

# Methodist Department of Social Services

c. 1943 – 1965

- Other Names:**
- Department of Social Responsibility
  - Department of Social Services and Public Questions
  - Public Questions Committee

## Details

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The Methodist Department of Social Services was the social welfare arm of the Methodist Church. Its work evolved from the Methodist Missions at Leichhardt, Paddington, Balmain and the Central Methodist Mission. It ran landra at Grenfell and Heighway House at Drummoyne and Thornleigh.

According to Reverend Harry Herbert, the Methodist Church's first Director of Social Services was Reverend Bill Hobbin, who had campaigned around the issue of slum housing in Bellevue Hill.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Methodist Department of Social Services (c. 1943 – 1965)**
  - Methodist Department of Christian Citizenship (1965 - 1977)
  - Uniting Church Board of Social Responsibility (1977 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Ran

- [Heighway House Project \(1960 - 1979?\)](#)
- [landra Methodist Rural Centre \(1956 - 1974\)](#)  
Date: 1956 - 1965

#### Related Organisations

- [Wesleyan Methodist Church of New South Wales \(1912 - current\)](#)  
The Methodist Department of Social Services was the welfare arm of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New South Wales.
- [Central Methodist Mission, Sydney \(1885 - 1977\)](#)