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ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024



St Vincent de Paul Society
NORTHERN TERRITORY
good works

OUR ORGANISATION

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international, voluntary, Catholic organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing assistance to the poor.

Founded in France by a group of young men in 1833, the principal founder was Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Today the Society has more than 950,000 members in 150 countries. The first Australian Conference was established in Melbourne in 1854. The first Northern Territory Conference, St Mary's Star of the Sea Conference Darwin, was launched in September 1949 and is still assisting Territorians today.

OUR VISION

The St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory is pursuing our goals of spirituality and membership, governance and leadership, financial sustainability within key areas of growth and service delivery in our advocacy of the poor.

OUR MISSION

The Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope, and joy; to shape a more just and compassionate society.

OUR VALUES

Commitment – be loyal in service to our mission, vision and values

Compassion – serving all with understanding, without judgement

Respect – serve all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions

Integrity – promote and follow our mission, vision and values

Empathy – foster relationships based on respect, trust and friendship

Advocacy – work to transform the causes of poverty and challenge the causes of human injustice

Courage – encourage spiritual growth, welcome innovation and give hope for the future

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

Buy new at Vinnies - soap range



2024 Womans day at Bakhita Centre



Order of Malta & St Mary's Conference Members

"It is our vocation to set people's hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love." - (Frédéric Ozanam)

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2024 Mid Year Social Party



WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOCELYN CULL

I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2023-2024. The year has been marked by significant growth, challenges and achievements as we continue to serve those in need across the Territory.

Our work remains deeply rooted in Frederic Ozanam's ideals, focusing on addressing homelessness, poverty and social inequality. Through the dedication of our members, volunteers, staff and supporters, we have made substantial progress in several key areas and expanded our capacity to serve.

Organisational Growth

The Society has experienced significant staff expansion this year, thanks to the generosity of the Society in Queensland and our National Council. This growth has allowed us to welcome key positions that will strengthen our operational capacity and project delivery.

Amongst others, we welcomed our new Project Director, Jack Noble and Chief Operating Officer, Bart Rademaker, to the Executive Team. These roles are crucial in enhancing our ability to identify, manage and deliver complex initiatives and improve operational efficiencies. Their expertise will be invaluable as we navigate the challenges ahead and work to expand our services.

Housing and Homelessness Initiatives

The Westralia Street Redevelopment project has been a major focus this year. This affordable housing initiative aims to provide crucial support for essential workers and low-income earners in Darwin. It also has the potential to generate revenue for the Society to reinvest in other programs. We expect this project to alleviate housing stress in our community, offering a sustainable solution to one of our most

pressing issues.

We successfully relocated Ozanam House to Coconut Grove, ensuring continuity of our services to those experiencing homelessness. While temporary, the new location offers improved facilities and services, allowing us to better meet the needs of our companions.

In partnership with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, we continue to work with the Northern Territory Government to find a location for our new Interim Accommodation Facility. This culturally appropriate facility provides wrap-around services, addressing immediate housing needs and long-term support for individuals and families. This initiative exemplifies our commitment to providing holistic, integrated, culturally sensitive solutions to homelessness.

Community Engagement and Partnerships

Our collaboration with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation has been instrumental in ensuring our services are culturally appropriate and reach those most in need. This partnership has strengthened our ability to serve our First Nations communities effectively.

We are proud of the re-establishment of our Alice Springs Conference, expanding our reach in Central Australia. This development allows us to provide much-needed services to the local community and lays the foundation for future growth. The Alice Springs Conference will play a crucial role in addressing the unique challenges faced by Central Australian communities.

Expanding Our Reach

The anticipated opening of our new Santa Teresa Store next year, marks an important step in supporting remote communities. The

concept has received significant support from the community and will provide affordable goods and employment opportunities for residents.

Financial Summary

Despite ongoing economic challenges, we've maintained a stable financial position. This stability is thanks to our donors' generosity, the support of the government through grants, and prudent financial management by our Executive and staff. While representing an investment in our future, our new staff positions have been carefully planned for and budgeted to ensure we can sustain and expand our services.

Acknowledgments and Partnerships

We are profoundly grateful for Bishop Charles's and our Diocese's ongoing support. Their spiritual guidance and practical support have been invaluable in our work. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our fellow NGO organisations, including the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care and NT Shelter, which have supported us through the progression of our projects. The spirit of collaboration and mutual support within the non-profit sector has been a source of strength and inspiration.

Our members and volunteers deserve special recognition. Their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment are the backbone of our organisation. We also sincerely appreciate our staff, who bring professionalism and passion to their roles daily.

We express our sincere gratitude to our donors, both individual and corporate. Your generosity enables us to continue our vital work and expand our services to reach more people in need.

We also acknowledge the support of the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments, whose support for our initiatives has been crucial in addressing the complex challenges we face.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, we remain committed to addressing the root causes of homelessness and poverty. We will continue to advocate for social justice and work towards sustainable solutions for those in need.

Our goals for the coming year include:

- Continuing to deliver on our key housing strategy projects;
- Expanding our services in regional and remote areas;
- Strengthening our member and volunteer base; and
- Continuing and expanding our community engagement activities.

As we face these challenges and opportunities, we are reminded of Frédéric Ozanam's words:

"Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveller who has been attacked. It is justice's role to prevent the attack."

This sentiment continues to guide our approach, balancing immediate aid with long-term solutions and advocacy.

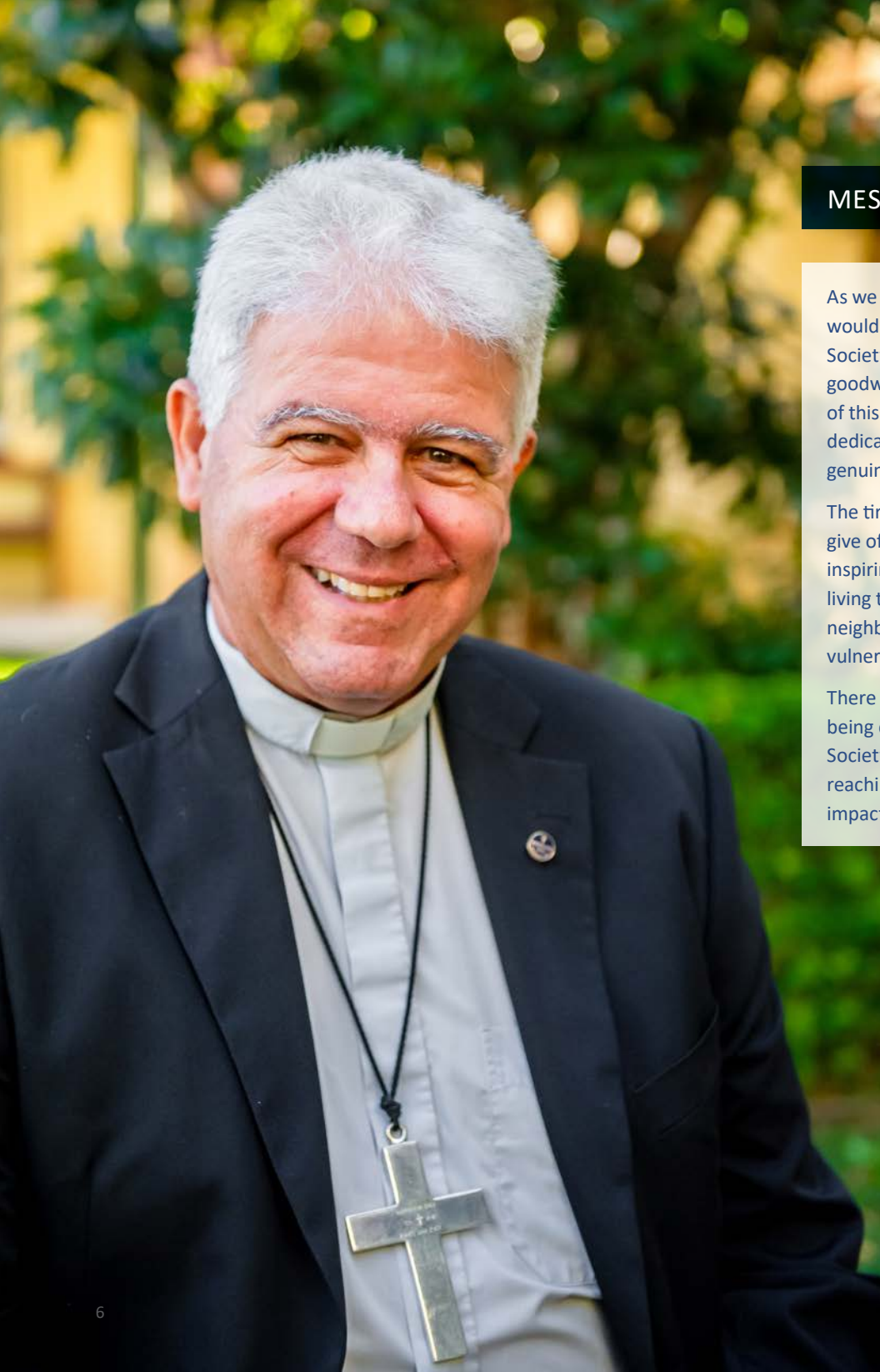
Together, we make a real difference in the lives of those experiencing hardship across the Northern Territory. As we face the challenges ahead, I am confident that the spirit of compassion and service that defines the St Vincent de Paul Society will continue to guide our efforts.



Jocelyn Cull
President
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory



2023 Congress in NSW



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

As we journey together through another year, I would like to recommend the St Vincent de Paul Society to all in our Diocese and to all people of goodwill within the Northern Territory. The work of this Society is truly remarkable in its dedication to reaching out to those in need with genuine care, compassion and love.

The tireless efforts of so many volunteers who give of their time, energy and talents are deeply inspiring. These selfless acts of service are a living testament to the Christian call to love our neighbour, especially those who are most vulnerable.

There are numerous creative projects currently being developed and reflected upon by the Society, each designed to extend this mission of reaching out to others in meaningful and impactful ways.

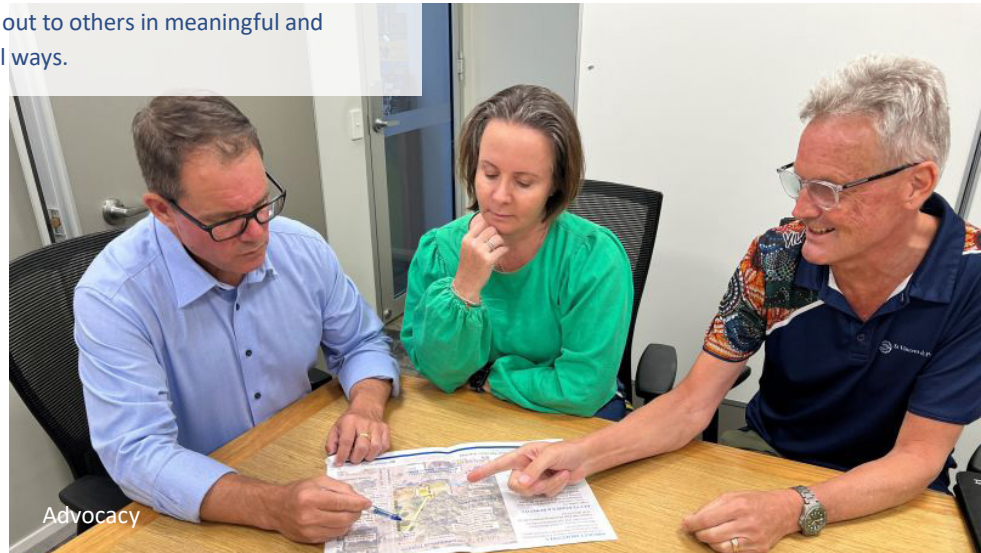
BISHOP CHARLES GAUCI

I consider this work to be vital to the life and mission of our Church, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to all.

