

THE AUSTRALIAN **BAPTIST MOVEMENT**

Proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.



The Post-War Boom 2 Million migrants came between 1945 & 1965

722 770 950

1000+ LOCAL CHURCH GROWTH BY YEAR

549

500

250

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National Population

Booms (Gold Rush) 1840 190,408 1869 1.592.157

Baptists Go National

Movement spreads

Melbourne, Hobart,

and wider Sydney

rural communities

VIC, SA & NSW/ACT

form State Baptist

Unions

Launceston, Brisbane

Witness and churches

among diggers and in

from Sydney to

Global Interaction

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- Rev. Silas Mead (SA) inspires a Baptist alobal focus
- · Five women leave to serve in Bengal
- The work becomes todav's Global Interaction

Deepening Foundations

- · QLD, TAS & WA form **State Baptist Unions**
- Whitley (Vic), Malyon (Qld) & Morling (NSW)
- Colleges formed Surge of Baptists serving in commercial and political contexts

WA - 1972 ABM through Baptist

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supports the work of these agencies **Arthur Stace writes** ETERNITY half a million times throughout the streets of Sydney

Care Australia

An Fra of Need

aging

established

NSW - 1944

VicTas - 1945

Old - 1949

NT - 1970

SA - 1913

· Need ignites outreach

to the homeless and

Baptist Care Agencies

Australian Baptist Ministries (ABM) established 1926

The Billy Graham

- Crusades "It was the Baptists who worked the
- hardest" 3 Million hear the gospel
- Influx to Churches
- Post Billy Graham The Board of Evangelism becomes Crossover

lantist Resnonse

- Supported by ABM -State Unions formed Church planting arms
- G.H. Morling, C.J. Tinsley and John G. Ridley lead the strengthening of Evangelicalism

A Europe focused

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WORLD

BAPTIST

relief action becomes the Australian Baptist World Aid Relief Committee (1959) In 1970 a volunteer

New Ministries

- driven child-focused agency formed In 1989 the two
- became Baptist World Aid Australia
- Today it is the largest Baptist Aid agency in the world
- Baptist Insurance and Baptist Financial Services founded to support the movement and local church initiatives
- A Just Cause established to enable reflection and action on national justice issues

GELISM (

The Days Ahead

 A multi-cultural and multi-generational movement

BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

- The 3rd largest worshipping community in Australia 1) Catholics 1,000,004
- AUSTRALIA 2) Anglicans 214,378 3) Baptists 170,178

 - 4) UCA 167,000 5) Pentecostals 148,900
 - We are Diverse, Jesus-Centered & Mission-Shaped.
 - The tracks of our journey spread far and wide but the baton is passing to a new generation to shape the future

church planters Critical of the treatment of **Aborigines**

1830-1839

he First Baptists

missionary spirit

Free settlers with a

At once preachers &

BEGINNINGS

1840-1869

1870 - 1912

1913-1958

1959

1959 - 2015

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