

# Kilmany Family Care

c. 1978 – 2002

## Details

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Kilmany Family Care was initially funded through the Uniting Church Department of Social Services (Interim) Task Group.

Whilst using the clerical services of Kildonan Homes for Children, it was financially independent of the Kildonan Council. Kilmany Family Care was initially funded through the Uniting Church Department of Social Services (Interim) Task Group.

Kilmany Family Care operated four family group homes in East Gippsland, including one house specifically for Aboriginal children, with an Aboriginal cottage mother. The family group homes were called: Fitzroy Street Family Group Home, Sale; Reeve Street (also known as Cunninghame) Family Group Home, Sale; Wallace Street Family Group Home, Bairnsdale; and Main Street Family Group Home, Bairnsdale.

In 1986, Kilmany Family Care Community Residential Units were opened in the town of Orbost, East Gippsland. These units were houses that had been adapted to accommodate up to six people with intellectual disabilities (Victorian Collections, Identifier F297).

Many staff members have had contact with former residents of Kilmany Park, and organised a reunion in 1996.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- **Kilmany Family Care (c. 1978 – 2002)**
  - Kilmany UnitingCare (2002 - 2010)
    - UnitingCare Gippsland (2010 - 2017)
      - Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) Limited (2017 - current)

### Related Entries

### Run by

- [UnitingCare Victoria and Tasmania \(2000 - 2017\)](#)  
Date: 2000 - 2002
- [Uniting Church in Australia \(1977 - current\)](#)  
Date: 1978 - 2000

### Related Organisations

- [Kildonan Homes for Children \(c. 1960 - c. 1993\)](#)  
Kilmany Family Care used the clerical services of Kildonan Homes for Children, but it operated independently of the Kildonan Council.
- [Kilmany Park Farm Home for Boys \(1923 - 1978\)](#)  
After the closure of Kilmany Park, the Uniting Church purchased properties in Gippsland to be family group homes, run by the new agency, Kilmany Family Care.

## Resources

- UnitingCare Victoria and Tasmania, *Uniting Church in Australia: agencies in Victoria delivering substitute care services*, April 2008
- [Kilmany Family Care, Uniting Church group homes](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Kilmany Family Care

## Records

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

### Records

- [Kilmany Family Care Family Group Home Records \(1981 - 1996\)](#)
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