North Toowoomba. The institution was run by the State of Queensland. It was officially opened by her Excellency Lady Goold Adams on 20 January 1920. Evidence shows that children were placed at Willowburn Epileptic Home, however more research is needed on this topic.

The home, erected in the grounds of the Willowburn Mental Hospital, originally accommodated 80 patients of both sexes, including children. Inmates were received from the Diamantina Hospital and Dunwich Benevolent Asylum. Matron Chatfield was appointed Superintendent upon the opening of the home.

## Gallery

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### Benevolent Institution at Willowburn, Toowoomba, 1919

**Description:** This description was supplied with the photograph and included in the library catalogue: Queensland Government's new Epileptic Home at Willowburn, Toowoomba, was officially opened by her Excellency Lady Goold Adams. The institution covers an area of 440ft. by 440ft., and cost 26,562 pounds to erect. There is accommodation for no fewer than 80 patients. One of the pictures shows the building and the other the official party at the opening, Lady Goold Adams being in the centre of the group, with Mr. Huxham, Home Secretary on the right.

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## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Home Secretary's Office \(6 August 1896 - 5 December 1935\)](#)  
Date: 1919 - 1950?
- [Health and Home Affairs Department \(5 December 1935 - 26 September 1963\)](#)

## Resources

- [Willowburn Epileptic Home](#), Brisbane Courier, 12 August 1920
  - [Home for Mental Defectives](#), Courier Mail, 16 May 1934
  - Queensland Health, [The road to recovery - a history of mental health services in Queensland 1859-2009](#), 2013
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