

# Orana Family Services

1988 – 2011

## Details

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Orana Family Services was established in Melbourne's outer north-west in 1988. It was formerly based in Burwood and was known as Orana, the Peace Memorial Homes for Children. The name change reflected the extension of Orana into providing non-residential and family services, such as counselling and educational support, plus the organisation's relocation to Coolaroo.

The transition to Coolaroo began in 1988 and residential services moved two years later. In 1990, two family group homes and two specialist houses moved from Burwood to Coolaroo. One of the specialist houses operated as a Primary Age service for six children. These children had attended schools with specialised services in Burwood and the move meant they had to adjust to mainstream schooling.

Orana Family Services continued to run a family group home in Waverley and a respite service, Gwenalan, until 1992. On 30 June 2011, Orana Family Services ceased being a provider of residential care. The remaining homes and children in its programme were transferred to Wesley Mission.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Livingstone House (1888 - 1891)
  - Methodist Homes for Children (1891 - c. 1953)
    - Orana, the Peace Memorial Homes for Children (1953 - 1988)
- **Orana Family Services (1988 – 2011)**
  - Orana UnitingCare (2011 - 2012)
    - Lentara UnitingCare (October 2012 - 2017)
      - Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) Limited (2017 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Ran

- [Family Group Homes run by Orana \(1967 - 2000s\)](#)

## Resources

- Howe, Renate and Swain, Shurlee, *All God's Children: a centenary history of the Methodist Homes for Children and the Orana Peace Memorial Homes*, 1989
- UnitingCare Victoria and Tasmania, *Uniting Church in Australia: agencies in Victoria delivering substitute care services*, April 2008

## Records

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

### Records

- [Orana UnitingCare Records \(1888 - 2011\)](#)
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