

Looking Back.....Moving Forward

Annual Report 2000/2001



"The organisation has taken forward the best characteristics of its founding agencies and developed a strong recognition of its history and the story of its founding congregations..."

The key features of our vision are drawn from the experience of our first four years, our knowledge of the present and our hopes for the future. We acknowledge our achievements in establishing a respected, growing and financially sound organisation; similarly we name the challenges of strengthening our internal relations, balancing workloads and expectations and further refining and evaluating our practice and service outcomes."

**MacKillop Family Services
Strategic Plan 2001-2004**

Yesterday... Today... Tomorrow...

A gum tree –
The old bark,
Now brown and cracked
Was falling away
And was revealing
Dresden china-like
Grey-blue-pink
Of the new bark
Underneath.
For a long time
The old bark
Had nurtured the life of the new –
Now that its work was nearly done
The old bark's new life
Had already begun.

**Nora Lyne RSM
from *Earth Wisdom Meditations***

"I cannot end this letter without asking you, one and all, to look back a little and see what our good God has done for us during the past few years...see what dangers threatened us...what trials...Thus it will be to the end. God will protect {God's} own work."

**Mary MacKillop
11 December 1880**