May God's blessings be upon each one of you as you continue this noble work. Together, let us keep reaching out to those in need, embodying the love and compassion of Christ in all that we do.

God bless you!

The Most Reverend
Charles Gauci
Bishop of Darwin



MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

FATHER ADAM CROUCH

Hi everyone,

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus says if we listen to his words and act on them, we will be like sensible people who build their houses on rock.

This is important as we face challenges coming against us every day.

We need to follow Jesus' words of forgiveness, not to judge others but to go the extra mile with them.

These words act like a rock that we can cling to and stand up against the storms, floods and gales of life.

God Bless,



Fr Adam Crouch
Spiritual Advisor
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory





CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ROB LUTTER

As the cost of living continues to rise, from supermarket checkouts to fuel prices and even the basic expense of keeping the lights on, many Territorians have been pushed to their limits. Consequently, the number of people seeking assistance from the Society has significantly increased over the last financial year. This growing demand has required an expansion of our efforts.

Most importantly, our ability to respond has been made possible by the tireless work of our Members and the generous support we continue to receive through donations and volunteering.

This year, our staff team has taken on new roles and responsibilities with incredible enthusiasm. It is truly an honour and privilege to work alongside such outstanding individuals. Their dedication has provided the Society with a solid foundation to advance our strategic goals.

While there is a long road ahead, we remain hopeful about the recent attention by all levels of Government towards the housing and homeless crisis in the Northern Territory.

Ozanam House temporarily moved to Coconut Grove with the long term aim of a permanent site for our Interim Accommodation Facility on Crown Land. The redevelopment of the Westralia Street site to encompass an affordable housing complex. Expanding our Age Care Services and developing our new Outreach Service. We are growing our service provision to meet our companion's ever-growing needs.

This year, the combined financial position of the Society and SVDP Housing NT Ltd is strong, with a slight deficit of \$41,907 generated from revenue of \$7,384,171 and expenses totalling \$7,426,078. Our total current assets stand at \$4,885,851 with total equity amounting to \$20,261,869.

Our goal is to establish a stable financial foundation that allows us to invest in opportunities benefiting our companions. We will adopt an entrepreneurial mindset to generate the necessary funds to support our service delivery.

SVDP Housing NT Ltd has now completed its first year. We are committed to the expansion of our Housing initiatives and the enhancement of tenant management, underscoring the Society's dedication to offering quality housing solutions. We have become an accredited Tier Two Community Housing provider illustrating our commitment to lifting our standards.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to President Jocelyn Cull and the Territory Council for their invaluable support and guidance throughout this financial year. To our members and volunteers, your contributions are truly indispensable, and it is your dedication that powers our good works. Lastly, I sincerely thank all our staff members; your hard work has been a fundamental pillar of our success this year.

Thank you all for your continued compassion and dedication in supporting those in need during these challenging times.

Rob Lutter
Chief Executive Officer
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory



Jimmy and Rob at Ozanam House in Stuart Park

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2023/2024

AT A GLANCE

27,125

Territorians assisted

HELPING HANDS

-25% decrease
in members

12% increase
in volunteers

11% increase
in employees



REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

Emergency relief services

3,446

Transport program



1,996

trips

Home maintenance



7,534

hours

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

\$195,005

direct financial assistance

\$46,105

in kind support



3,296

total ER Territorians helped

OUTCOMES

\$2,422,710

in Centres of Charity revenue

-2% ↓

\$3,201,905

in government funding

↑ 7%

\$1,225,767

in client contributions

↑ 1%

HELPING THE HOMELESS



9,859

showers
provided



4,482

loads of
washing



67,891

meals
provided

ACCOMMODATION

89,848

nights of accommodation provided.

-5% ↓



135

tenancies under management

WHO WE ARE

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NORTHERN TERRITORY

WHERE IT BEGAN

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris in 1833 by Frédéric Ozanam and his school peers. The Society's namesake was ordained as a priest in 1600 at the age of 19, known later as "The Apostle of Charity" and "Father of the Poor." The compassionate outlook, enthusiasm and vision of the Society's founders continues today. The Society was established by like-minded people who wanted to put their Catholic faith into action.

"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands." -(Frédéric Ozanam)

St Vincent de Paul Society NT is a lay Catholic organisation, meaning our people are not vowed to life in a religious congregation. We are ordinary people who foster friendships based on respect and trust and remain loyal to the Society's mission, vision and values. Our principally volunteer-based, not-for-profit organisation performs good works across our local communities which if paid, would mean that the Society could not reach those in need.

OUR TERRITORY MEMBERS

Since 1949, NT Members deliver Community Programs and Services across Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and remote communities, with 47 Conference Members, 2 Associate Members, 144 Volunteer Members, 532 Members on Leave and 49 Staff Members.

In September 2024, the St Vincent de Paul Society NT will celebrate our diamond jubilee of 75 Years from the establishment of the first Conference in the Northern Territory, St Mary's Start of the Sea.

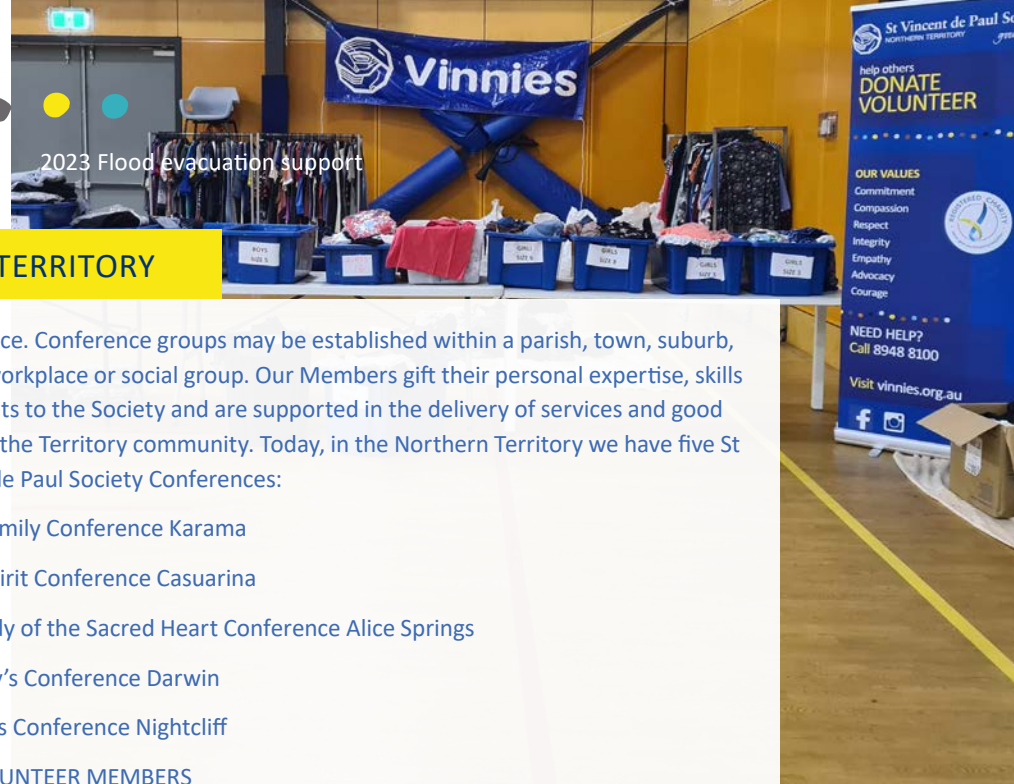
OUR INTERCONTINENTAL IMPACT

Internationally, the Society is active in 150 countries through 800,000 Members and 1,500,000 Volunteers. The Society helps over 30 million people every day. In Australia, St Vincent de Paul Society has 45,000 Members and Volunteers performing good works.

OUR CONFERENCE MEMBERS

At the core of our Society are our Conference Members, known as Vincentians. They live out their faith and volunteer their time by joining together in a

2023 Flood evacuation support



Conference. Conference groups may be established within a parish, town, suburb, school, workplace or social group. Our Members gift their personal expertise, skills and talents to the Society and are supported in the delivery of services and good works to the Territory community. Today, in the Northern Territory we have five St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences:

- Holy Family Conference Karama
- Holy Spirit Conference Casuarina
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Conference Alice Springs
- St Mary's Conference Darwin
- St Paul's Conference Nightcliff

OUR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

St Vincent de Paul Society is blessed with devoted Volunteer Members. The important work of volunteers means that the Society can use its resources directly in service of the poor. Volunteer Members are those who respect the ethos, mission, aims and objectives of the Society and who volunteer in any of the Society's Programs and/ or Services.

OUR STAFF MEMBERS

Our staff provide operational support in executive and administrative roles to assist in the development of the organisation. They ensure the Society functions sustainably and delivers on our commitment to the community and those who fund our community service activities.

WHY WE SERVE

Ultimately, it is the wholehearted commitment to our Companions, those we assist, that galvanizes each of us to respond to a plea for help. Our Companions, with their challenges, their strength and resilience, inspire us daily to do more. They are our blessing.

The Society is always looking for volunteers who rise to the challenge of supporting those who are marginalized and disadvantaged.

FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

TO LIVE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

A HELPING HAND IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Our Conferences walk in the path of Jesus and work tirelessly throughout the year. We are a lay Catholic organisation and our Member's faith in our mission and vision bring love, strength and hope. Our people devote their hearts and hands to easing the burdens of the poor and disadvantaged, whose challenges are ever present.

Member undertakings include visiting homes, hospitals and prisons, distributing Christmas hampers to families, organizing fundraising events and running programs and activities for our Companions, the people we serve.

"There are two reasons why we join together ... Number one is, that by drawing closer to the poor, we draw closer to God ... My second reason is, that our membership in such a union will bear silent and humble witness to the faith that is in us..." —(Frédéric Ozanam)

Our Companions come to us seeking compassion. They may have drug or alcohol dependency, be escaping domestic violence, or be struck by an unexpected crisis such as serious illness or unemployment. They might be

experiencing inherited hardship or be refugees seeking a new life. Whatever their circumstance, our Companions are all Children of God, deserving of respectful care.

