

# St Giles history at a glance

1930s

- City of Launceston, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, APEX, and Service Clubs meet and form St Giles
- Funds raised for equipment and purchase of the Waterworth Property – Newstead
- St Giles Home Opened

1950s

- New outbreak of polio
- Several building expansions including George Record Wing
- Hydrotherapy service introduced
- Parents and Friends formed
- St Giles assists formation of ACROD

1950s

- Jo Cook Memorial Fund established
- Occupational Therapy introduced
- St Giles assists formation of Self Help Business Services

1970s

- First Electric Wheelchair purchased
- Therapy Centre and Independent Living Units constructed

1980s

- Additional Independent Living Units constructed
- Newstead Heights School established
- Adult Supported Accommodation and In Home Support Services set up
- Weekend and Holiday Children's Respite Services introduced
- Adult Independent Living programme established
- St Giles services expanded statewide

1990s

- Supported Accommodation programme expanded across Northern Tasmania
- Holiday Home developed
- Seating and Equipment Clinic service introduced
- Government Northern Tasmania Paediatric Therapy Services transfer to St Giles
- Deinstitutionalisation of Children's services completed
- Supported Accommodation programme expanded
- In Home personal support services introduced for children

2000s

- New respite centre for Launceston
- Seating and equipment Clinic relocated to new premises and mobile seating service introduced
- Childrens In Home Support services expanded
- Amy Road building redevelopment completed including therapy services
- Ability First Australia formed
- New Respite service opened in Hobart
- Ability First Australia and St Giles affiliate with Easter Seals – Disability Services – USA
- New Seating Clinic Complex established, "The Margaret Mack Centre"
- New Children's Respite Centre established in Launceston as a duplex facility to the existing Respite Centre
- Tasmania's largest fully accessible playground opened at Launceston Respite Centres
- St Giles won the CGU Launceston Chamber of Commerce 2008 Business Excellence Award in the Bendigo Bank sponsored Not for Profit section
- St Giles appointed to manage the Southern Children's Allied Health and Rehabilitation Service