

# Alliance for Forgotten Australians

2006 –

**Other Names:** • AFA (Acronym)

**URL:** <http://www.forgottenaustralians.org.au/>

## Details

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The Alliance for Forgotten Australians was established in 2006 in response to the 'Forgotten Australians' report, the Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA) is a national group of organisations and individuals from across Australia that promotes the interests of the estimated 500,000 people who experienced institutional or other out-of-home care as children in the last century and who suffered physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse: the Forgotten Australians.

The Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA) works to advance its objectives at all levels of government in Australia. It works with the knowledge and cooperation of its members to advance issues at the Federal, State and Territory levels.

AFA is committed to:

- Obtaining adequate acknowledgement, accountability and redress for past wrongs
- Achieving the full implementation of the recommendations of the Senate Report, overseen by a National Watch Committee
- Supporting current efforts to highlight child protection issues, including those relating to Indigenous people and child migrants.

The organisation Families Australia provides secretariat and project support to AFA.

## Gallery

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### Historic Abuse Network Memorial

**Description:** This bronze, life-size statue of a barefooted boy, with tattered suitcase in hand, was sculpted by Gavan Fenelon. The inscription reads: In memory of all the children who suffered and of those who did not survive abuse in Church and State Children's' institutions' and homes in Queensland. "For there is nothing hidden, except that it should be made known, neither was anything made secret out that it should come to light."

# More info

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## Related Entries

### Related Events

- [Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care, Parliament of Australia \(2003 - 2005\)](#)  
The Alliance for Forgotten Australians was established following the report of the Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care.
- [Redress WA, State of Western Australia \(2008 - 2011\)](#)  
The Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA) advocated for improved payments and services to Redress WA applicants and all those who had been in 'care' as children in WA.
- [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Commonwealth Government \(2012 - 2017\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Families Australia \(2001 - current\)](#)  
Families Australia provides secretariat and project support to the Alliance for Forgotten Australians.
- [FACT \(Forgotten Australians Coming Together\) \(October 2009 - current\)](#)  
Laurie Humphreys was the inaugural Chairman of FACT (Forgotten Australians Coming Together) and a founding member of the Alliance for Forgotten Australians, formed in 2006.

## Resources

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