Glastonbury – Geelong Protestant Orphanage

1955 – 1977

Details

Glastonbury- Geelong Protestant Orphanage was the new name given in 1955 to the Geelong and Western District Protestant Orphanage. In 1977, the name changed again, to Glastonbury Children's Home.

In 1955, Glastonbury- Geelong Protestant Orphanage applied to the Victorian government for registration as an approved children's home. The inclusion of Glastonbury in its new name acknowledged one of the first patrons of the orphanage, James Austin.

Reflecting the changing nature of child welfare at that time, in 1974, the organisation established its first family group home, located at 22 The Avenue, Belmont (Geelong).

Glastonbury Primary School (no. 3656) which opened in 1910 was destroyed by fire in October 1968. After operating in temporary accommodation for the remainder of that year, the school closed on 19 December 1968.

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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

Ran
- Family Group Homes run by Glastonbury, Victoria (1970s - 2000s)

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
- Care Leavers Australia Network, *Geelong and District Orphanages*, No date
- *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 - Geelong Protestant Orphanage
- 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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