

Bethany Community Support Records

1896 – 2007?

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Records Location

These records are held by [Bethany Community Support \(1977 - current\)](#)

Details

Bethany Community Support holds a small collection of general historical records relating to Bethany Babies' Home, its predecessor the Geelong Female Refuge, and Bethany Community Support. The collection includes annual reports, staff records, some admissions and discharge registers and photographs. The collection does not include client files.

Access Conditions

Those interested in accessing this historical information relating to the history of the organisation can contact Bethany Community Support.

Records

More specifically the collection includes:

- Admission and Discharge Records (1896-1979 – possibly incomplete)
- Annual Reports (1950-2007)
- Newspaper clippings (1990s)
- Governance documents; By-laws and Constitution (1930s and 1980s)
- Minutes of Bethany Babies Auxiliary (1949-1978)
- Financial records (1868-1980s)
- Organisational publications and promotional literature (1970s-2000s)
- Mothercraft publications and lecture notes, baby clothes patterns and a cookery book
- Infant Life protection Act Roll Book (1952-1967)
- Nurses' Register (1935-1941)
- Staff records (1936-1954)
- Nurses' Notes (1969)
- Nursing Staff reports (1970s)
- Unit Accommodation notes (1979-1981)
- Enquiries Book December 1981-1983
- Residential Admissions Book (1981-1984)
- Photographs (1930s-2000s) – mostly unnamed

In 1977, when Bethany ceased operations as an adoption agency and babies' home, all records pertaining to individuals, placements and adoptions were transferred to the Department of Human Services. These records can be accessed through the Department of Health and Human Services.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Geelong Female Refuge \(1868 - 1928\)](#)
- [Bethany Babies' Home \(1928 - 1977\)](#)

Related Archival Collections

- [Victorian Government Wardship and/or Out of Home Care Records \(1864 - current\)](#)

In 1977, when Bethany ceased operations as an adoption agency and babies' Victorian Government Records relating to Wardship and Adoption contains records of adoptions organised from Bethany Babies' Home.

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