

150 years of children in c

John Batman and John Pascoe Fawkner establish settlement that will become Melbourne.

Colony of Victoria begins separating from New South Wales.

Gold is discovered in the Colony.

Site is granted at South Melbourne for Melbourne Orphan Asylum.



Children on a whirlingig, St Vincent de Paul's Girls' Orphanage, 1940s. From the book, "Holding on to Hope" page 185

Victorian Government passes *Neglected and Criminal Children's Act* 1864 establishing industrial schools for neglected children.

Victorian *Education Act* 1872 passed by Parliament. Royal Commission on Penal and Prison Discipline recommends that state industrial schools be replaced by 'boarding out' for neglected children.

Victorian *Neglected Children's Act* 1887 widens the definition of 'neglected' children and authorises 'private' agencies to rescue and act as guardians to children at risk.

Collapse of Victoria's 'land boom' is an ominous sign of the depression of the 1890s.

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A branch of Friendly Brothers Society begins work in Melbourne.

Friendly Brothers Society begins work in Geelong.

Number of orphaned or abandoned children increases.

Father Gerald Ward establishes a temporary Catholic orphanage in a Prahran house.

Foundation stone laid for St Vincent de Paul's Orphanage, South Melbourne.

Geelong Friendly Brothers' Society establishes temporary orphanage in a temperance hotel in Malop Street.

Foundation stone laid for St Augustine's Orphanage, Geelong.

Three Sisters of Mercy arrive in Victoria led by Sr Ursula Frayne.

First residents move into St Vincent de Paul's Orphanage.

First residents move into St Augustine's Orphanage, Geelong.

Sisters of Mercy take over management of St Vincent de Paul's Orphanage.

Sisters of Mercy take over responsibility for orphan girls in Geelong.

St Vincent de Paul's Girls Orphanage constructed in South Melbourne.

Sisters of Mercy build Our Lady's Orphanage at Newtown Geelong and the St Joseph's Industrial School opens at this site the following year.

Mary MacKillop forms the Sisters of St Joseph in Penola South Australia.

Christian Brothers arrive in Victoria from Ireland.

Christian Brothers assume management of St Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage.

Christian Brothers assume management of St Augustine's Orphanage.

Formation of the St Patrick's Cathedral Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

St Peter and St Paul's St Vincent de Paul Society Conference opens a rescue home for neglected children at 61 Nelson Road South Melbourne.



Broadmeadows Foundling Hospital Appeal
SAVE THE BABIES!
Gala Day and Inspection
In the Presence of
His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne
the Most Rev. D. Mannix, D.D.
Sunday Afternoon, 26th August
2.30 till 5 p.m.
Programme by
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TROUPE OF TYROLIAN
DANCERS
Victoria, Elizabeth Military
Bands
St. Vincent de Paul's
Solo Troupe
Dr. La Salle, College Choir
Chorus, Orchestra
LOCATION:
Right at Broadmeadows
St. Vincent de Paul's
Alms House
Entrance will be through
the main gate. (Please
bring your own
tickets)
230 BABIES!
Through tickets from all
voluntary agencies.

Gala Day and Inspection, St Joseph's Foundling Hospital, 26 August 1934. From the book, "Holding on to Hope" page 122

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are in Victoria

Victorian *Infant Life Protection Act 1890* passed, requiring registration of persons who receive payment to care for infants under the age of two years and of these carer's houses also.

Federation of Australia colonies into the Commonwealth of Australia and opening of the first Federal Parliament in Melbourne.

World War I.

Worldwide influenza pandemic.

The Department of Neglected Children becomes the Children's Welfare Department after passing of the *Children's Welfare Act 1924*.

Victorian *Children's Welfare Act 1928* amended to expand the definition of a neglected child

End of World War II.

Children's Welfare Act 1954 establishes a Children's Welfare Advisory Council.

Victoria's *Adoption of Children Act* requires relinquishing mothers to be 'adequately counselled'.

Infant Life Protection Act 1907 passed.

The Victorian *Hospital and Charities Act 1922* establishes the Charities Board.

Victorian *Adoption Act 1928* passed.

Infantile paralysis epidemic.

Australia embarks on an ambitious immigration program - some migrant children accommodated in Catholic children's homes.

Victoria's *Social Welfare Act* establishes a Social Welfare Branch of the Chief Secretary's Department, with six divisions. The Family Welfare Division is responsible for children.

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First wards of stated admitted to St Augustine's Orphanage.

