

# Ipswich Hospital for the Insane

1910 – 1938

## Details

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The Ipswich Hospital for the Insane, situated at Ipswich, was previously known as the Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum. In 1910 it became known as the Ipswich Mental Hospital.

[Taken from 'Ipswich Hospital for the Insane (1910-1938)': UQ Ipswich Campus Progression of an Institution]  
The institution expanded rapidly between 1910 and 1920.

*A lack of facilities for "sub-normal" children resulted in the building of a ward to accommodate thirty children, situated at the northern end of the site. Completed in 1933, the building was soon filled to capacity and by 1940 another wing had been added. It became known as Dagmare House. This was the first purpose built facility for children with an intellectually disability*

In 1938 the institution was renamed the Ipswich Mental Hospital.

## Gallery

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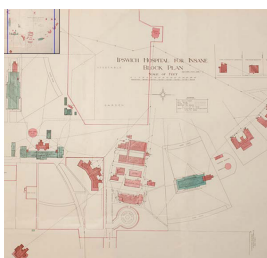
### Administration Building 1915

**Description:** This image shows the Administration Building for Ipswich Hospital for the Insane in 1915. It was included in the University of Queensland's Ipswich Campus Progression of an Institution online exhibition stating its source as Queensland Parliamentary Papers 1915.



### Construction of New Buildings 1913

**Description:** This image refers to the construction of new buildings at the Ipswich Hospital for the Insane in 1913. The caption included with the image states: From left: Sewing Room, Administration Building, Kitchen and Laundry. Qld Parliamentary Papers 1913.



### Radial Plan 1936

**Description:** This image shows the radial plan for Ipswich Hospital for the Insane. The caption included with this image states: Radial Plan 1936. Qld Parliamentary Paper 1936.

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### View of the Asylum from Warwick Road c1930

**Description:** The caption included with this image states: View of the Asylum from Warwick Road c1930. Source Unknown.

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### Dagmar House 1935

**Description:** The caption included with the image states: Dagmar House 1935. Qld Parliamentary Papers 1913.

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### Building 2, 2008

**Description:** This image shows the building that was previously known as Dagmar House.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Ipswich Branch of the Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum (1878 - 1910)
  - **Ipswich Hospital for the Insane (1910 – 1938)**
    - Ipswich Mental Hospital (1938 - 1964)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Home Secretary's Office \(6 August 1896 - 5 December 1935\)](#)  
Date: 1910 - 1935
- [Health and Home Affairs Department \(5 December 1935 - 26 September 1963\)](#)

### Resources

- Moon, Graham & Kearns, Robin, *From asylum to college campus: memory and remembrance in transinstitutionalisation*, Afterlives of the Psychiatric Asylum: recycling of concepts, sites and memories, 2015

## Records

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

### Records held by other organisations

- [Registers of Patients and Admission Books - Wolston Park / Ipswich Special Hospital / Challinor Centre, Ipswich \(23 March 1861 - 18 March 1994\)](#)
- [Register of Discharges, Removals and Deaths - Ipswich Special Hospital/Challinor Centre, Ipswich \(24 July 1885 - 16 October 1998\)](#)
- [Case Books - Male - Ipswich Special Hospital \(1866 - 1956\)](#)
- [Case Books - Female - Ipswich Special Hospital \(1911 - 1954\)](#)
- [Registers of Patients' Transfers - Male - Ipswich Special Hospital \(1909 - 1974\)](#)

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