

Glastonbury Children's Home

1977 – 1984

Details

Glastonbury Children's Home was the new name given in 1977 to the Glastonbury – Geelong Protestant Orphanage. It accommodated children in a family group home model. In 1984, it became the Glastonbury Child and Family Services.

Glastonbury Children's Home came into being in 1977. It was formerly known as Glastonbury – Geelong Protestant Orphanage.

The name change reflected the shift in language and policy in child welfare in Victoria, away from congregate care, towards the family group home model.

In 1977, Glastonbury purchased and took over the operation of two family group homes formerly run by St Cuthbert's Children's Home in Colac. An article about this decision published in August 1978 stated:

Our Committee of Management was concerned that a number of children resident at St Cuthbert's who were Colac and district children, with closure of St Cuthbert's would be forced to move out of the local area ... Further, all Colac and district children who in the future needed residential care would have to be moved out of their locality (Hops, Steps and Jumps, August 1978).

In 1984, the name changed again to Glastonbury Child and Family Services, signifying another shift in philosophy and practice.

Gallery



Glastonbury, 1934

Description: This is a copy of an image from page 31 of *Advancing This Good Work: a history of Glastonbury Child & Family Services* by Donella and Catherine Jaggs. It shows the Orphanage at Belmont.

More info

Chronology

- Geelong Orphan Asylum (c. 1854 - 1862)

- Geelong Protestant Orphan Asylum (1862 - 1909)
 - Geelong and Western District Protestant Orphanage (1909 - 1955)
 - Glastonbury - Geelong Protestant Orphanage (1955 - 1977)
- **Glastonbury Children's Home (1977 – 1984)**
 - Glastonbury Child and Family Services (1984 - 2011)
 - Glastonbury Community Services (2011 - 2015)
 - Barwon Child, Youth & Family (2015 - 2023)
 - Meli (2023 - current)

Related Entries

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- [Glastonbury at Colac \(1977 - 1984\)](#)
Glastonbury Children's Home established the new organisation, Glastonbury at Colac, in 1977.
Date: 1977 -
- [Family Group Homes run by Glastonbury, Victoria \(1970s - 2000s\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Foster Care Westernport \(1979 - 1991\)](#)
Sometimes children from Glastonbury Children's Home spent holidays in foster homes provided by Foster Care Westernport.

Resources

- Glastonbury Community Services, [History of Glastonbury Community Services](#), Barwon Child, Youth and Family website, No date
- Jaggs, Donella, *Advancing This Good Work: a history of Glastonbury Child & Family Services*, 1988
- [Geelong Orphan Asylum](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance*: See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Glastonbury Children's Home
- Savidis, Penny, [Sex abuse Royal Commission urged to hold public meetings in regional Victoria](#), Ryan Carlisle Thomas Lawyers, 2014
- Barnard, Jill, [Stronger together: a history of the founding agencies of Barwon Child, Youth & Family 1855-2018](#), 2018

Records

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

Records

- [Glastonbury & BCYF Records \(1853 - 2015\)](#)
 - [Glastonbury and Geelong Orphanage Records \(c. 1855 - 1992\)](#)
 - [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)
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