

1936

Baptist Forward Movement is instigated by then-minister of the Canberra Baptist Church, Rev. Dr Arthur J Waldock



(L to R) Ronald Earle Walker, OAM, Bessie Jarvis, Frederick James Church, OBE, OAM and Bert Iliffe (standing)

1952

Margery Bartlett becomes the first paid employee of the NSW Baptist Homes Trust



The Ladies' Auxiliary sorting pre-loved clothing for opportunity shops

1953

The Trust's first aged care home, Yallambi Elderly Ladies' Home, opens in Carlingford



Lola Cousemacker, OAM at the opening of Karingal, 1956

1956

Services expand to include family guidance, counselling and support

1960

Hebron is opened in Randwick as a home for refugees

1974

The men of the Trust establish Sercom (a contraction of 'serving the community') as their answer to the Ladies' Auxiliary



The men of Sercom, 1970s

1981-82

Aminya Catering Service begins distributing meals to the Trust's metropolitan facilities



Children play at one of the Trust's Baptist Child Care Centres

1992

The organisation undergoes a name change to become Baptist Community Services (BCS)



The Warabrook Centre for Aged Care opens in 1993. It is the first teaching nursing home in Australia

2000s

Community funding and microfinance programs – including Connect Grants, StepUP and NILS (no interest loans scheme) – are established



A client at Darcy House

2007

Food 4 Life opens to provide affordable food to the local community in Newcastle

2014

HopeStreet in Woolloomooloo transitions to BaptistCare

2019

BaptistCare celebrates 75 years of caring



'Domestic Violence. More Than Skin Deep' campaign image, 2018

1944

NSW Baptist Homes Trust is incorporated

1952-1953

The Ladies' Auxiliary is established to fundraise and help set up new homes



By June 1953, Yallambi is fully occupied and running smoothly under the care of matron Margery Bartlett and her staff

1956

Karingal, the Trust's first home for children, is opened in Mosman

1960s

The Trust expands through regional NSW and the ACT, with new homes opened in Parkes, Newcastle, Canberra and the Blue Mountains



Hebron, 1960

1972

Aratoro is opened in Liverpool to support men transitioning out of the prison system Baptist Counselling Services is established



LifeCare at Glassop Street, Bankstown



Aratoro, June 1974

1974

Baptist Child Care Association is established to assist churches and other organisations provide preschool, childcare and play group services

1990s

Aged care home services expand and the organisation finds itself at the forefront of community aged care



The Aminya bowls group preparing for a tournament

1996

BCS becomes an accredited training organisation

2006

BCS takes responsibility for the operation of Darcy House, offering a safe space for people at risk



Food 4 Life official opening

2014

BCS changes its name to BaptistCare



A client visits the HopeStreet Pet Clinic

2016

BaptistCare receives White Ribbon Workplace accreditation. The same year it launches the 'Domestic Violence. More Than Skin Deep' campaign

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