

St. Laurence Court (Bendigo) Inc.

Established by the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo in 1968

"We Care for the Aged"

A SHORT HISTORY

1968 - 1998

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT, VISION STATEMENT AND VALUES

Upper Road, EAGLEHAWK & Wesley Street, KANGAROO FLAT

Registered Address: Upper Road, Eaglehawk. 3556

Registration No. A0034308A

St. Laurence Court (Bendigo) Inc.

The first recorded meeting about the formation of St. Laurence Court was on Thursday, 8th September, 1966. This was a meeting held between representatives of both the Diocese of Bendigo and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Committee of Management was held at the Diocese office on 9th December, 1966.

The original members of that Committee were:-

Mr. Alan Michell (Chairman)

The Rt. Revd. Ronald Richards (Bishop of Bendigo)

Mr. Hal Moors

The Venerable Jack Lee

The Revd. Cyril Chatham

The Revd. A. McIvor Wright (Secretary/Treasurer)

Bishop Geoffrey Sambell (BSL)

The Revd. Robert Butterss (BSL)

Mr. B. Buchanan (BSL)

Mr. Neville Brook (BSL)

Mr. Eric Hart (BSL)

A reservation of land was obtained in Upper Road, California Gully and work commenced in obtaining Government Grants and raising the capital required for the initial buildings.

The first 20 Flats were occupied in August, 1968.

The first part of the Hostel (19 beds) and additional Flats (28) were built in 1971 and further extensions were constructed in 1976 (30 Hostel beds & 39 Flats); 1981 (2 Emergency Units); 1984 (16 Hostel beds); 1987 (Chapel), 1992 (Hostel Lounge Extension) and 1995 (Covered Entrance & Administration Centre)

In 1989 a new 30 bed Hostel was constructed in Wesley Street, Kangaroo Flat. This was extended to 50 beds in 1993.

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Present Accommodation:

Eaglehawk	87 Flats	104 Residents
	67 Hostel Beds	67 Residents
Kangaroo Flat	50 Hostel Beds	50 Residents
	Total	221

The partnership with the Brotherhood of St. Laurence was officially dissolved on 24th June, 1974. The Court has always been very appreciative of the financial assistance and guidance given by the Brotherhood during those formative years.

St. Laurence Court (Bendigo) became registered under the Associations Incorporation Act as from 1st January, 1998 and is now known as St. Laurence Court (Bendigo) Inc. The strong ties with the Diocese of Bendigo still remain of course with the Association Members being the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Bendigo together with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of The Court.

Board Members

A number of people have served St. Laurence Court as members of the Board for many years. Unfortunately our original Chairman, Mr. Alan Michell had to relinquish his position around the time of our opening due to ill health.

Mr. Maurice T. Pease who joined the Board in September, 1968 was elected Chairman as from January, 1969 and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1989. Maurice guided the Board for 20 years over many building programmes.

Mr. Les. Nankivill also joined the Board in September, 1968 and served until his retirement in 1990. Les was very active in the establishment of the grounds and gardens at both Eaglehawk and Kangaroo Flat.

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Mr. Warwick Johanson was appointed to the Board in April, 1969 and served as its Secretary for many years. He was Chairman of the Board from 1989 until his retirement in 1994. Warwick was also very active over the years in negotiations with various Trusts and Foundations to raise money for the Court.

Mr. Murray Mayo served on the Board from 1973 until 1992. He is still a very active Member of the Merchandising Committee.

Mrs. Dorothy Holland originally joined the Board as the Auxiliary Representative in January, 1982 and still serves as an active Director and member of the Auxiliary.

Mr. Doug Harrison was appointed to the Board in July, 1984 and served as Chairman from 1994 to 1998. Doug is still very active as a Director today.

There are of course many others who have served so well.

Auxiliaries

A report to the Board dated 31st October, 1967 stated that two meetings had been held to form Auxiliaries. One in Bendigo which was attended by 58 people and one in Eaglehawk which was attended by 63 people. Mrs. Ida Taylor (the then Mayoress of Eaglehawk) was appointed as the first President of the Eaglehawk Auxiliary and Mrs. Jess Rowe the first President of the Bendigo Auxiliary.

