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THE CARING FAMILIES ASSOCIATION INC. COLLECTION

Community Services, Northern Tasmania

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INTRODUCTION

The Caring Families Association Inc. was formed at a Christmas party held at Mr Laurie Kelly's home at Westbury in 1978. Composed of families of people who suffered from life threatening diseases, such as leukemia, its aim was to give emotional and financial support to those families and to raise money for research and for equipment used in treatment of those diseases. Association meetings were held at various northern Tasmania locations, with information about the Association available from the Children's Ward at the Launceston General Hospital.

At the time the Association was formed, there were virtually no financial or emotional support mechanisms available for children suffering from leukemia or any life threatening disease, nor for their families.

By 1999 numerous groups and organisations existed which offered a wide range of assistance. That year, because the Association's membership was not expanding and it had become difficult to attract new people, the Association amalgamated with "Bluey Day", an organisation with similar objectives. The new name was to be Bluey Day Caring Families Inc. However this move did not prove successful and the Association was dissolved on 9 March 2000.

During the 22 years of its existence the Association raised and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars for equipment and furnishings for facilities that cared for sufferers of leukemia and other life threatening diseases.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in July 2001.

1. Legal Records

1/1	The Caring Families Association Incorporated, constitution	1980
1/2	Certificate of incorporation of an association	1980
1/3	Letter re amendments to rules	1992
1/4	Bluey Day, Caring Families Inc., draft constitution	nd
1/5	Certificate of change of name to Bluey Day. Caring Families Incorporated	2000
1/6	Bluey Day. Caring Families Incorporated, notice of dissolution and cancellation of incorporation and associated correspondence	2000

2. Minutes of Meetings

2/1	Minutes of meetings (includes annual meetings, 18 February 1990-9 March 2000)	1990-2000
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3. Annual Reports

3/1	Annual reports	1991-1999
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4. Financial Records

4/1	Financial statements, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1992-2000 and associated correspondence	1987-2000
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5. Correspondence

5/1	Correspondence (6 items)	1987-2001
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6. Miscellaneous Items

6/1	Scrapbook (includes newspaper cuttings, photographs, order of service for V L Kelly's funeral etc)	1979-1999
6/2	Scrapbook (includes newspaper cuttings, photographs, order of service for Kate Campbell's, Arthur Hewitt's funerals etc)	1997-2001
6/3	The Caring Families, certificate of appreciation from Camp Quality	1986
6/4	Mary Joyce (committee member, later patron of The Caring Families Association Inc.), certificate of appreciation from Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation	1989

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| 6/5 | The Caring Families Association, certificate of appreciation from Ronald McDonald House Charities | 1997 |
| 6/6 | Caring Families Inc., certificate of recognition from International Year of Volunteers | 2001 |
| 6/7 | <i>Tasmania's first Camp Quality, Ulverstone, 7-14 December 1986, Ulverstone, 1986; Camp Quality Tasmania 1989, Launceston?, 1989</i> | 1986, 1989 |
| 6/8 | <i>The Archive</i> No. 22, May 1998 (includes a history of the Spurr Wing) | 1998 |
| 6/10 | The Caring Families Association Inc., letter paper, information card | nd |
| 6/11 | The Caring Families Association Inc., list of records etc (one page) | 2000? |
| 6/12 | The Caring Families Incorporated Company Seal | |

OTHER SOURCES

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