

# Presbyterian Sisterhood

c. 1900 – 1978?

## Details

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The Presbyterian Sisterhood began in Warrnambool in western Victoria. It was established by the Rev. Donald A. Cameron, who was Director of Home Missions within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. The aim of the Presbyterian Sisterhood was 'to rescue and help women in distress' (Argus, 1908). From around 1901, the Sisterhood ran a refuge in Warrnambool for 'girls in distress' and their babies. This shelter closed in 1909 and the Sisterhood moved to Melbourne, where it ran a maternity Home in North Fitzroy from 1909 to around 1978.

The Presbyterian Sisterhood was mentioned in the *Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices Inquiry* (2012) as an organisation that was involved in forced adoption.

## More info

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### Related Entries

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- [Presbyterian Sisterhood Home \(1909 - c. 1978\)](#)
- [Presbyterian Sisterhood Home \(c. 1901 - 1909\)](#)

#### Related Events

- [Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices, Commonwealth of Australia \(2011 - 2012\)](#)  
Presbyterian Sisterhood was mentioned in submission 151 to the Inquiry Committee as an organisation that was involved in forced adoption.

### Resources

- St John's Presbyterian Church, Warrnambool, [A brief history of 100 years of worship and work in St John's Presbyterian Church: issued in connection with the centenary celebrations, 1949](#), 1949
  - [Presbyterian Sisterhood: opening of the new Home](#), The Age, 12 November 1910
  - [Warrnambool](#), The Age, 15 May 1909
  - [Sisterhood needs building funds](#), The Age, 1 May 1954
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