

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children

1909 – 10 June 2018

Other Names:

- Perth Children's Hospital
- PMH
- Children's Hospital

Details

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH) was established in 1909 in Subiaco as the Perth Children's Hospital. It was common for children who were in out of home 'care' to be sent there for medical treatment, and children with intellectual disabilities or serious medical conditions sometimes lived at the hospital. On 10 June 2018 the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children closed when the Perth Children's Hospital opened.

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH) was established in 1909 as the Perth Children's Hospital Inc on the corner of Thomas and Hay Streets in Subiaco. A children's ward at the Perth Public Hospital had opened in 1900 but the demands of a rapidly growing population led to the need for a dedicated children's hospital.

In 1949, the Perth Children's Hospital was renamed after Princess Margaret. Many children who were in out of home care were treated in the Perth Children's/Princess Margaret Hospital, and other children with intellectual disabilities or serious medical conditions sometimes lived there.

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Gallery



BA533/547: Christmas at Perth Childrens' Hospital, 1922

Description: This is a digitised copy of a photograph and is part of the E. L. Mitchell collection of photographs held at the State Library of Western Australia. The image shows children and nurses in a ward at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children with Christmas decorations in 1922.

More info

Related Entries

Run by

- [Health Department, State Government of Western Australia \(1984 - current\)](#)

Related Events

- [Child Abuse Review Panel, Western Australia \(May 1984 - July 1985\)](#)
PMH was represented on the Child Abuse Review Panel.
- [Child Sexual Abuse Task Force, Western Australia \(June 1986 - December 1987\)](#)
PMH was represented on the Child Sexual Abuse Task Force.

Related Organisations

- [Lady Lawley Cottage by the Sea \(1903 - 2020\)](#)
Children who were in out of home care often went to Lady Lawley Cottage to convalesce after treatment in the children's hospital that was originally the Perth Children's Hospital and later became known as Princess Margaret Hospital. In 1942, children were evacuated from Lady Lawley Cottage to the hospital.
Date: 1909 -
- [Government Receiving Depot \(1907 - 1935\)](#)
Children who had to come to Perth for treatment at the children's hospital and who had no family to stay with were often admitted to the Government Receiving Depot.
- [Methodist Children's Home \(1922 - 1959\)](#)
The Methodist Children's Home sometimes sent sick children to the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children for treatment.
- [St Joseph's Preventorium \(1929 - 1976\)](#)
Children were sent to St Joseph's Preventorium from the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.
Date: 1929 - 1975
- [Government Receiving Home \(1935 - 1952\)](#)
Children who had to come to Perth for treatment at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children , and who had no family to stay with, were often admitted to the Government Receiving Home.
- [Mt Lawley Reception Home \(1973 - 1980\)](#)
Children who had to come to Perth for treatment at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children , and who had no family to stay with, were often admitted to the Mt Lawley Reception Home.
- [Devonleigh \(1979 - 1987\)](#)
Children may have been transferred between Devonleigh and Princess Margaret Hospital.

Resources

- [Beryl Grant interviewed by Christine Choo in the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants oral history project](#), 20 October 2011
- [Mt. Lawley Reception Home's Detention Methods Are Primitive - But They Have A Tough Job](#), Sunday Times, 15 August 1954
- Name withheld, [Submission No 284 to the Senate Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices](#), 2012
- [Children's hospital](#), Sunday Times, 5 March 1911

Records

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

Records held by other organisations

- [Department of Aboriginal Affairs \[predecessors\], Records \(1886 - 2004\)](#)
- [Records of Princess Margaret Hospital for Children \(1909 - 2005\)](#)
- [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
Item B273 of the Child Endowment correspondence files relates to Princess Margaret Hospital for Children
- [Files - Aborigines Departments \(1 January 1926 - 16 June 1972\)](#)
- [Files - General \(1899 - 1987\)](#)

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