

UCA Redress Ltd

Monthly update – April 2022



Please be aware content may reference child sexual abuse. For support, please visit [here](#)

We acknowledge and pay respect to the First Nations people of the land on which our services are delivered.

We acknowledge children entrusted to the care of the Church did not always receive the care they deserved.

If you would like to make an application for redress, please go to: [Home](#) | [National Redress Scheme](#)

Care experienced history month

April is Care Experienced History Month, which was marked formally for the first time in Australia in 2021. Information can be found here:

<https://www.careexperiencedhistorymonth.org/>

Remembrance ceremonies, reunions, marking anniversaries can be important for people who were in care or other institutional settings as children. It can provide an anchor to reconnect with those with whom they spent time as children. It can also be a painful reminder of the absence of family, removal from community, and, sometimes, of abuse and neglect experienced in care.

Over 80% of redress applications to the UCA are in relation to abuse that occurred in out-of-home care – children were extremely vulnerable to abuse in these settings, away from protective adults. The stories in the applications don't tell us about grooming – children were abused sometimes under the thin guise of punishment or correction, or no guise at all. Abuse was often accompanied by neglect, harsh discipline, cruelty and requirements to undertake physical labour. We know that the impact on people's physical and mental health is lifelong.

The telling of stories and never forgetting the past is important for survivors of abuse, institutions and communities, especially in the context of redress where lessons learned are a vital input to shape current safety practice.

Upcoming training – all 12-1.30pm AEST
6 April - Trauma informed practice
1 June - Overview of the National Redress Scheme
15 June - Direct Personal Response in the UCA

To register email info@redress.uca.org.au

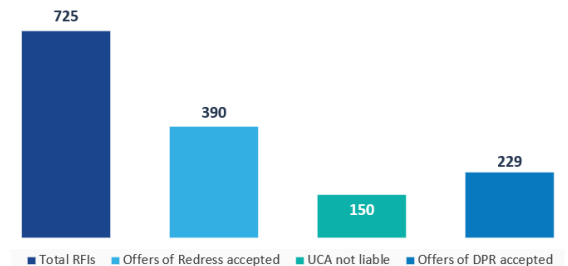
13,948

Total applications to National Redress Scheme (25/2/22)

Uniting Church data



As at 31 March 2022



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