

## History of Blue Care

***Our Mission - to promote and deliver quality caring services based on the compassion of Christ.***

Blue Care employs over 10,000 people across more than 260 centers in Queensland and northern New South Wales helping provide compassionate care to more than 12,500 people every day.

Blue Care began life as the Blue Nursing Service, an outreach initiative of the members of the congregation of the Methodist Mission at West End in inner Brisbane.

The Service began through the vision and urgings of its founder, the Reverend Arthur Preston. The first house call by a 'Blue Nurse' (so named because of the colour of her uniform) was logged on August 24, 1953 when Sister Olive Crombie travelled by tram to tend to a patient.

There was no doubting the degree of demand within the community for what the Blue Nursing Service was able to offer. The organisation rapidly expanded and diversified its capabilities to meet those needs. As community needs grew so did the Service and it rapidly expanded across the State.

In 1977, with the union of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the Blue Nursing Service came under the banner of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod.

In 1999 the organisation adopted a new name, 'Blue Care' to better reflect the many services now provided.

The name 'Blue Care' was chosen to retain some of that identity but also reflect the diversity of compassionate caring services offered by the organisation.

Blue Care is committed to the provision of services across communities irrespective of class, colour or creed.

### Our Staff

For over 55 years Blue Care has attracted staff to a variety of careers that are ever changing and growing to meet the needs of our clients in community care and residential aged care.

Without the care, dedication and commitment of our staff we would be unable to provide the depth and breadth of services we provide in the community.

Our staff have built the foundations of Blue Care through their commitment and continuing excellence to define the organisation we are today.

### Our Values

**Compassion** - Through our understanding and empathy for others we bring holistic care, hope and inspiration.

**Respect** - We accept and honour diversity, uniqueness and the contribution of others.

**Justice** - We commit to focus on the needs of the people we serve and to work for a fair, just and sustainable society.

**Working together** - We value and appreciate the richness of individual contributions, partnerships and teamwork.

**Leading through learning** - Our culture encourages innovation and supports learning.

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