THE RULE

Our good works are guided by 'The Rule' (7th Edition). Within The Rule there are five elements above all others on which we focus: the need for prayer, both individual and collective; our personal commitment through action; the unity in which we must share as brothers and sisters; the universality of our commitment to serve the poor and marginalised; and our vocation as members of the Church community.

MEMBERSHIP

St Vincent de Paul Society welcomes all who subscribe to our ethos to join and serve. We welcome all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions as we serve in the same regard.

All our Conferences are taking steps to develop their membership and attract new members to continue

strengthening their work and contribution to the Society's good works.

The Society continually supports the formation and training of its Members to deepen their spirituality and knowledge of the Society. By honing and exercising their skills, Members improve their sensitivity, quality and efficiency of service. We offer a hand up, helping Companions be informed of benefits, resources and opportunities that are available for people in need.

While new Members have joined this year, some long-standing, valued members have retired or passed away, but their contribution and compassionate legacy lives on in the work of the Society for the poor. They each lived the Society's motto that 'No Act of Charity is foreign' and we are grateful for the many years of generous service provided by all Members who are no longer with the Society.

Thanks to our committed Conference, Volunteer and Staff Members, without whom the Society would be unable to advocate for Territorians in need.

REST IN PEACE AND BE REMEMBERED

HANNE LORE STAMM
MARGARET & JACK EVENS
MARGARET O'LOUGHLIN



2023 AGM

CONFERENCE REPORTS

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

COMBINED STATISTICS

47

Conference
Members

2

Associate
Members

17

Conference
Volunteers

450

Christmas
Hampers

134

Bread Delivery
Hours

229

Companion
Visitations

723

Companion
Phone Calls

526

Emergency
Relief Hours

1,579

Centres of
Charity Hours



2023 Festival Mass at Holy Spirit Church

HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE

- At the Society Christmas gathering, John Tobin was awarded the Vincentian Cross in Recognition for Outstanding Dedication to the works of the Society and for upholding Vincentian Values.
- Holy Family has continued to hold BBQ's during the Dry with the residents at Park Lodge. Residents and Conference Members are forging friendships thanks to these regular events.
- The Holy Family Parish was extremely generous with donations toward the Christmas Hamper Project.
- The Sacred Heart School has continued their generosity with their annual donation.
- We have held one "Food for Thought" dinner this year, enjoyed by Conference Members past and present.
- The Conference has been able to fund two Indonesian students through the Society "Assist a Student" Program.
- Two Conference Members attended the St Vincent de Paul Society National Congress held in Sydney in 2023.
- The Conference has continued with home visits, welfare calls, prison visitation, providing assistance to companions with furniture, white goods, garden clean-ups, emergency relief interviews and general support. The bread distribution unfortunately has now been discontinued.
- The Holy Family parish piety stall is also stocked and managed by the Conference.



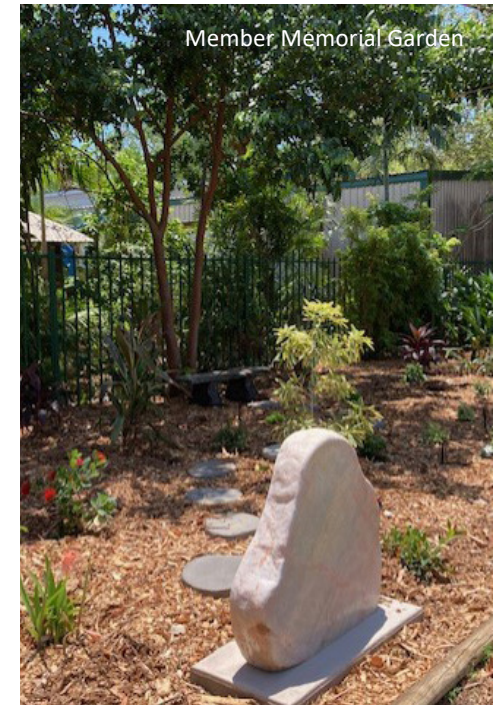
Holy Family Members lunch

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HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

- Holy Spirit Conference provided social, emotional and material support, some from new referrals via Members, the parish, ER and from ongoing contact with previous referrals.
- Assistance with food vouchers, a high area of demand. With the increased cost of food, we are noticing we have some families who ask for help each fortnight or so as they have run out before next pension payment is due.
- Assisted with furniture, beds and bedding; purchased washing machines and kitchen appliances; obtained supply of curtains from warehouse, purchased and supplied curtain rods and did some sewing of the curtains. Some Companions' were moving into Territory Housing with very little in the way of whitegoods, furniture and bedding. We have purchased/ made curtains and rods as the houses were not supplied with either.
- Identified an asbestos problem for a Companion renting. Advocated for safety of the family and asbestos removal. Assisted with cost of home repairs to ensure ongoing tenancy.
- Made fuel and car registration payments essential for helping companions get to work.
- We continue to provide grocery cards for the priests at Holy Spirit and St Martin's, to assist with requests for help from people in need.
- Visits to elderly and housebound Territorians for companionship.
- Phone calls to Companions to check on welfare and 'just to talk,' fostering relationships of trust and friendship, which Companions appreciate.
- Conference gave referrals and information regarding grief counselling and community mental health services.
- Bread collections and delivery continued until early 2024 when Northlakes Bakery closed.
- Piety sales continue to do well with items available at one or more Masses each weekend.
- Our Society Vintertainers group, which entertains residents at the Tiwi Aged Care, continues when numbers and Covid cases permit.
- One member remains very involved in the archiving project.
- We contributed to the St Paul's and Holy Family BBQs at Ted Collins and Park Lodge.
- We continue to support the Holy Spirit School 'Making Jesus Real' award.
- Holy Spirit Conference members and volunteers delivered 82 hampers and 35 toy bags. Deliveries were to 16 houses, Dawn House, DAIWS Outreach, St Martin de Porres and Brother2Another – a new companion group for us.



HOME VISITATION SERVICES WERE FROM ER REFERRALS, FROM MEMBERS, PARISH PRIESTS, SVPNT OFFICE AND DIRECT APPROACHES FROM LONGSTANDING COMPANIONS. SOME VISITS ARE JUST TO THE GATE TO DROP OFF FOOD VOUCHERS TO KNOWN AND PREVIOUSLY VISITED COMPANIONS. REFERRALS FROM ER HAVE BEEN LESS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, DESPITE CURRENT COST OF LIVING ISSUES. THIS IS POSSIBLY RELATED TO LESS FACE-TO-FACE ER SESSIONS.

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ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

- St Mary's Conference (the Conference) is fairly diverse, with a broad membership, largely made up of younger working families.
- The Conference continues its strong emphasis on providing support to remote communities to extend the Society's reach out to people where they are, rather than wait for them to come to us.
- St Mary's Conference is building a strong relationship with the African Community, and has had a number of African community members join us on the trips to Daly River to support the community in Nauiyu and the surrounding outstations.
- The Conference members have, in conjunction with the Order of Malta, coordinated the planning and delivery of hampers, warm clothing and other supplies to a number of communities around Daly River in 2023 and 2024, including: Nauiyu, Emu Point, Wooliana and Woodycupaldiya.
- Hampers were delivered to Tiwi Island communities in 2023, with the support of Sealink to the Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School, where Principal Kellie McGinley has long been a supporter of the Conference's activities.
- The Conference has been working with Fr. Peter Huan MSC, a strong supporter of the Conference's activities in the Daly River communities, to build a statue outside of the Church at Nauiyu. Local indigenous contractor, AKJ Services, owned by Jessie Risk, a Larrakia woman, has built the base of the statue, which is anticipated to be installed in late 2024. The Conference, with the support of Fr. Daniel, the Parish Priest, has been in contact with the Merrepen Art Centre in Nauiyu to paint local artwork on the base of the statue.
- The Commonwealth Stronger Communities grant of \$20,000 covered the cost of fitting out a Mercedes all-wheel drive sprinter van to be the first Vinnies Bush Mobile Service, has been completed. The Bush Mobile bus has made a number of delivery runs to Nauiyu and Emu Point, and is proving to be very effective. Deliveries include clothes and storage tubs for crockery and cutlery, and other essential goods that may be hard to find in remote communities. The Conference is currently planning fundraising to support the staffing and operation of the first Vinnies Bush Mobile Service in the Top End as proof-of-concept, before trying to role the Bush Mobile service out across the Territory.
- The Conference has continued to play a role in Vinnies NT, with representation on the Social Justice Committee and the Housing Advisory Committee to SVDP Housing Nt Ltd.

At Nauiyu, Daly Waters



The Bush Mobile



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OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CONFERENCE

- 2023 marks the recommencement of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Conference after a number of years.
- Our Conference commenced our good works in November with five Conference Members joining.
- The primary focus of the conference has been the fitout and opening of the Alice Springs Emergency Relief Office which resumed face-to-face operations in February 2024.
- The Society's ER Manager has organised Member training to support our ER operations with local referrals.
- Emergency Relief funding is supported by an NT Government grant.

- Our Conference members have welcomed three new members thanks to word of mouth and Parish marketing. We are looking to expand our PR to engage with potential new members.
- Members supported one companion who needed furniture as they transitioned out of homelessness into subsidised accommodation.
- The Conference was originally meeting every month; however, more recently it has been meeting every three weeks. In 2023 we began meeting at the OLSH Parish office, however since the increased liaison with shop staff, meetings have continued in the Alice Springs Vinnies Store on Railway Terrace, where the Emergency Relief Office is also situated.
- Members have been preparing for future expansion of the home visitation service.

HOME VISITATION SERVICES ARE PARAMOUNT TO THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE ST VICENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. OUR CONFERENCES CONNECTED WITH ONE COMPANION WHOSE LIVING CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH THANKS TO MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS COMPASSION. WITH A CONFERENCE FUNDING OF THE HIRE A SKIP BIN TO REMOVE A YARD FULL OF RUBBISH, MOWING THE LAWN, PRUNING OVERGROWN PLANTS AND PROVIDING AN INTERIOR CLEAN, THAT IT HAS CHANGED THE COMPANIONS WHOLE DEAMEANOUR. SHE IS SO HAPPY AND GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP SHE HAS RECEIVED. COMPANION QUOTE ABOUT THE UNIT, "NOW, IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE A HOME AND NOT A PIGSTY."

ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE

- Conference Members attended the National Congress in NSW at the end of 2023.
- St Paul's Conference met weekly during the year, except for public Holidays.
- Home Visitation and requests for support is noted to be repeat visitations and not new Companions, with a significant drop-off in demand in general.
- St Paul's Conference received several cash donations during the reporting period, including a significant donation from St Paul's Nightcliff Parish.
- Our Conference Members celebrated a number of significant events including the birth of grandchildren and Mary Duff's 80 birthday.
- One Member continued visitations to residents in Pearl Retirement home.
- The Conference supported The Parish initiative "Annual Unity" Feast Day Mass celebration.
- Our Conference donated funds to another Society Conference.
- Our Members volunteered in the St Vincent de Paul's Emergency Relief team during the period and one of those same Members volunteered in a number of Vinnies Stores each week.
- Brumbies Bakery Northlakes ceased operations in early 2024. Unfortunately, a replacement supplier for bread deliveries has not been secured, despite a significant effort.
- Conference Members assisted parishioners with transport to Masses and Parish lunches.
- Key strategic goals for 2024 included: Pastoral visits to ageing parishioners, Transport (eg. ladies who lunch) meet for Supporting the silent poor, Continuing the Ted Collins Village dry season BBQ, Progressing with a Ted Collins Village Facility upgrade (Children's playground and electric BBQ), Promotion of Conference work in the Parish.

GET INVOLVED

HOW YOU HELP US TO HELP OTHERS



OUR LOYAL DONORS

We are indebted to our loyal donors for their generous financial assistance. This support assists the many activities undertaken by the Society and can be directed to specific Appeals or General Donations for our good works. St Vincent de Paul Society NT is registered by the ATO as a “Deductible Gift Recipient” Charity Organisation, meaning any donation over \$2 is TAX deductible.

WORKPLACE GIVING

Contributions can be automated through workplace giving, a joint relationship between employers, employees & St Vincent de Paul Society. Employees connect with their payroll team and donate on a regular basis a small portion of pre-tax salary to support our good works.

GIFTS OR BEQUESTS IN WILLS

A bequest to the Society makes lasting positive change. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life’s aims beyond your own lifetime.

DONATIONS OF GOODS

Our Vinnies Retail Stores and Centres of Charity are reliant on donations of quality second-hand clothing, furniture and household goods to generate revenue for Society programs that support our mission.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

As a registered charity, in-kind donations from business and corporate ABN holders are tax deductible.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

Being a part of our events, projects or service programs is a great way for Businesses or Corporates to give back to our Community. Whether through volunteering, financial assistance, in-kind donations, dollar match sponsorship or workplace fundraising, aligning with Vinnies is a great way to promote community contribution.

VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

Without the time and energy of dedicated Volunteers and Members to help the operation of our Programs, the Society could not reach those in need. The gift of service in any area of the Society is welcomed and deeply appreciated.

- Vinnies Shops - Donate items, sort clothes, merchandising, sales (Vinnies shops), truck and van driving, collection of goods and shop deliveries.
- Ozanam House - Prepare and serve breakfast and lunch, operate commercial laundry equipment, communicating and relating positively with disadvantaged people.
- Emergency Relief - Assist people in emergency situations with food, clothing and paying bills. Provide referrals to other services.
- Administration - General administrative duties.
- Archives - Support the archiving process of the Society’s historic work in the Northern Territory and Australia.
- Vinnies Events - Help Fundraising Events with set-up, pack-down, branding, public relations, raffles and sales.
- Home Visitation - Provide assistance to Territorians in need of support on a one-to-one basis through visitation.



MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

MIND, BODY, SOUL

We all lead busy lives, and it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be rewarding and can help achieve great things for the community, and also help better ourselves.

Volunteering does not have to involve long-term commitment or take a lot of time out of our busy day. Giving, even in a small way, not only helps St Vincent de Paul Society but can help make a difference to you by building connections, expanding career skills, and creating new opportunities.

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another". - (St Vincent de Paul)

You realize that behind every volunteer is a story of sorts, a lifetime of experiences that have led to them giving their time to a cause, and we are grateful for that, no matter the volunteer's motivation.

WHY VOLUNTEER

- Volunteering can have positive effects on a volunteer's mental health.
- To improve their community and contribute to a cause they care about.
- To be part of a team and enjoy socialising with other volunteers.
- Volunteering can offer people unique opportunities to get into new fields, and network with good people.
- Gain work experience and learn new skills.
- Enjoy new social and cultural experiences.
- Develop personally and build confidence.
- Contribute to the Society's mission and vision.
- Make a difference – every person counts.
- Have fun!

2023 SOCIETY RECOGNITION AWARDS

VINCENTIAN CROSS: JOHN TOBIN

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE: ERICA MCMASTER, FRANCES ABBOTT, JENNY DUGGAN OAM, JOAN HALVORSON

VALUES AWARD: BR MICK HANLEY, BRIAN LAPORTE, CHRISTINE JONES, KAY FAULKNER, MANIK GURAGAIN, MARY DUFF

VALUES AWARD - TEAM ACHIEVEMENT: VINNIES WAREHOUSE TEAM VOLUNTEERS GAIL, HELEN, HENRIETTA, JEREMEY, MARNI, MAY AND SUSAN. THE YOUTH WORX TEAM DANIEL, DAVE, HUNTER, KATRINA. STAFF LARNI, PAUL, SHANE AND TERRESSA.

VALUES AWARD INNOVATION: HELEN CURRIE

LENGTH OF SERVICE: GERRY COPELAND



OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

“LET US DO WITHOUT HESITATION WHATEVER GOOD LIES AT OUR HANDS” - FREDERIC OZANAM



JOCELYN CULL, PRESIDENT

Jocelyn Cull is President of the St Vincent de Paul Society (NT). She has been involved in the Society for about eight years, first joining the St Mary's Conference in 2015. She has been a Conference President, an NT Council Member and was extensively involved in Emergency Relief activities. Jocelyn was also NT Council Vice President and Acting President of the Society before she was elected President in October 2020.

Jocelyn runs a business consultancy based in Darwin.



DAMIAN LEGG, VICE PRESIDENT

Damian initially joined the Society as a Youth Member in Queensland. He has been a member of the Territory Council since 2013, serving as Vice President of Centres of Charity, President of St Paul's Conference and Vice President Service.

Damian works in the Northern Territory Public Sector.



KATHRYN PETTERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT

Kathryn started with the Society in her High School Conference, officially joining the Mary MacKillop Youth Conference in 2016 and was President for three years. In 2019, Kathryn re-joined the National Youth Team. Currently, Kathryn sits on the National Encounter committee.

Kathryn is an Assistant Principal Religious Education and is an experienced Religion and Science teacher. Her passion for social justice works within schools has seen her develop the Mini Vinnies Program across the Territory.

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

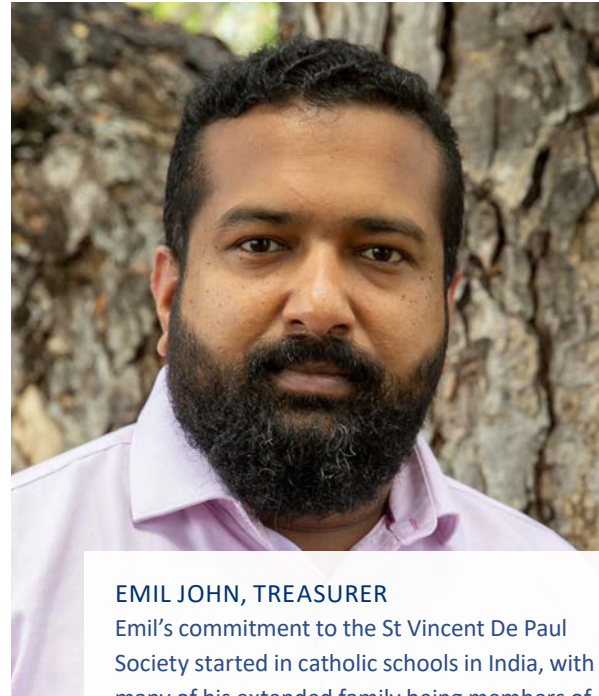
"GO TO THE POOR: YOU WILL FIND GOD." - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



RUTH GILL, SECRETARY

Ruth Gill is the Secretary of the St Vincent de Paul Society(NT). She has recently moved to Darwin and joined SVDP NT.

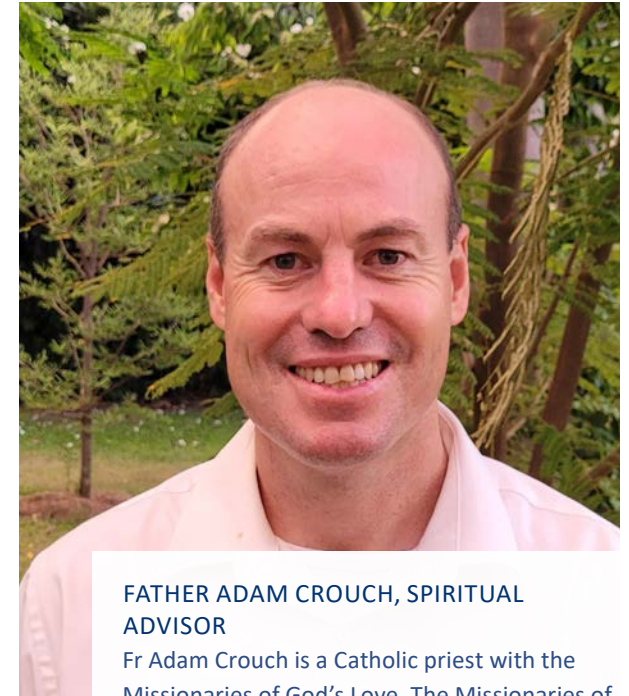
Ruth is a social worker by profession and has worked for Government, Not-for-Profit and Corporate Industry. She currently works as a contractor for a Government department.



EMIL JOHN, TREASURER

Emil's commitment to the St Vincent De Paul Society started in catholic schools in India, with many of his extended family being members of the Society and having close interactions with Vincentian priests over the years.

Emil was appointed to the Council as Treasurer in 2019. He holds an MBA from Liverpool UK and has been in the banking industry for over 10 years across SA and NT.



FATHER ADAM CROUCH, SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Fr Adam Crouch is a Catholic priest with the Missionaries of God's Love. The Missionaries of God's Love charisms are working with young people and the poor. Fr Adam was chaplain to the Sydney Swans Academy 2016-2021 has been involved with ministry to the poor at St Vincent de Paul in Campbelltown, NSW.

Fr Adam moved to Darwin in February 2021 and was invited to take on the role as Spiritual Advisory for the Society.



OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS



DIRK BOTHA, ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Dirk's involvement in the Society commenced in mid-2020 when he moved to Darwin and joined the St Paul's Conference.

Dirk draws on extensive executive experience across a number of industry sectors prior to committing to working for Catholic Education where he has held a senior role in executive management for over 10 years.



FRANCES ABBOTT, HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

After retiring from a nursing career both overseas and in Australia, Frances joined SVDP NT initially as a Volunteer in the Emergency Relief service in 2016. She was invited to join the Conference in 2018 and voted President in December 2020.

She appreciates the opportunity to serve God's people in this way and enjoys the friendship and interaction with Conference and Society Members.

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS



GRAEME FINCH, ST MARY'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Hailing originally from South Africa, Graeme has seen poverty on four continents and recognises that the good works of the Society can make a real difference to the poor.

With decades of experience in construction and development, Graeme has much to offer to support the Society in its good works.



