

# Australian Inland Mission

1912 – 1977

**Other Names:**

- Australian Presbyterian Mission
- AIM

## Details

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The Australian Inland Mission (AIM) was established in 1912 by the Rev John Flynn (later founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service) of the Presbyterian Church. The initial focus of AIM was to provide medical services to those living in remote Outback areas. The AIM's work was primarily in the Northern Territory, but also was in remote South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland. With the formation of the Uniting Church of Australia in 1977, the work of AIM was continued through the Presbyterian Inland Mission and Frontier Services.

The Australian Inland Mission (AIM), also known as the Australian Presbyterian Mission, was founded by The Reverend John Flynn (1880-1951), a Presbyterian minister following his report to the Presbyterian Assembly in 1912 on the needs of Outback people. His report resulted in the establishment of the AIM of which he was appointed Superintendent. In 1977, the Uniting Church was established and the inland missions of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches were combined to form Frontier Services.

Flynn's caring practical support to remote homesteads and communities was completed with the establishment of the AIM Aerial Medical Service, the precursor to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

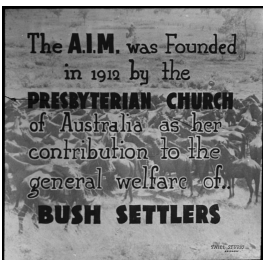
The AIM ran the [Australian Inland Mission Hostel](#) in Alice Springs from 1926 to 1961. The AIM ran the [Halls Creek Mission](#) in Western Australia from 1943 to 1960. The South Australian council of AIM ran the [Far North Children's Health Scheme](#), which brought inland children to Adelaide for medical treatment at [Warrawee](#).

## Gallery

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**Australian Inland Mission Club House, Carnarvon, Western Australia**  
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**Australian Inland Mission poster [transparency] : The A.I.M. was founded in 1912 by the Presbyterian Church of Australia as her contribution to the general welfare of bush settlers / John Flynn.**

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# More info

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## Chronology

- **Australian Inland Mission (1912 – 1977)**
  - Frontier Services (1977 - current)

## Related Entries

### Ran

- [Warrawee, Grange \(1950 - 1975\)](#)

The SA Council of the Australian Inland Mission ran Warrawee.
- [Halls Creek Mission \(1943? - 1960\)](#)

Date: 1943 - 1960
- [Australian Inland Mission Hostel \(1926 - 1961\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Far North Children's Health Scheme \(1957 - 1975?\)](#)

The Far North Children's Health Scheme was part of the SA Council of the Australian Inland Mission
- [Presbyterian Inland Mission \(1912 - current\)](#)

The Presbyterian Church arm of Australian Inland Mission is known as the Presbyterian Inland Mission.
- [Presbyterian Church \(1879 - 1977\)](#)

The Australian Inland Mission had a close relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Western Australia.

## Resources

- [Interview with Beryl Grant, nurse, by Chris Jeffery](#), 1977
- [Records, 1891-1979 \[manuscript\] \[Presbyterian Church\]](#), State Library of Western Australia website, 2013

# Records

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- [Records of the Uniting Church in Australia, Northern Synod \(1940 - 1986\)](#)
- [Records of the Uniting Church in Australia Frontier Services \(1897 - 2011\)](#)
- [Australian Inland Mission Collection \(c. 1912 - c. 1955\)](#)

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