Later a 'Younger Set' Auxiliary was also formed.

Over the years these Auxiliaries contributed in many ways. They raised quite a large amount of money towards the work of the Court and contributed in many ways to the social life of the Residents.

The Bendigo Auxiliary is still active in fundraising as well as organising the cake stall at the Annual Fair each May and the Mini Fair each December. Some of their members have contributed to the Court for many years.

Merchandising Division

This was originally called the Salvage Division and started its operation in Bendigo in 1967. A shop was later opened at Eaglehawk and for some years there was also a shop at Kangaroo Flat.

The work contributed by the Staff and Volunteers at these shops has been a massive support to the finances of the Court. The names of Ladies who have worked voluntarily in the shops are far too numerous to mention ... many have given over 20 years of service. Names of members of the Committee who served for many years include Mr. John McCoy and Mr. Bill Theodore.

Volunteers at the Court

Again, many people have contributed in so many ways to the life of St. Laurence Court. We think of people like Mr. Ken Bull who has conducted the Sunday Night Hymn Singing in the Eaglehawk Hostel for over 25 years together with Gertie Eeles (22 years), Joyce & Elaine Bull (18 years) and Max Eeles (15 years) For many years Jack Snell called Bingo for the Residents one night a week.

Residents

The Residents of course are the reason why S.L.C. exists. They have each in their own way been a very important part of the Court. There have been many hundreds of people who over the past 30 years have been happy to call St. Laurence Court home. They have contributed in so many ways; Merchandising Division, Meals on Wheels, Annual Fairs and Mini Fairs, Craft Groups, Singing Groups, School Reading Groups, Bowls Groups and Paper Recycling to mention but some.

Administration

There have only been 3 people who have served full time as Executive Officers of St. Laurence Court (Bendigo).

Mr. Luke Young was the original Manager and worked at the Court from July 1968 to January, 1975. (His wife Freda is still a Volunteer with our Eaglehawk Hostel Activities Group)

Mr. McG. W. (Max) Morse was appointed as Administrator from May, 1974 and served until his retirement in December, 1985.

The current Executive Director is Mr. C. R. J. (Bob) Layton who commenced in December, 1985.

Present Directors of Board

Colin J. Clark (Chairman).
Graeme L. Elvey (Vice-Chairman).
Bishop David Bowden (President).

Robert M. Aitken.
Douglas C. Harrison.
Dorothy J. Holland.
Revd. Stephen J. May.
Neil A. Marshall.

Rosemary C. Monotti.
Alan Rilen.

C. Robert J. Layton (Executive Director).

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"We Care for the Aged"

Mission Statement

To provide high quality care
and accommodation
for the aged in a
Christian Environment

Our Values Are

People come first

In accordance with Christian Principles

Maintenance of Residents Rights
in accordance with the
Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997

Motivated Staff are an important asset

Improvement through
education & motivation

Vision Statement

Our Vision is:-

- ◆ To provide the best quality care possible to our Residents.
- ◆ To provide opportunity for the continual improvement and education of Staff
- ◆ To provide Residents with accommodation in facilities which are at least equal to, or better, than the standards set by the Government Acts and Regulations and to be ever mindful that we must always seek to upgrade our facilities and maintain them in such a manner to meet the safety and comfort of the Resident.
- ◆ To ensure that Residents Rights are maintained at all times
- ◆ To maintain a high profile of excellence to the public by treating Residents and Staff in a fair manner and at all times respecting that everyone is an individual.
- ◆ To maintain financial viability to enable a continuation of security for all involved and to maintain our motto of "We Care for the Aged."
- ◆ To ensure that Residents have the opportunity to continue to pursue their Spiritual Beliefs
- ◆ To maintain and enhance the Community Life of St. Laurence Court (Bendigo) Inc. and its Residents