

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services

1976 – 2014

Details

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The Good Shepherd Sisters' involvement with children and women in Victoria dated back to 1863 when they set up their convent at Abbotsford on the banks of the Yarra River.

In Victoria, as in other jurisdictions, the Sisters adopted a policy of de-institutionalisation in 1973 and ceased providing 'care' in 1977. The Sisters formed an ongoing partnership with the employed staff at Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services.

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services provided foster care for children and young people through its Living in Nurturing Communities program. It also worked in the areas of family counselling and family strengthening to build family resilience.

In 1990, Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services expanded its services into the Mornington Peninsula region, and another office in St Albans opened in 1991.

In 2014, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services, together with Rosemount Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service (based in New South Wales) merged with Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand to become one unified organisation.

More info

Chronology

- **Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services (1976 – 2014)**
 - Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand (2008 - current)

Related Entries

Related Organisations

- [Sisters of the Good Shepherd \(1863 - current\)](#)

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Date: 1976 -

- [Share Care \(1983 - 2005\)](#)

Records

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- [Good Shepherd Archive collection of records of provision of residential care in Victoria \(1863 - c. 1981\)](#)
Records relating to services run by the Good Shepherd Sisters before 1977 are held by the Provincialate.
 - [Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services Records \(1983 - 2014\)](#)
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