

Remember Honour Acknowledge

Good Shepherd Residents 1863-1984

Launch of Memorial 11 February 2018



Province Leader Sr Monica Walsh (above) and
Ms Fran Jenkins (Memorial Committee)
address the gathering



REMEMBER HONOUR ACKNOWLEDGE

This memorial honours the thousands of women and children who lived in Good Shepherd homes across Australia from 1863 to the 1980s.

From a distance the memorial appears austere – a steel cylindrical object weathering within a garden. On approach, there is a hint of complexity, words become apparent, cut into the steel skin. Selected to capture a wide spectrum of emotions and experiences, each word gives off a slight glow, hinting at what is contained within.

Inside the steel skin is a bed of resin, with hundreds of zinc fragments cast in layers – suspended, floating – each fragment represents an individual who has shared in this collective experience, each with their own unique story. A mirror is cast into the base, which when viewed through the resin gives a sense of endlessness, of a void – the absent, the missing – missing childhoods, families and a sense of belonging.

As sunlight enters the memorial, it bounces and reflects off the mirror, off the polished steel interior – illuminating each fragment – scattering throughout to create a diffuse glow – evoking a sense of hope, connection and community.

THIS MEMORIAL WAS LAUNCHED ON 11 FEBRUARY 2018.

