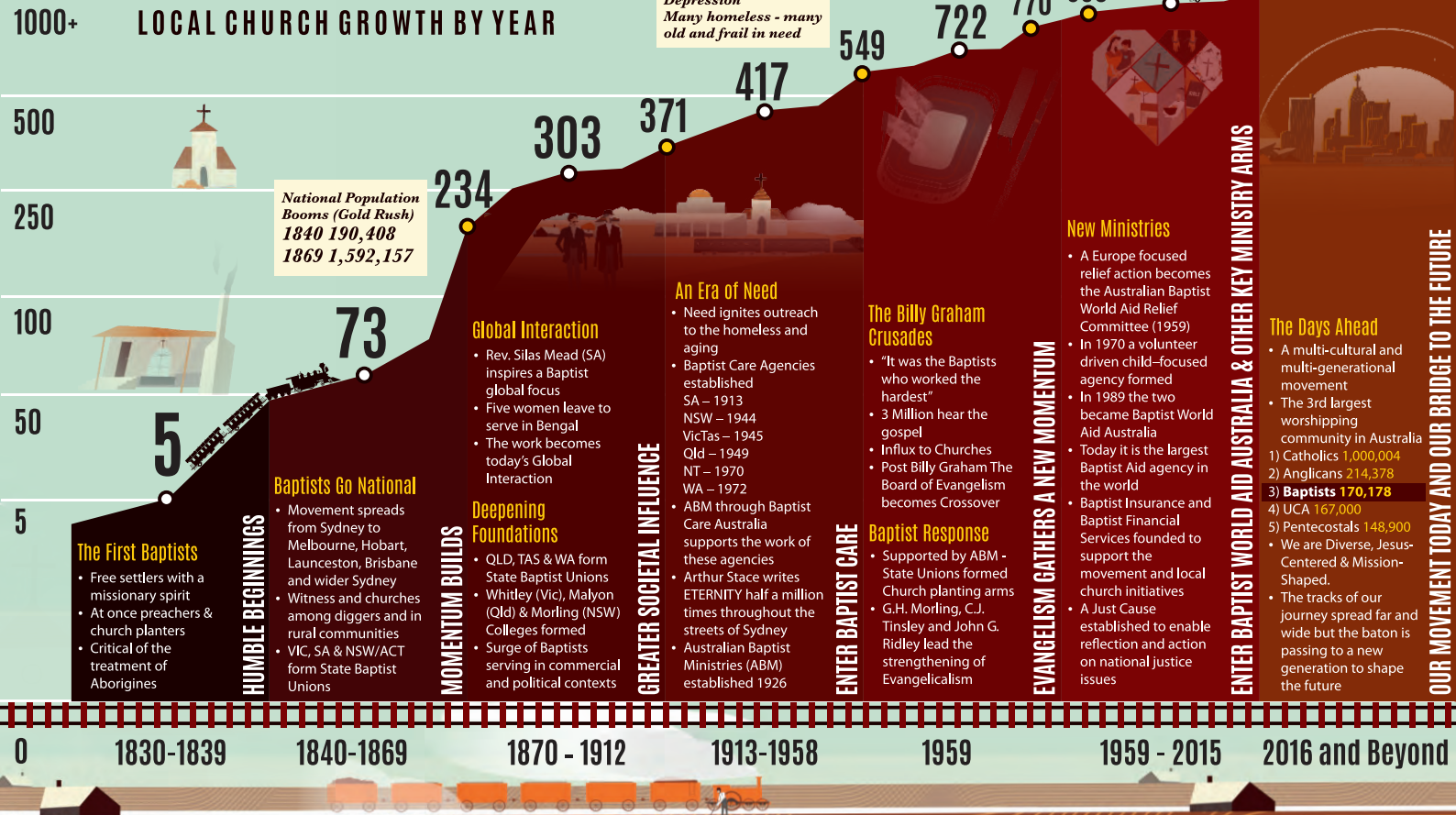




# THE AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST MOVEMENT

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



**National Population Booms (Gold Rush)**  
1840 190,408  
1869 1,592,157

**Nation in Crisis**  
*WWI & II - The Great Depression*  
Many homeless - many old and frail in need

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

**The First Baptists**

- Free settlers with a missionary spirit
- At once preachers & church planters
- Critical of the treatment of Aborigines

**HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

**Baptists Go National**

- Movement spreads from Sydney to Melbourne, Hobart, Launceston, Brisbane and wider Sydney
- Witness and churches among diggers and in rural communities
- VIC, SA & NSW/ACT form State Baptist Unions