KAY FITZPATRICK, HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Kay originally became a Member of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Hay, NSW. The involvement continued with Conferences in Darwin. The driving factor for Kay is putting her faith and the teaching of Jesus into action.

She has made some treasured friends through the Society and praises the work that the Members and Staff are undertaking.



SUSAN MARSHALL, OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Sue was instrumental in the reformation of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Conference in Alice Springs in 2023. As a long serving parishioner and friend of the Society, she thrives on the opportunity to connect others in the loving missionary works.

Sue's passion for community is a welcomed asset, alongside her experience as an educator and Religious Education Coordinator.

HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

OZANAM HOUSE DAY CENTRE HUB

Well known locally, Ozanam House is the largest Day Centre in Darwin and functions as a lifeline to the poor. It is a place without judgment, offering hot showers, a good meal, a laundry service, and day beds to offer rest to companions who are unable to sleep well at night on the streets.

This year, Ozanam House has continued and established partnerships with several organizations, including Council for Aboriginal Program Services, Services Australia, Larrakia Nation, Orange Skye and Danila Dilba Health Service, among others. These partnerships have been instrumental in providing housing, legal, and healthcare supports. Our partnerships have significantly supported St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory to provide comprehensive, tailored, wrap around assistance, addressing a wide range of companions' needs.

SERVICES AUSTRALIA PILOT PROGRAM SUCCESS

Last year, five Australian homelessness support services were invited to Services Australia Federal Pilot Program. Services Australia staff are on site 4 days per week, making it easier for companions to access essential services like Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support, Disability Support, financial relief and Employment Services, with a focus on reviewing individual circumstances. Thanks to this initiative, vulnerable Territorians can access support in a safe, familiar and comfortable environment. The Society is grateful for the continuing support of Services Australia as we continue to give a hand up.

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

Volunteer support is crucial to managing the increasing demand for support services. This year more volunteers have joined Ozanam House and a new staff member has been added to enhance our capacity to serve our companions effectively. New faces bring fresh perspectives bolstering the Ozanam House's capacity to serve.

Restoring the dignity to our companions is paramount. Thanks to Danila Dilba, monthly podiatry services have been initiated and this service ensures that companions hygiene is monitored and maintained, safeguarding their independence.

In 2023, Commonwealth Bank Community Grants awarded \$10,000 to support the

purchase of a brand-new bain-marie for our meal services. The grant also funded towels for our shower services as these sometimes go walk about due to their flexibility to become a blanket, bed, pillow or jumper.

Our annual Christmas party was a joyous occasion for all, thanks to generous donations of food, festive items, gifts, music, and volunteers, our companions enjoyed a very merry Christmas celebration. Special thanks to Asian United Food Group, Shikah Foods, Kevin from Crocodile Country and volunteers.

Darwin Motor Group partnered with Vinnies from January 2024. This partnership sees DMG Staff members participate in volunteer paid leave, an opportunity to meet and serve Territorians experiencing homelessness, and get paid a full day wages from their employer.

In June, SBS News Darwin visited Ozanam House and interviewed our SVdP NT President, Jocelyn Cull, CEO Rob Lutter, CEO Sleepout Highest Fundraiser Dave Dann, Onshore General Manager from INPEX and our companions to produce a TV segment and article that posted across SBS World News and NITV, the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander television news service. This promotion was valued at over \$125,000 and highlighted key issues surrounding homelessness.

Programs for artistic companions have continued at Ozanam House with staff providing canvas, painting materials and a space for people to connect and get creative.

Ozanam House staff and Society Housing Services staff have worked more closely between these Centres of Charity, fostering unity and pathways to support vulnerable Territorians experiencing homelessness.

St Vincent de Paul Society weekly Emergency Relief Program, run by Society members and volunteers, continues to be an integral part of meeting companions' needs at Ozanam House, offering tangible support such as clothing and food vouchers to companions facing financial difficulties.

Thanks to the cooperative efforts of Strategic Partnerships and Volunteers engagement to our targeted assistance, the Society has enhanced supports provided to companions. Ozanam House continues to be a beacon of compassion, collaboration and connection, positively impacting the Territory community.

OZANAM HOUSE HOMELESSNESS DAY CENTRE

OZANAM HOUSE RELOCATION

The Society has been supporting Territorians from the corner of Westralia Street and Stuart Highway since 1974, pre-Cyclone Tracey. We are very proud of our history of good works as we look to a new chapter of continuing to support vulnerable people living in the Greater Darwin Region.

The relocation of Ozanam House homeless day centre from Stuart Park to Coconut Grove has been a great success, with construction works commencing in June and operations commencing in September 2024. The relocation represents a significant step forward for our Homelessness Support Program. The Society is excited about the positive impact that our Services will continue to provide for our community, whilst presenting an opportunity to redevelop the Stuart Park site.

STUART PARK AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Society's legacy in Stuart Park continues as our plans for the Stuart Park Affordable Housing Development is advancing with several important steps underway. The Society has engaged consultants to undertake market research and a project feasibility review, producing a high-level concept perspective that includes capital cost estimates, planning scheme assessments, and road traffic evaluations. The results of these preliminary investigations are promising, including identifying a demand for affordable housing options targeted at key workers and minimal impacts to traffic and compatibility with planning scheme. The Society will require Territory and Commonwealth funding to help finance the development. The Territory has already committed funding towards the redevelopment as evidenced in its Infrastructure Program. The Commonwealth's Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) 'round 2' is expected to be released early in 2025, and the Society is already gearing up ready to make a funding application to support the proposed development.

A NEW CHAPTER OF CHARITY

INTERIM ACCOMMODATION FACILITY

The Society is taking steps towards securing a permanent site for our Ozanam House day centre, as well as a broader product offering interim accommodation for transient visitors and people experiencing homelessness. The Society has partnered with the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and is working closely with the Northern Territory Government Department of Children and Families and Department of Lands, Planning and

Environment to identify a suitable site. The development is expected to be staged, with the vision outlining several key phases:

Stage 1: involves the relocation of Ozanam House from Coconut Grove to a yet-to-be-determined permanent site.

Stage 2: will focus on expanding permanent facilities, which will include a small store exclusively for clients, a central services centre, and approximately ten accommodation pods, each capable of supporting up to 25 individuals.

Further stages: will include additional accommodation pods, expanded social services centre, community sports precinct, and cultural precinct featuring a language centre, art and craft centre, and performance space.

The Society is focused on demonstrating resilience and adaptability in navigating complex solutions to the Northern Territory's homelessness crisis.



COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAMS

TRANSITIONING FROM HOMELESSNESS

Housing is a human right and having safe homes provides our companions with a sense of self and somewhere to belong. This is transformative, reinstating a sense of purpose many people take for granted and is crucial in overcoming the cycle of homelessness. In line with St Vincent de Paul's Strategic Plan we continued to focus on improving our service delivery.

CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING

In mid-2023, we successfully restructured our Housing Advisory Committee, leading to the attainment of NRSCH Accreditation with the National Regulatory System for Community Housing. This pivotal change has allowed the St Vincent de Paul Society NT Housing Program to evolve into its own legal entity under the name 'SVDP HOUSING NT.' Importantly, this new entity continues to align closely with the Society's mission, vision, and values as a subsidiary community housing provider.

Our dedicated team will continue to support those in need with a focus on education and training, promoting health, increasing safety and improving the quality of Society housing. We are committed to providing support to individuals and families as they transition from homelessness into long-term homes that they will be confident to manage independently.

SOCIETY OWNED PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT HOUSING

Since 1984, the Society has worked to assist vulnerable people transition from homelessness to permanent housing. With government support, we assist to secure accommodation and provide the necessary supports and life skills to sustain a tenancy. The Bakhita Centre, a Society owned property in Coconut Grove, provides transitional

housing and case management. The Bakhita Centre has 36 beds for single men and 5 beds for single females. Our case workers develop strategies with our companions, providing linkages to appropriate services, training and engagement opportunities. Companions are supported in developing skills and encouraged to engage in social outings and Society programs organised by our case workers. These personalised case management plans make a positive impact on companion wellbeing as they gain skills and confidence.

Ted Collins Village in Coconut Grove is made up of 20, two bedroom units to accommodate families. Our Housing Program offers affordable residencies in a close-knit community. Staff assist companions with managing their tenancy and ensuring they are linked to appropriate support services. Our dedicated conference members and volunteers regularly host social functions such as BBQ's to engage with our companions at Ted Collins Village and our Hostels.

In Katherine, the Society owned property, Ormonde House, has provided supported accommodation for over 35 years. Ormonde House assists 13 single men with accommodation and case management to develop life skills and links to support services. Through communal living, companions develop competencies many take for granted. Skills such as cooking, cleaning, communication and appropriate social behaviour, are all important to sustaining a tenancy. Our case workers support companions in obtaining tickets, such as white cards, to help gain independence through local employment. The Society maintains connections with local agencies such as Anglicare, Catholic Care, The Hub, Venndale Transitional and After Care to help deliver wrap around services for our Companions.

GOVERNMENT FUNDED PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT HOUSING

In Stuart Park, Park Lodge provides 20 tenancies for single men offering medium-term transitional Housing. Companions at Park Lodge are transferred from our Bakhita Centre once they have engaged with Society programs that support their ability to live independently. With individual bedrooms and communal living areas, our companions gain experience in sustaining a tenancy while they work to secure permanent housing.

In Katherine, The Bernhard Centre unit complex is equipped with one and two bedroom apartments. The Bernhard Centre provides 39 tenancies for singles, couples and families. The Society's Housing Tenancy Officer works with companions, alongside local police, to help create a safer and more resilient community at the property. There is a marked decrease in anti-social behaviour and our Companions are developing increasing respect and support for each other. Neighbouring businesses are reporting increased patronage because of the improvements.

FUTURE PLANNING

Stuart Park Affordable Housing Development planning is underway with market research, project feasibility reviews and cost estimates for this substantial project in progress. Our engagement with government partners, service providers, and the community is key in advocating for individuals experiencing homelessness and facing housing insecurity. We extend our gratitude to our key funders and partners whose support enables us to provide a home for vulnerable Territorians.

SVDP HOUSING NT CHAIRMANS REPORT

ANDREW BARTINGTON

In response to the ongoing housing crisis and rising living costs, St Vincent de Paul Society NT remains committed to executing our Strategic Plan while addressing the increasing demand for services across the Northern Territory. In mid-2023, we successfully restructured our Housing Advisory Committee, leading to the attainment of NRSCH Accreditation with the National Regulatory System for Community Housing. This pivotal change has allowed the St Vincent de Paul Society NT Housing Program to evolve into its own legal entity under the name 'SVDP HOUSING NT Ltd.' Importantly, this new entity continues to align closely with the Society's mission, vision, and values as a subsidiary community housing provider.

This transition was made possible through the unwavering support of our National and NT Council, particularly NT President Jocelyn Cull, CEO Rob Lutter, Executive Manager Program Services Kim MacDonald, Housing Manager Larissa Kirby, and their dedicated teams, who ensured a seamless accreditation process. We have also expanded our housing team by employing additional case workers to support our Companions in Darwin and Katherine. Our growth strategy over the next five years is promising. As a subsidiary, we will collaborate closely with the Society's leadership to enhance our development capabilities and identify new housing projects.

