

# Melbourne Family Care Organisation

1965 – 1987

**Other Names:** • Melbourne Family Care

## Details

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The Melbourne Family Care Organisation came into being in 1965. It was formerly the former Melbourne Orphanage. The change reflected a shift away from institutional 'care' for children towards family group homes. In 1987 the organisation became known as Family Action.

Melbourne Family Care Organisation ran a number of family group homes. Records from the Child Endowment Correspondence files dating to c.1965 show that it ran at least 14 family group homes in the suburbs of Glen Waverley, Mount Waverley, Clayton, North Clayton, and Springvale North.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Melbourne Orphan Asylum (1853 - 1926)
  - Melbourne Orphanage (1926 - 1965)
- **Melbourne Family Care Organisation (1965 – 1987)**
  - Family Action (1987 - 1993)
  - OzChild (1993 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Family Group Homes run by Melbourne Family Care \(1959 - 1990s\)](#)
  - [Mallee Family Care \(1979 - current\)](#)
- Date: 1979 - 1984

#### Related Organisations

- [Foster Care Westernport \(1979 - 1991\)](#)  
Sometimes children from Melbourne Family Care Organisation spent holidays in foster homes provided by Foster Care Westernport.

### Resources

- Liddell, M., [Submission no 313 to the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutional Care](#), February 2003
- James Jenkinson Consulting, [Guide to Out-of-Home Care Services 1940-2000 - Volume Two: Data Base](#), November 2001

- [St James' Orphan Asylum and Visiting Society \(1877-1902\)](#), Finding Records, No date
- [Upper Murray Family Care \(1980\)](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Melbourne Family Care Organisation
- [Dandenong Valley Family Care](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance:* See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Melbourne Family Care Organisation

# Records

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## Records

- [Records of Victorian Adoptions \(c. 1908 - current\)](#)
  - [Melbourne Orphan Asylum Records \(1845 - 1986\)](#)
  - [OzChild Records \(c. 1956 - current\)](#)
  - [Victorian Children's Aid Society Records \(1893 - 1993\)](#)
  - ['Closed' Agency and General Correspondence Files \[Charities Board of Victoria\] \(1923 - 1983\)](#)
  - [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)
  - [Correspondence files, single number series with 'B' \[Child Endowment\] prefix \(1904 - 1974\)](#)
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