**MOMENTUM BUILDS**

**Deepening Foundations**

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

**GREATER SOCIETAL INFLUENCE**

**An Era of Need**

- Need ignites outreach to the homeless and aging
- Baptist Care Agencies established  
SA – 1913  
NSW – 1944  
VicTas – 1945  
Qld – 1949  
NT – 1970  
WA – 1972
- ABM through Baptist Care Australia supports the work of these agencies
- Arthur Stace writes ETERNITY half a million times throughout the streets of Sydney
- Australian Baptist Ministries (ABM) established 1926

**ENTER BAPTIST CARE**

**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

**Baptist Response**

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

**EVANGELISM GATHERS A NEW MOMENTUM**

**New Ministries**

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

**ENTER BAPTIST WORLD AID AUSTRALIA & OTHER KEY MINISTRY ARMS**

**The Days Ahead**

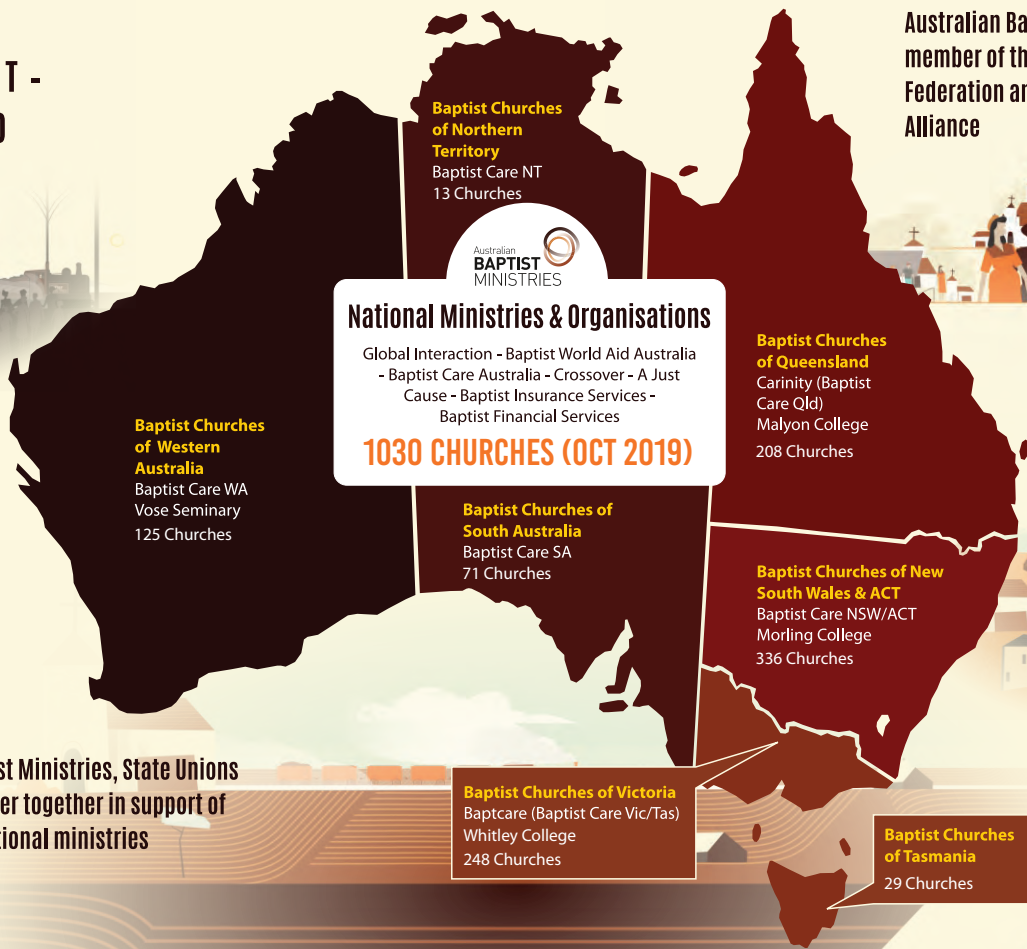
- A multi-cultural and multi-generational movement
- The 3rd largest worshipping community in Australia
- 1) Catholics 1,000,004
- 2) Anglicans 214,378
- 3) **Baptists 170,178**
- 4) UCA 167,000
- 5) Pentecostals 148,900
- We are Diverse, Jesus-Centered & Mission-Shaped.
- The tracks of our journey spread far and wide but the baton is passing to a new generation to shape the future

**OUR MOVEMENT TODAY AND OUR BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE**

## THE MOVEMENT - NATIONAL AND BY STATE

The Baptist work in Australia began in Sydney in 1831, forty-three years after the British penal colony was established

Through Australian Baptist Ministries, State Unions and local churches partner together in support of key national and international ministries



Australian Baptist Ministries is a member of the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation and the Baptist World Alliance

### National Ministries & Organisations

Global Interaction - Baptist World Aid Australia  
- Baptist Care Australia - Crossover - A Just Cause - Baptist Insurance Services - Baptist Financial Services

**1030 CHURCHES (OCT 2019)**