

Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital

1934 – 1968

Details

Millbrook Rise Hospital, run by the government, opened in New Norfolk in 1934. It was a psychiatric hospital which took some adolescents in the 1960s. In 1968, the Royal Derwent Hospital took Millbrook Rise over.

The main purpose of Millbrook Rise Hospital was to treat World War One veterans and their families but it also took private patients. Patients were treated for mental illness, alcoholism, and intellectual disability.

Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital opened in Burnett Street across the road from Lachlan Park Hospital in 1934. The Tasmanian Veterans Trust paid for its establishment with funds given to it by the Red Cross after World War One. Under the *Psychopathic Hospital Management Act* of 1933, the State government took over the management of the Hospital. The Act also provided for the Hospital to give priority to ex-servicemen and their families.

The Millbrook Home Board managed the Hospital. It included several members of the Tasmanian Veterans Trust. The Secretary of the Board was also the Secretary of the Trust.

From the outset, Millbrook Rise had a close association with Lachlan Park Hospital. Although Millbrook Rise had its own nurses and attendants, Lachlan Park supplied the doctors and psychiatrists. Patients were readily transferred between the two Hospitals, which explains why a few adolescents sent to Lachlan Park went on to Millbrook Rise.

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Millbrook Rise

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Chronology

- **Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital (1934 – 1968)**
 - Royal Derwent Hospital (1968 - 2000)

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- [Division of Mental Hygiene \(1945 - 1956\)](#)
- [Division of Mental Health \(1956 - 1963\)](#)
- [Department of Health Services, State of Tasmania \(1956 - 1989\)](#)
- [Division of Psychiatric Services \(1963 - 1968\)](#)

Resources

- [Royal Derwent Hospital records](#), Libraries Tasmania, No date
- [Willow Court History Group](#), 30 April 2014

Records

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

Records

- [Patient Records Removed from Case Books, Millbrook Rise Psychopathic and Royal Derwent Hospitals \(1894 - 1979\)](#)
 - [Admission Register, Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital \(1934 - 1976\)](#)
 - [Patient Files, Millbrook Rise Psychopathic Hospital \(1934 - 1968\)](#)
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