



MEDIA RELEASE

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Victorian Redress for historical abuse and neglect in institutional care

The Alliance for Forgotten Australians is pleased to see substantial financial commitment to the Victorian Redress Scheme announced by the Allen Government in the 2024/2025 state budget. This commitment follows the Premiers formal Apology in Parliament in February 2024.

\$165 million has been committed to establish a new redress scheme for Victorians who prior to 1990 were placed in institutional care and experienced physical, psychological, and emotional abuse or neglect.

‘This commitment is an important part of implementing the redress scheme for Victorians, said Caroline Carroll, Chair of AFA.

Ms. Carroll thanked Premier Jacinta Allen for committing funding to the Scheme, and for recognizing the importance of co-designing the process and functioning of the scheme with those of us with lived experience.

AFA looks forward to engaging with the Government to implement the scheme so it can be operational in 2024, and access to the scheme can be equitable and fair.

About AFA

The Alliance for Forgotten Australians is committed to recognition and healing for Forgotten Australians and encourages their active engagement in the development of policy and services.

The Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA), formed in 2006, is an organisation which promotes the interests of the estimated 500,000 people known as Forgotten Australians, who experienced institutional or other out-of-home care as children and young people in the last century in Australia, many of whom suffered physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse while in ‘care’.

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