

# THE AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST MOVEMENT BAPTIST CARE TAKES SHAPE



## A Nation in Need - Baptists Respond World War 1 (1914 - 1918)



**In 1914 Australia had a population less than five million**

- 416,809 men enlisted
- 2139 female nurses
- 60,000 were killed
- 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner

On return they bore the scars of war. Before, during and after the war homelessness emerged as a serious social problem.

The West End Baptist Mission in Adelaide initiated a special home for the homeless to provide a sanctuary from the harsh realities of life on the streets. In time this became Baptist Care (SA).

## The Great Depression (1929 - 1939) & World War II (1939-1945)



Unemployment in Australia more than doubled to twenty-one per cent in mid-1930, and reached its peak in mid-1932 when almost thirty-two per cent of Australians were out of work. Almost a million Australians, both men and women, served in the Second World War.

At the end of the war there were millions of people on the move in Europe and some 170,000 of these displaced persons were accepted into Australia to begin a new life.



Baptist women joined together to raise funds for those old and frail and left behind during the Great Depression and WWII and to assist the many refugees. It was from these roots that Baptist Care was established in NSW (1944), Victoria and Tasmania (1945) and Queensland (1949)

## Baptist Care at a Glance Today

### Baptist Care (SA - 1913)

Through some 800 staff in 2015/16 the organisation provided services to over 13,000 people ranging from children in the care of the state, to the homeless, people with a disability, youth at risk, the Aboriginal community, those dealing with mental health issues and new Australians needing a friend.



### Baptist Care (NSW & ACT - 1944)

Employing over 4000 staff and over 1,100 volunteers, Baptist Care NSW & ACT currently operates more than 100 services and programs across for the aged, families in crisis and people struggling with disadvantage and distress.



### Baptcare (VicTas - 1945)

Broad range of services extending across Victoria and Tasmania with care and support being provided by over 1,600 skilled and professional staff at over 40 locations.



### Carinity - Queensland Baptist Care (1949)

Provider of care to the frail aged in their homes or in residential communities, shelters for homeless youth, helping families and young people through difficult times, support for people with disability, secure retirement lifestyle communities, chaplaincy support and alternative education for teenagers who struggle in traditional schools.



### Baptistcare (WA - 1972)

Grown to encompass 20 service locations and 14 aged care residential facilities across metropolitan Perth and regional Western Australia with care provided by over 1,700 skilled and professional employees and more than 250 volunteers.



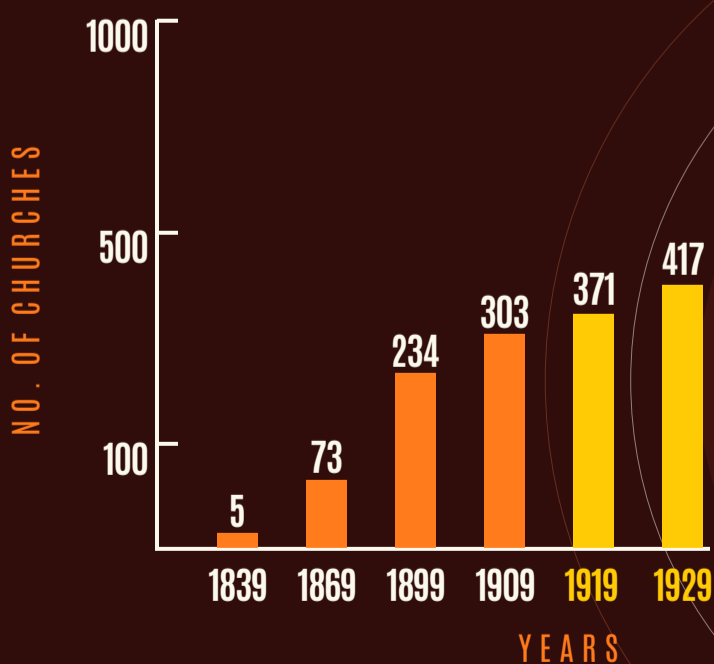
### Baptist Care (NT - 1970)

Providing a range of services including direct food support for struggling individuals and families, programs to encourage self-sufficiency, community development and advocacy assistance.



These state-based organisations are networked together under Baptist Care Australia

## Local Baptist Church Growth



## WHO IS AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST MINISTRIES?

Australian Baptist Ministries is an evangelical movement of churches, State Baptist Unions and national ministries committed to proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.