A significant milestone this year has been the employment of a dedicated project delivery manager, Jack Noble. Jack has been instrumental in the relocation of Ozanam House to Coconut Grove and the advancement of plans for the Stuart Park Affordable Housing Development. Conditional funding approvals for this substantial project are currently in progress.

Our engagement with government partners, fellow service providers, and the community has been instrumental in advocating for individuals facing housing insecurity. We extend our gratitude to our key funders and partners, whose support enables us to provide essential housing services. Additionally, we have maintained compliance with stakeholders and funding partners while implementing initiatives to strengthen governance and risk management, ensuring the continued delivery and expansion of our housing services. Our commitment to tenant engagement has led to successful housing transitions and improved health and wellbeing outcomes, further enriched by our participation in Reconciliation Action Plan initiatives. We are deeply grateful to our Vinnies Housing Board, dedicated staff, and the Society's leadership for their unwavering support as we present this year in review, with a strong focus on future endeavours and our mission to positively impact the lives of those we



Andrew Bartington
Chairman
SVDP Housing NT Ltd
Northern Territory



Andrew Bartington has worked in the Northern Territory since 2010, leading the delivery of the Zuccoli Village, Johnston Ridge and now Holtze residential land communities. He has extensive property acquisition, delivery and financing experience, through projects across Australia, New Zealand and to Dubai. His clients include the Northern Territory Land Development Corporation, AVJennings, Investa, Stockland and Housing New South Wales.

Andrew brings a focus on delivering innovative well designed communities and housing to his role as the chair of SVDP Housing NT.

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

Our Emergency Relief Services are a lifeline for people in need; they offer a hand up when times are tough. Life events such as unemployment, displacement, acute or chronic illness may lead to individuals or families facing crisis. Sometimes one unexpected event can disrupt an individual or family so severely that they must face the reality of becoming homeless. Losing control of one's livelihood is daunting.

Companions often present to our Emergency Relief Service feeling overwhelmed, confused and distressed by their circumstances.

Our services are operated by dedicated members and volunteers who receive training to become Emergency Relief volunteers. They are a compassionate and non-judgemental ear, that can make a world of difference at a difficult time. Our service is provided with strict confidentiality, listening to understand a companion's situation, and providing appropriate referrals and support to address a companions' individual needs.

Assistance provided may include: supermarket vouchers for food and grocery items, Vinnies vouchers for clothing and household goods, bus tickets for transport, assistance with utility and phone bills, assistance with the cost of prescription medication or mobility devices, furniture and household goods sourced from donations to our Vinnies stores including whitegoods, lounge, dining and bedroom furniture, assistance with the cost of short term or emergency accommodation.

Referrals to specialist support services may include: emergency accommodation, transitional or short-term accommodation providers, debt relief services including advocacy and financial counselling, legal services, domestic

violence support services, alcohol and other drug support services including residential rehabilitation or mental health services.

Our Emergency Relief services are a result of funding provided by the Commonwealth Government and our St Vincent de Paul Society NT Conferences. Conference funding is sourced from St Vincent de Paul Society NT donations, fundraising and retail operations.

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM COMMONWEALTH

Our Commonwealth funded Emergency Relief Program is overseen by our Program Manager - Emergency Relief Services. The manager works with a team of dedicated members, volunteers and staff to deliver Emergency Relief Services in the Greater Darwin and Alice Springs Regions. Coordination and collaboration between the Program Manager and ER members and volunteers elevates the provision of service to companions.

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM CONFERENCE

Conference Emergency Relief services are managed by our NT Council and Conference Presidents. Our dedicated Conference Members and Volunteers often provide vouchers for food, fuel and grocery items, bus tickets, assistance with Telstra and utility bills, assistance with the cost of prescription medication, mobility devices, short term or emergency accommodation, Vinnies vouchers for clothing and household items, furniture and whitegoods sourced from donations to our Vinnies Stores and the Warehouse. Conference Members often meet with Companions to extend the hand of friendship and provide emotional and spiritual support.



COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

ASSISTING THE AGING

The St Vincent de Paul Society's links with My Aged Care Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) are strong. Supported through government funding, the CHSP Program provides garden and home maintenance services and transportation support services to assist our older companions. The Program's services are delivered in short-term, episodic, or ongoing arrangements that are subsidised by our funding. To be eligible, companions need to be aged 65 years and over or 50 years+ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and linked in with My Aged Care. Through the online service portal or via phone, seniors can nominate the St Vincent de Paul Society as their service provider. This financial year, management has employed strong links between our Service and Administration departments. This strategy has increased our service delivery, allowing more elderly Territorians to remain living independently at home.

HOME MAINTENANCE

The CHSP Program offers garden maintenance services at our companions' nominated preference, usually monthly services during Dry Season and fortnightly during the Wet Season. Services include light rubbish removal, lawn mowing, whipper snipping and weed spraying. We are also available to assist with the cleaning of ceiling fans, high louvers and smoke alarm battery replacement. The CHSP program provided 7,534 hours of home maintenance services to approximately 340 companions this financial year. These services are delivered by Society CHSP Staff Monday through Friday.

This year, the CHSP Garden Maintenance Program has

demonstrated significant improvements in service delivery. The expansion of the workspace of the CHSP Shed has allowed the CHSP teams to adhere to procedures and the effective maintenance of equipment and machinery processes. The implementation of ipads have enabled the CHSP Garden Maintenance Team to work more effectively alongside the Head Office Logistics Team. Staff can take service payments, see up to date run sheets, check emails and log reports instantly.

These improvements enable the CHSP Garden Maintenance Team to deliver efficient services to properties, whilst maintaining a wonderful rapport with our companions. Our aged care services are, for some elderly Territorians, the only contact they have with the outside world. Our Society employees are a familiar and friendly face which offers security, safety and companionship on our service visits.

TRANSPORTATION

The CHSP Program is also funded to provide a Transportation Service. The CHSP Program continues to operate our service with Processto Community Cards. Each Program Companion is issued a CHSP Processto Community Card with capped limits to use. This helps seniors maintain their independence, with the ability to travel from their front door to attend medical or other appointments and remain connected with their family and friends. This Program is available to 20 Society Companions through the CHSP Program.



CHSP Team

CENTRES OF CHARITY

VINNIES IS MORE THAN A STORE

Our Vinnies retail stores are our Centres of Charity. They are a vibrant and visible presence in the Northern Territory with ten stores and a warehouse across Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. For a companion, Vinnies can be a place to meet a need; for clothing, household items, or on a more serious note, to reach out for Emergency Relief. To the community, they are a treasure trove of amazing bargains, vintage wear, a special costume or sometimes a designer label. To our operations, Vinnies' sales underpin our capacity to deliver our Programs Services, with the annual turnover just shy of 2.5 million dollars this year.

OUR FOCUS

Behind the scenes, retail stores collaborate to respond to the different needs of each community they serve. This year our retail teams have worked hard in refining their stores operations and work practices to improve Occupational Work Health and Safety.

Our Membership and Volunteer Coordinator Role has been key in streamlining onboarding processes, updating and storing personal details of existing members and volunteers, and connecting with our members, volunteers and staff to enhance the collaboration across the Society's Centres of Charity, conferences and

programs services.

The Darwin Warehouse and Distribution Centre is at the heart of our Darwin, Palmerston and Greater Region operations. The vast distance between Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs makes weekly deliveries of stock impractical, with pallets of supplies freighted to regional stores when required.

The Textile Recycling Program is now back in full swing with the purchase of a new baling machine thanks to a grant application submission expected to be approved. An advantage of the new baler is that it has built in scales meaning there will be the ability to create the bales to a uniform weight and size, allowing for easy packing of the shipping container. The expectation is to provide one shipping container per month netting the warehouse approx. \$5.5k per month.

Vinnies own manchester range is now stocked in all our Vinnies stores and selling well in most. Since purchasing this stock in January, we have sold more than 1,750 items and turned over more than \$23,900 in sales.

GETTING INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY

Vinnies NT partnered with our counterparts in South Australia to provide Alice Springs and Tennant Creek with

warm donations, receiving five wool packs of stock. The home school community of Alice Springs assisted with distributing the winter stock, and a portion of the donations was shared with the Santa Teresa community. Students helped repack the donations into manageable sizes for transport.

Vinnies welcomed the return of the Immersion Program students from Broken Bay Diocesan in Parramatta. Students travel to remote locations and actively work to help people in need. Students spent the morning working in the Vinnies warehouse, then cooked lunch and connected with companions. We look forward to continuing this ongoing partnership with NSW. The warehouse team was a part of another successful Vinnies Christmas Hampers Project. The Team supported organisation, storage and delivery of food and toys across the greater Darwin Region to the sorting barn. Hampers are delivered out to hundreds of vulnerable families, and the team is integral to the success of this community endeavour.

A HELPING HAND IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Warehouse assisting with supplying clothing to the evacuees of the Borroloola community due to cyclone Megan in March 2024. Every day for the course of the evacuation period, which was one week, the warehouse supplied clothing for the community. This included items for men, women, and children. This was well received by the community and the stock went as quickly as it was delivered.

FUTURE PLANNING

St Vincent de Paul Society NT is looking to activate Australia's first Vinnies Retail Store in a remote Aboriginal community. The Society is working closely with the Catholic Diocese of Darwin and the Santa Teresa Parish to develop a 100% locally operated store that offers 'the basics' like clothing, shoes, linen, and homewares with revenue that goes directly into their community.



Warm stock ready for Santa Teresa

FUNDRAISING

FOR OUR TERRITORY PROGRAMS

In the Northern Territory we have a population of 246,000 people, only 1% of the population of Australia, but tragically our community experiences 12 times the national average of homelessness - with 1 in 17 people sleeping rough - that's 660 people without a safe place to rest their head in the 1.35 million square kilometre Territory.

Throughout the year, Vinnies fundraising members, volunteers, staff and partners hosted events to raise much needed funds for St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) programs and services. Generous donations both in-kind and monetary support from businesses, fundraising partners and the Territory Community were received.

NATIONAL APPEALS

The 2023 Winter Appeal focused on the increase of single women becoming more financially vulnerable and falling into homelessness in their senior years. Funds raised from the Appeal raised \$41,645.77 and helped our NT Programs and Services to continue their support of people in need.

The 2023 Christmas Appeal focused on the cost-of-living crisis facing Territory families. A total of \$16,693 in donations was received for the Christmas Appeal and has helped people struggling to make ends meet with the rising costs of bills, rent, medication and food, to get back on track.

