

10 Years of
Anglicare
Victoria



Highlights of Anglicare Victoria's first decade

1997

- The Anglican Welfare Agency Act 1997 proclaimed on 20 May and Anglicare Victoria begins operation on 1 July with John Wilson as inaugural CEO
- Bishop Andrew Curnow appointed Chairman of the Anglicare Victoria Board on 1 July
- Official launch of Anglicare Victoria by the Governor-General, Sir William Deane, in the presence of Archbishop Keith Rayner on 12 August.

1998

- First anniversary of Anglicare Victoria – budget \$25 million, 100+ programs, 40 separate locations, five regions, 15,000 people helped

1999

- Federal Government's 'Tough on Drugs' campaign launched at Anglicare Victoria's Head Office, West Melbourne.

2000

- Dr Ray Cleary appointed as CEO of Anglicare Victoria on 1 December
- Partnership between Anglicare, Werribee Support and Housing Inc., and Bay West Housing to provide counselling to young people at risk of homelessness
- Community Legal Service opened in Gippsland, supported by funding from Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

2001

- 'Boyd House', a joint initiative between St Mary's Anglican Church, Morwell, and Anglicare, opened and dedicated by Bishop Arthur Jones in February
- Launch of pilot program for men and boys, called Peaceful Warriors, run by Anglicare Yarra Ranges Family Services
- Launch of Anglicare's Christmas Appeal by the Victorian Premier, Hon. Steve Bracks at 101 Collins Street
- Dr Graeme Blackman appointed as new Chairman of the Anglicare Victoria Board.

2002

- Opening of Lazarus Centre, a joint initiative of St Peter's Eastern Hill, St Paul's Cathedral, The Order of St Lazarus and Anglicare Victoria, providing support for homeless people in Melbourne CBD
- Anglicare Victoria's Strategic Directions 2001–2005 officially launched by Hon. Bronwyn Pike (Minister for Community Services) at Richmond Town Hall
- Release of Anglicare's research report, 'Families in Crisis: The Changing Face of Victorian Families'
- Victoria's Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry becomes part of Anglicare Victoria, serving 13 prisons in Victoria.

2003

- New partnership with Diocese of Wangaratta and appointment of Community Development Worker
- Anglicare in Gippsland enters into formal partnership with Kilmany Family Care and the West Gippsland Healthcare Group to provide family support services in West and South Gippsland
- Establishment of Home First program to provide for young people with intellectual disability
- Anglicare Youth and Family Services co-located on one site in Preston.

2004

- Launch of new logo, corporate identity and positioning statement: 'Supporting Families, Building Communities'
- New parish partnerships established at Cranbourne and Craigieburn
- Tenth anniversary of Counterpoint Young Women's Refuge
- Inaugural 'Dinner with the Angels', major fundraiser in November for which 15 chefs from Melbourne's top restaurants donated their time.

2005

- Volunteers provide an estimated \$12 million of service during the year
- Inaugural Neale G. Molloy Social Justice Lecture on 'Poverty and the Law' delivered by Victorian Law Reform Commissioner, Professor Marcia Neave
- Communities for Children program launched at Frankston.

2006

- New Residential Care model implemented
- Input to State Government White Paper, 'Protecting Children: the Next Steps'
- Contribution to development of State Government's new Strategic Framework and Standards for Family Services
- New parish partnerships at Sunshine and Box Hill
- New Central Office opened in October at 103 Hoddle Street, Collingwood.

2007

- Official opening of Anglicare Victoria Yarra Ranges Family Services Centre, Lilydale, in April
- Child FIRST commences in the Eastern region and a number of new Child protection partnerships in the North and West commence
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Diocese of Ballarat on 7 February establishing a partnership to deliver services throughout the region
- Tenth anniversary of Anglicare Victoria – budget \$40 million, 100 programs, 50 locations, links with four dioceses, 50,000 people helped each year.

10 years of Anglicare Victoria...

Over the past 10 years, Anglicare has assisted many thousands of Victorians through the commitment of our volunteers, staff and supporters.

Some of our key highlights have included the following:

Since amalgamation, we have invested \$290 million in programs aimed at alleviating hardship and rebuilding lives.

Last year a total of 130,804 days of out-of-home care were provided to children and young people in Victoria.

Our volunteer base has grown significantly in the past 10 years. Last year, 1,042 volunteers provided 57,856 hours of support to our programs across the State.

The establishment of 11 new parish partnerships has expanded our emergency relief work. Last year, Anglicare provided over 37,000 food parcels to low-income earners and families in need across Victoria.

We have doubled the number of people assisted through our family violence programs. Last year over 1,100 people were supported through our programs specifically targeting violence in the home.

We are the State's largest financial counselling support network. Last year, financial counselling was provided to over 4,500 Victorians.

Our service reach across Victoria has expanded significantly with new programs established in areas of high need such as Wangaratta, Ballarat, Sunshine and Cranbourne.

We have supported an average of 1,850 young people each year in youth specific programs such as counselling, education and training and out-of-home care.

Our support for families has expanded to now provide assistance to over 10,000 families across the state each year.