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 Our Impact milestones

 Corporate milestones

2021

Australian Unity launches first Our Impact report

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2020

180 years of Australian Unity

2019

Mutual Capital Instruments

Following successful lobbying to the Australian Government, Australian Unity is the first mutual to issue Mutual Capital Instruments for the purpose of raising permanent capital

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2016

Australian Unity acquires the Home Care Service of NSW from the New South Wales Government

2016

Herston Quarter development

Australian Unity announced as master developer for the \$1.1 billion integrated health, ageing and research precinct at Herston Quarter, Queensland

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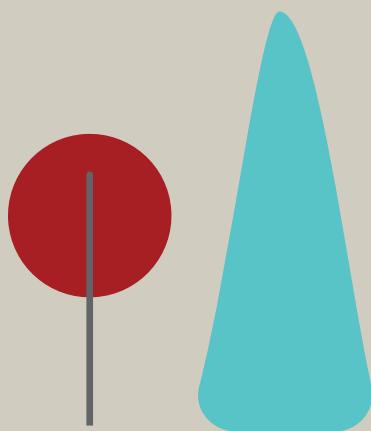
2012

Big Sky Credit Union joins to form Australian Unity Bank

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2009

Lifeplan Funds Management (leaders in investments, funeral bonds and education savings plans) joins Australian Unity



2004

Grand United joins Australian Unity

2008

Remedy Healthcare

Australian Unity launches Remedy Healthcare, which goes on to become a leading provider of allied health and health coaching programs

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2001

Australian Unity Wellbeing Index

Australian Unity partners with Deakin University to launch the Australian Unity Wellbeing Index

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1993

Australian Unity formed from a merger of Manchester Unity and the Australian Natives' Association (ANA) in Victoria

1961

ANA dental clinic opens

The ANA open their first dental clinic after identifying the need to provide dental services to the community

1948

Grand Unity Centenary Centre

To celebrate its centenary, Grand United opens the Centenary Centre Homes for the Aged and the War Memorial Nursing Home

1932

Creating jobs

The construction of the Manchester Unity building in Melbourne is the organisation's response to the need to create jobs for hundreds of members and others during a period of economic depression

1913

Strength of the mutual sector

By this time, 51% of Victorians were a member of a friendly society with the appeal of community-focused social connections and mutuals keeping numbers strong

1904

Asking what matters

The ANA begins a tradition of publishing national questions to create debate on issues affecting Australia and Australians

1900

ANA's Australasian Women's Association (AWA) established

The AWA support honorary member Vida Goldstein's bid as one of the first woman in the world to stand for parliament

1890s

Access to education

The ANA support the establishment off a centralised public school system based on the principles of free, secular and compulsory education

1871

The ANA is established in Victoria

1870

Homes for aged and disadvantaged members

Using land granted by the Crown, Manchester Unity establishes a home for aged and disadvantaged members in Carlton, Melbourne

1860

United Friendly Society Dispensaries

In response to concerns some pharmacies were diluting medicines and taking excess profits, a number of friendly societies take matters into their own hands and start their own dispensaries

1846

First Manchester Unity meeting held

Chaired by founding member, Dr A F A Greeves who subsequently becomes Mayor of Melbourne and who campaigns for a bridge over Merri Creek to reduce loss of life during floods. Another early member, John Thomas Smith, builds Queens Theatre and raises money to instal streetlights on Queens Street.

1848

Grand United Order of Oddfellows founded in New South Wales

1840

Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows founded in Victoria