Vinnies Australia partnered with Gravox for Christmas 2023 to help support locals doing it tough. For every specially marked Christmas Gravox canister sold nationwide, Gravox generously donated 20 cents to Vinnies.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

In October 2023, The Darwin Railway Club supported the Vinnies Boot Scootin' Boogie fundraiser, featuring a performance and beginners' line dancing lesson by the Top End Mustangs. DJ & MC Rusty Rhubarb entertained with country rock classics, while local musicians Ray Barden, JP Campdog, and the Black Pepper Band kept the dance floor lively. Attendees participated in a 'Best Dressed' competition, and the event included auctions and raffles, thanks to generous sponsors. Participants who shopped at Vinnies in September and October brought their receipts for a special prize draw. The fundraiser raised \$10,144.13 for Vinnies.

Vinnies Christmas Hampers Project 2023 was able to deliver 450 Christmas Hampers from Darwin to Palmerston and to the Daly River Communities. Christmas Hamper donations of nonperishable food and children's gifts are supported by local parishes, businesses, schools and the community. The success of the annual Hampers Project is a credit to the dedicated team of members, volunteers and staff who work

tirelessly from the end of September up until Christmas Day. Bunnings Warehouse Darwin continued their support for Vinnies with invitations to their community event nights which support the promotion and advocacy of Vinnies good works.

We established a community garden at a Bakhita Centre aimed at helping companions by supporting their mental health and wellbeing. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors of the project, our companions now work collaboratively to grow fruit and vegetables to enjoy

DARWIN MOTOR GROUP PARTNERSHIP

Darwin Motor Group partnered with Vinnies from January 2024. This partnership sees DMG Staff members participate in volunteer paid leave, an opportunity to meet and serve Territorians experiencing homelessness, and get paid a full day wages from their employer. Darwin Motor Group celebrated every sale, donating \$10 per vehicle sold, as of June 30, \$7,500 has supported our companions at Ozanam House. The Society is also grateful for the DMG sponsored MG Electric Vehicle, wrapped by S&M Signs and donated to the Vinnies Office. This has supported the operations of all Society programs, services for travel.

OUR LOYAL DONORS

We are indebted to the generous financial assistance provided by our loyal donors. This support assists the many activities undertaken by the Society and can be directed to specific appeals or general donations for our good works. St Vincent de Paul Society NT is registered by the ATO as a "Deductible Gift Recipient" Charity Organisation, meaning any donation over \$2 is TAX deductible.



Boot Scootin' Boogie Fundraiser

CEO SLEEPOUT

NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is a unique way for business and community leaders to actively combat the issue of homelessness by raising funds and awareness, whilst gaining a glimpse of what it is like to sleep rough for a night.

On Thursday, 20 June 2024, business, government, club and community leaders and their teams slept out across Australia - the NT event was hosted at Fannie Bay Gaol thanks to the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT.

One in 17 Territorians are experiencing homelessness each night, and the funds raised at the NT Sleepout stay local, ensuring Vinnies can help Territory children, families and individuals when they need it.

Participants pre-register for the event online and commit to fundraising the event minimum, this year set at \$750, with level-up to 'Power Napper' at \$2,000 raised and our top tier fundraisers are a part of our 'Deep Sleeper Club' at \$5,000.

From 5:30 PM our participants began arriving and they entered an immediate activity, Vinnies NT President Jocelyn Cull said, *"Hearing from the CEOs after the Sleepout, most find it to be an incredibly rewarding experience, reminding them of the significant hurdles facing a growing portion of Territorians and how we often take for granted that we have somewhere to rest our heads."*



Donations raised by the Sleepout in the Territory since the first event in 2010 are now over \$1.1M with the 2024 event raising over \$66,000 with 23 participants.

Congratulations to our Deep Sleeper Club Members:

- Clalia Marr from The Catholic Diocese of Darwin
- Leith Dobson from Darwin Motor Group

Deep Sleeper and Highest Fundraiser:

- Dave Dann from INPEX

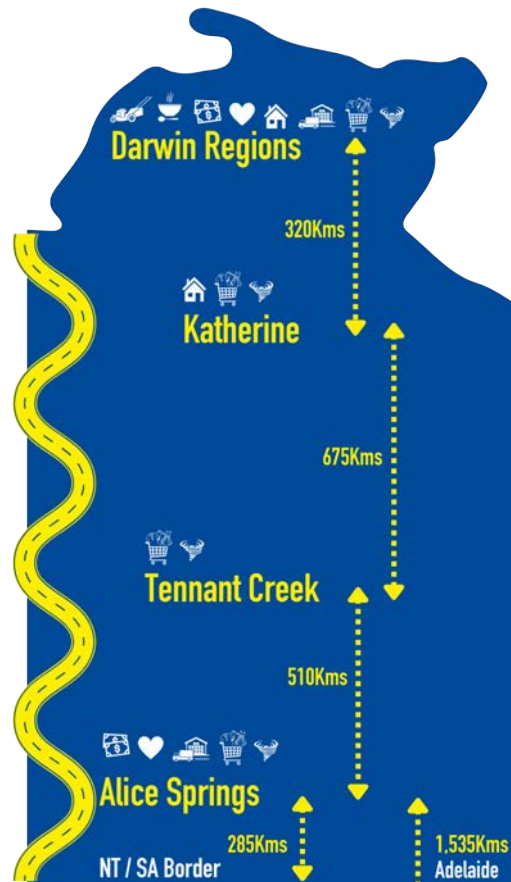
THANK YOU SUPPORTERS

Thank you to all our supporters, this event funds new projects, assists with existing homelessness services, and has supported Vinnies to expand our programs for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



WHERE FUNDS GO

OUR TERRITORY PROGRAMS SERVICES



Emergency Relief (ER)

Providing immediate financial support and material aid to individuals and families in crisis

Community Housing

Offering various accommodation services to those at risk of, or are currently experiencing homelessness

Visitation Services

Visiting people in their homes, hospitals, or prisons, offering companionship, compassion and support

Retail Centres of Charity

Vinnies sell donations at good prices, purchases reduce landfill, promote generosity and fund programs for vulnerable people

Homeless Day Centre

Ozanam House, offers the essentials like hot showers, meals and laundry facilities, a safe rest hub to anyone

Aged Care Services

Garden maintenance and transport services delivered via the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)

Disaster Relief

Providing assistance to evacuees and people affected from natural disasters.

Distribution Warehouse

A central donation sorting operation to ship clothes, books, furniture, homewares to Vinnies Stores and 'ER' Program clients



OUR GOVERNANCE

SVDPNT

The full name of the Northern Territory Society is “St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Inc”. Our Australian Business Number (ABN) is 11 300 386 527 and we are incorporated under the NT Associations Act 2015. The Society is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) and holds the appropriate Deductible Gift Recipient endorsement. As a Public Benevolent Institution, we are endorsed to access the following charity tax concessions:

- Income tax exemption from 1 July 2000 under Subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997
- GST Concessions from 1 July 2005 under Division 176 of A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999
- FBT Exemption from 1 July 2005 under section 123C of the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986.

Our insurance is held through HOLDFAST Insurance Brokers and AON.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The Society has three categories of membership, Conference Members, Associate Members and Volunteer Members. There are established procedures for registration as a member, and any person registered as a conference member has voting rights in relation to the Society.

OUR CONFERENCES

Our four Territory conferences report quarterly to the Territory Council and meet on a regular basis. All bank accounts relating to the Conferences are managed by their respective Treasurer and report to Council.

Conference presidents are elected for a term not exceeding four years, and the president appoints all other office bearers in their conference. All conference member and volunteer positions are unpaid.

THE TERRITORY COUNCIL

The Council is ultimately responsible for the oversight and review of the management, administration, and overall governance of the Society in the Northern Territory.

Council responsibilities include:

- Meeting the Society’s objectives and reporting against the Strategic Plan
- Protecting members’ interests
- Upholding the values of the St Vincent de Paul Society and adhering to high moral standards and ethical behaviour
- Authorising policies and overseeing the strategic direction of the Society
- Establishing management goals and monitoring their achievement
- Approving major capital expenditure, major financial commitments and the annual budget
- Approving the annual report and financial statements
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations
- Monitoring the risk management strategy
- Providing a linkage between subsidiary Councils and Conferences to the National Council.

The composition of the Territory Council is determined using the following principles:

- The President of each Conference is a member of the Territory Council
- The Territory President is elected by the Territory Council for a period not exceeding four years
- The Territory President has the right to appoint Society conference members to the Council including Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, a Youth Representative, and a Spiritual Advisor.

The Territory Council meets at least once every quarter and is currently composed of ten members and a non-voting ex-officio member, being the Spiritual Advisor. The Territory Council President is the Society’s representative on the National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. The Territory Council delegates management of the Society’s resources to the executive team under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, to deliver the strategic direction and goals determined by council. A financial audit is conducted by an independent auditor chosen through a select tender process.

INVESTING IN OUR SOCIETY

During this reporting period, the Society Membership Committee arranged a Spiritual Retreat, self-paced Online Emergency Relief (ER) training, Face to face ‘cross cultural awareness training, ‘Understanding mental health and workplace wellbeing’ training, ‘Apply First Aid’ Training.

CHANGING FACES

We welcomed Andrew Bartington as Chair of the SVDP Housing NT LTD.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AND OCHRE CARD

The Society is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children. All members, volunteers and staff of the Society complete a current 'Working with Children' check through SafeNT.

WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY VISION

The Society is committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of its employees, volunteers, and the community by increasing awareness of workplace safety; providing a safe place and safe systems of work and eliminating or reducing hazards that could result in injury or ill health.

NOTIFIABLE INCIDENTS

There were no notifiable incidents to NT WorkSafe during the 2022-2023 financial year.

Society Committees

Finance Committee	Reviews monthly financial reports, budget and end of year statements. Reviews policies and procedures relating to finance. Provides advice on financial implications of any significant decisions or investments. Issues are reported to the Territory Council.
Membership Committee	Supports implementation of 2023-2026 Strategic plan. Committee is at initial stages of development.
Governance Committee	Supports the Council in review of policy and recommends to Council training opportunities to improve knowledge as well as understanding of governance.
Housing Advisory Committee	Provides advisory skill base to give Council recommendations on any housing issues and strategies.
Social Justice Committee	Provides advisory skill base to give Council recommendations on any Social Justice issues and strategies.

Council Member	Meetings entitled to attend	Meetings attended
Jocelyn Cull	4	4
Kathryn Pettersen	4	3
Damian Legg	4	4
Ruth Gill	4	2
Emil John	4	1
Fr Adam Crouch	4	1
Dirk Botha	4	2
Kay Fitzpatrick	4	4
Frances Abbott	4	4
Graeme Finch	4	4



NSW Immersion Program



First aid training



Darwin Motor Group sponsored vehicle

TREASURER'S REPORT

EMIL JOHN

"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands." Blessed Frédéric Ozanam
I believe the statement above encapsulates the approach the council has taken over the past year, ensuring that we are brave and proactive in how we can support each other. It has been a privilege to serve with such a wonderful group of individuals on the council, along with Rob and his dedicated team, to ensure we can support and assist some of the more vulnerable people in our society.

