

Lady Musgrave Sanatorium for Sick Children

c. 1888 – 1931

Details

The Lady Musgrave Sanatorium for Sick Children, in Shorncliffe, was built in 1884 as a convalescent home for children. The Sanatorium did not formally open until 1888. Lady Lucinda Musgrave was the first patroness of the Hospital for Sick Children, and personally secured the land at Shorncliffe which was given in trust by the government. It was an extension of the Brisbane Hospital for Sick Children. 162 children were accommodated at the Sanatorium in the year of 1920. The Brisbane Hospital Board decided to close the Sanatorium in 1931.

In the nineteenth century, bayside suburbs such as Shorncliffe (and Sandgate) were seen as ideal locations for convalescence, because of prevailing ideas about health (including miasmic theories of disease). It was believed that recuperation from illness required fresh air, good ventilation, well lit buildings, sea bathing and outdoor enjoyment.

The sanatorium was also used as a place of rest and training for nurses from the Children's Hospital and respite for families who had "sickly" children.

Gallery



Unidentified patients and nurse at the Lady Musgrave Sanatorium, Shorncliffe, Brisbane

Description: This photo is undated, the date included is an estimate. The following description is included in the library catalogue: Beds with mosquito nets are visible on the verandah.



Musgrave House

Description: This image of Musgrave House, site of the Lady Musgrave Sanatorium for Sick Children, was previously published on the website of the Queensland Heritage Register.

More info

Resources

- [Lady Musgrave Sanatorium for Children](#), Brisbane Courier, 29 November 1926

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