

# Ramoth Toddlers' Home

1927 – c. 1932

## Details

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Ramoth Toddlers' Home in Ferntree Gully was established in 1927 by the Mission of St James and St John. Many of the children came from the Kedesh Maternity Home and, at the age of five, moved to the Mission's Homes in Glenroy. In 1932, the Ramoth Toddlers' Home was closed and resident children were transferred to St Luke's Toddlers' Home in Bendigo.

Ramoth Toddlers' Home in Ferntree Gully opened in October 1927. It was run by the Mission of St James and St John.

Previously, it had been used by the Mission as a Home for women with venereal diseases.

Many of the children at the Toddlers' Home had previously been at the Kedesh Maternity Home. Some of these children went on to the Mission's Homes in Glenroy at the age of five. In 1931, Archdeacon Lambie spoke of the children at Ramoth who had come from, or were destined to go to, other Mission institutions: '...the horizons of these children had changed from one of despair to that full of possibility for which they were being equipped in the best manner possible in spirit, soul and body in the Homes of the Mission'.

Prior to the establishment of Ramoth in 1927, toddlers were sent to the Andrew Kerr Memorial Home in Mornington.

The Mission concluded that the facilities at Ramoth in Ferntree Gully were inadequate for the care of the toddlers, and in 1932, the Ramoth Toddlers' Home closed and resident children were transferred to St Luke's Toddlers' Home in Bendigo.

In 1997 the Mission of St James and St John became part of Anglicare Victoria. At this time, records of the Mission were transferred to Anglicare Victoria. These included records of the various orphanages, homes and other residences run by the Mission. The custodian of these records is Anglicare Victoria.

## Gallery

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### Flower day

**Description:** This is a copy of an image published in *The Argus* on Thursday 7 May 1931. The image shows a child collection a donation from another child. The original caption reads: 'A scene near the Elizabeth Street post-office during Flower Day collections yesterday. One of the babies from the Ramoth Toddlers' Home, Lower Ferntree Gully, receiving a contribution from a small donor.'

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## More info

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## Related Entries

### Run by

- [Mission of St James and St John \(1919 - 1997\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Andrew Kerr Memorial Home \(c. 1921 - c. 1980\)](#)  
Before the establishment of Ramoth in 1927, Andrew Kerr Memorial Home received toddlers, between placements at babies' and children's homes.  
Date: 1921 - 1927
- [Kedesh Maternity Home \(1926 - 1986\)](#)  
Many children housed at Ramoth Toddlers' Home had previously been at Kedesh Maternity Home.
- [St Nicholas' Boys' Home \(1926 - c. 1955\)](#)  
Some children were transferred from Ramoth Toddlers' Home to St Nicholas' Boys' Home in Glenroy.
- [St Agnes' Girls' Home \(1926 - 1963\)](#)  
Some children were transferred from Ramoth Toddlers' Home to St Agnes' Girls' Home in Glenroy.
- [St Luke's Toddlers' Home \(1932 - 1979\)](#)  
In 1932, the Ramoth Toddlers' Home was closed and resident children were transferred to St Luke's Toddlers' Home in Bendigo.
- [Ramoth \(1926 - 1927\)](#)  
The site of Ramoth Toddlers' Home was previously the institution known as Ramoth, for women with venereal diseases.

## Resources

- Nunn, H.W., [Social Services \(Chapter VIII of A Short History of the Church of England in Victoria 1847-1947\)](#), Issued by the Editorial Committee of the Centenary Celebrations, Melbourne Diocese, 1947

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Anglicare Victoria Records \(1886 - current\)](#)
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