Sisters of St Joseph establish St Joseph's Foundling Hospital at Broadmeadows.

Margaret Goldspink establishes St Joseph's Receiving Home in Barkly Street, Carlton.

Our Lady's Orphanage becomes St Catherine's Orphanage.

Opening of St Anthony's Home for Little Children, Kew.

Past and present St Augustine's Orphanage Boys erect a monument over the graves of boys who died in the orphanage.

St Joseph's Home for Destitute Children becomes St Joseph's Home for Boys.

Opening of the new St Catherine's Orphanage at Highton.

The Children's Welfare Department asks the Sisters of St Joseph's Foundling Hospital to erect extra accommodation to take sixty wards of the state and accommodate nurses to care for them. Mothercraft training begins at St Joseph's Foundling Hospital.

Establishment of the Catholic Social Service Bureau (later Catholic Family Welfare Bureau; now Catholic Family Welfare and Centacare).

St Vincent de Paul's Orphanage camp established at Shoreham.

St Augustine's Orphanage relocates to Highton.

St Vincent de Paul's Boys' and Girls' Orphanages celebrate their centenary.

The first group of St Vincent de Paul's Girl's Orphanage girls move into part of the Black Rock convent, converted into a family group home.

St Vincent de Paul's Girls' Orphanage is renamed St Vincent de Paul's Children's Home.

St Vincent de Paul's Children's Home vacates South Melbourne Orphanage and all children are accommodated in family group homes.

St Augustine's Orphanage establishes its first family group home on the Highton property.

St Joseph's Foundling Hospital is renamed St Joseph's Babies' Home.

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Babies and children, St Joseph's Foundling Hospital, c. 1910. Babies and children, carefully dressed for the occasion, are pictured on the lawns outside the foundling hospital. "Holding on to Hope" page 74.

Commonwealth Government introduces Supporting Mothers' Benefit.



Tug of war in Princes Park, 1980s. Children, family and staff associated with St Joseph's Home for Children, Flemington. From the book, "Holding on to Hope" page 301.

Review of Child Welfare Practice and Legislation in Victoria.

Victorian Children's & Young Persons Act 1987 Report on Child Protection Services in Victoria. Closure of Allambie Reception Centre.

Closure of Baltara Reception Centre.



Go-cart workshop, New Street program, St Augustine's Adolescent and Family Service, early 1990s. The New Street program was designed to assist high-risk adolescents. It offered the opportunity for young people to make their own decisions and take responsibility for the outcome. From the book, "Holding on to Hope" page 305

Bringing Them Home: The Stolen Generation Report.

Australian Government releases report *Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children.* Australian

Government releases report *Protecting vulnerable children: A national challenge*

The Children, Youth and Families Act ("the Children's Act") was passed by Parliament in late 2005. The new Act will commence on a date to be confirmed in early 2007.

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St Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage is renamed St Vincent de Paul's Boys' Home.

Sisters at St Joseph's Babies Home begin placing with foster carers a small number of pre-adoptive babies.

All children moved out of St Catherine's Children's Home.

St Joseph's Babies Home moves from Broadmeadows to Glenroy providing pre-adoptive baby care.

St Anthony's Home for Children moves from Kew to Footscray and becomes St Anthony's Family Service.

Administrative staff of St Joseph's Children's Home, Surrey Hills move to Flemington. A month later, religious staff follow.

St Joseph's Receiving Home in Carlton closes. A new home is established in Loongana Avenue Glenroy.

Sisters of St Joseph appoint the first lay director of St Anthony's Family Services.

Auspice of St Joseph's Children's Home passes to the Christian Brothers.

Christian Brothers Child, Youth and Family Services established.

Victorian Congregational Leaders of Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of St Joseph and Christian Brothers sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

New agency formed and inaugural meeting of Board of Directors.

MacKillop Family Services assumes responsibility for continuing the works of the founding agencies, namely

- Sisters of Mercy
- St Vincent de Paul Children's and Family Services, Black Rock
- Mercy Family Care Centre, North Geelong
- Christian Brothers
- St Augustine's Adolescent and Family Services, Geelong
- St Joseph's Homes for Children, Flemington
- St Vincent's Boys Home, South Melbourne
- Sisters of St Joseph
- St Anthony's Family Service, Footscray
- St Joseph's Babies and Family Services, Glenroy

Remaining boys from St Vincent's Boys' home move into community housing.

St Vincent's school relocated to Maidstone.

MacKillop Family Services is now one of the largest providers of welfare services to children and families in Victoria