We have declared a total deficit of \$41,907.00 for the past year compared to a surplus of \$792,196.00 the previous year. Despite the deficit, the EBITDA for the society is \$743,979 (2023: \$1.5M) with an EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) margin of 10.08% which is commendable.

One pleasing trend we've maintained is the increase in overall revenue, up to \$7.384M from \$7.025M last year. We've also seen a rise in government funding, at \$3.20M, which is a 6.8% increase from last year and accounts for over 43% of our operational revenue.

A notable trend in our figures is the revenue from community services, up to \$4.55M from \$4.36M last year. Operating expenses also increased to \$4.48M, resulting in more support being provided to our companions and the most vulnerable in society.

Our asset position remains similar to last year, partially due to the lower cash balance held in the bank, primarily because of some upfront spending this year to be accounted for in the next financial year. Our retail operations delivered another strong year with an operating surplus of \$730,187.00 and a healthy gross margin of over 31%. This success results from consistent focus and investment in our stores, overcoming staffing challenges in regional locations and pressures from the aggressive discounting by larger national retailers.

The year ahead holds many opportunities and challenges. The new site in Coconut Grove has become operational and maintains consistent numbers but there is a copious amount of work needing to be completed to find a permanent solution/ location.

A substantial amount of work is being done by Rob and his team, not just looking forward to next year, but also positioning the society to be a leader, ensuring we have

the right processes and infrastructure in place to support our mission of aiding the most vulnerable in our society.



Emil John
Treasurer
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory

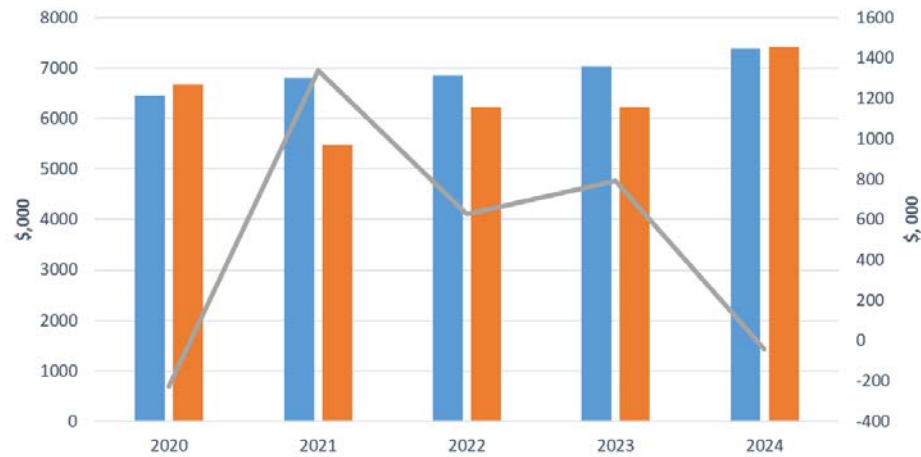


Ozanam House Christmas Party

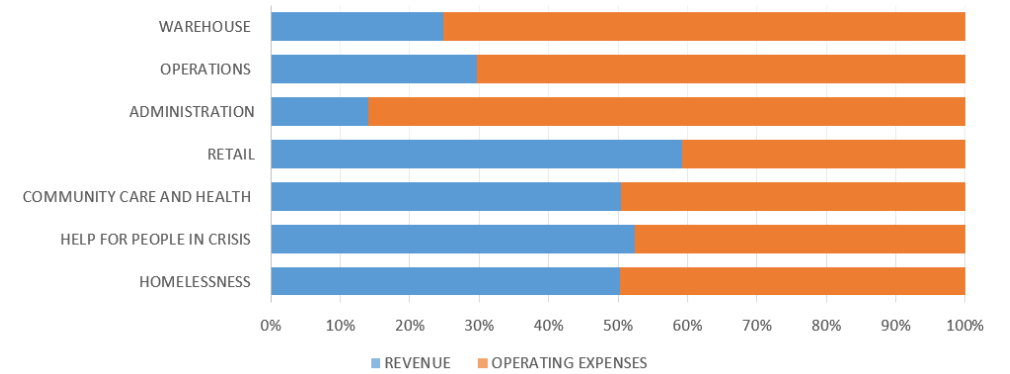
TREASURER'S REPORT

AT A GLANCE

PERFORMANCE TREND



REVENUE VS EXPENSES



FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	CONSOL 2024 \$	CONSOL 2023 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	4,610,499	5,444,976
Trade and other receivables	6	253,096	468,932
Other assets	7	22,256	10,739
Total current assets		4,885,851	5,924,647
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8(a)	17,389,399	16,317,049
Right of Use	8(b)	796,640	1,674,754
Total non-current assets		18,186,039	17,991,803
Total assets		23,071,890	23,916,450
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	772,434	467,526
Borrowings	10	208,311	196,216
Provisions	11	296,440	229,739
Grants in advance	12	8,469	142,248
Lease Liabilities	13	160,641	147,083
Total current liabilities		1,446,295	1,182,812
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	10	564,043	772,374
Provisions	11	74,953	47,546
Lease Liabilities	13	724,730	1,609,942
Total non-current liabilities		1,363,726	2,429,862
Total liabilities		2,810,021	3,612,674
Net assets/(liabilities)		20,261,869	20,303,776
Equity			
Reserves	14	3,307,508	3,307,508
Accumulated funds	14	16,954,361	16,996,268
Total equity		20,261,869	20,303,776

*Notes are available with the audited financial report

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	CONSOL 2024 \$			CONSOL 2023 \$		
	Revenue	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)	Revenue	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)
Community Services						
Homelessness	3,023,219	2,985,486	37,733	2,788,836	2,287,007	501,829
Help for People in Crisis	364,883	330,799	34,084	367,712	239,436	128,276
Natural Disaster Relief	11,311	219	11,092	25,348	89	25,259
Community Care & Health	1,154,070	1,132,151	21,919	1,186,097	1,162,605	23,492
	4,553,483	4,448,655	104,828	4,367,993	3,689,137	678,856
Supporting Services						
Administration	33,613	205,024	(171,411)	12,434	223,304	(210,870)
Operations	297,650	704,191	(406,541)	160,642	451,833	(291,191)
Retail	2,352,269	1,622,082	730,187	2,452,511	1,555,513	896,998
Warehouse	147,156	446,126	(298,970)	32,302	313,899	(281,597)
	2,830,688	2,977,423	(146,735)	2,657,889	2,544,549	113,340
	7,384,171	7,426,078	(41,907)	7,025,882	6,233,686	792,196
Total Surplus/(Deficit)			(41,907)			792,196



THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS

SHAPING A MORE JUST AND COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY

We acknowledge the support of Parishes, the Catholic Diocese of Darwin, Bishop Charles Gauci, our Spiritual Advisor, Father Adam Crouch.

GOLD SUPPORTERS

Louw Group
Northline
Ward Keller

SILVER SUPPORTERS

ABC Radio Darwin & Jo Laverty
CommBank
INPEX

BRONZE SUPPORTERS

Ad Made NT
Big W Casuarina
BMD Group
Bunnings Darwin
Cate Killiner Real state
Darwin Trailer Boat Club
IGA Zuccoli
Incite Solutions Group
Lay Group – Asian United Foods
Peter Garret & Midnight Oil
Property Council of Australia
Sea Swift
Shikah Foods NT
Simon George and Sons
Sitzler
Wilson Security

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS

Administrator of the NT Office
Australian Federal Government
ACNC

Brent Potter LM

Centre for National Resilience
CHSP
City of Darwin
City of Palmerston

Department of Health NT
Department of IPL
Don Dale Correctional Services
Luke Gosling MP Solomon
Mark Monaghan MLA
Minister for Housing NT
NAAFLS
Northern Land Council
Northern Territory Government
Northern Territory Police
Services Australia
Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Workforce Australia

NGO SUPPORTERS

Anglicare NT
Catholic Care NT
Catholic Medical Association
CAAPS Aboriginal Corporation
Casuarina Community Health
Danila Dilba
Darwin Community Legal Service
Darwin Deckchair Cinema
Foodbank NT

Gwalwa Daraniki Association
Katherine St Community Hub
Kentish Lifelong Learning
Larrakia Nation
Mental Illness Association NT
Mission Australia
NAAJA
NT Shelter
Orange Sky Laundry Service
Red Cross
Salvation Army
Share The Dignity
St John Ambulance NT
Vanndale Transition

EDUCATION SUPPORTERS

Alawa Primary
Anula Primary
ACPPA
Catholic Education Office NT
Good Start Early Learning
Holy Family Catholic Primary
Holy Family OSHC
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary
Larrakeyah Primary
Ludmilla Primary
MacKillop Catholic College
Mother Teresa Catholic Primary
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic

O'Loughlin Catholic College
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary
St Francis of Assisi Catholic
St John's Catholic College
St Paul's Catholic Primary
Stuart Park Primary

SPIRITUAL SUPPORTERS

Darwin Catholic Diocese
Holy Family Parish
Holy Spirit Parish
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish
St Martin De Pores Parish
St Mary's Parish
St Paul's Parish
St Francis Xavier Parish

PROUD SUPPORTERS

1041 Territory FM
4WD & Camping Expo
54 Reasons
AKJ Services
All Shine
APM Employment Services
BDO
Brumby's Bakery Northlakes
Colemans Printing
Coles Casuarina

Coolalinga Laksa
Cowdy House
Darwin 97 Seven
Darwin Patchworkers and Quilting Club
Ernest and Young
Fannie Bay Gaol
Fishing and Outdoor World
Gateway Shopping Centre
Hilton Darwin
HOT 100 FM

Incite Solutions Group
Italian Ladies Group
iTravel Darwin
Kaden Reid Photography
Kevin Crocodile Country
Kmart casuarina
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Mad Harry's
MELLOW Thai & Mo:Mo King
MIX 104.9
MAGNT
Next Tier Entertainment
Not Just Nutrition
NT News
Oasis Shopping Centre
Off The Leash
Ozanam Christmas Band
Paspaley Pearls

Pearl Retirement Village
Regis Tiwi Aged Care
Renal Unit
Richmond Wheels and Castors
Sea Farers
Sealink
Silks Darwin
SkyLine Attractions
Woolworths Nightcliff
Woolworths Bakewell
Woolworths Gateway

NATIONAL SPONSORS

Amazon
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CEO Journal
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Sky News
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The CEO Institute
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OUR HISTORY IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

OUR STORY



Vincent de Paul
born in France



Ozanam House Day
Centre established
-Darwin



Second regional
Centre of Charity
established
-Tennant Creek



St Vincent de Paul
Society founded
by Frederic Ozanam
-Paris

First Australian
Conference
founded
in Victoria

Centre of Charity
opens
-Stuart Park

Third regional
Centre of Charity
established
-Katherine

1581

1833

1854

1949

1967

1968

1974

1975

1983

First Conference
founded in
Northern Territory
-St Mary's Star of
the Sea Darwin

First regional
Centre of Charity
established
-Alice Springs

CONFERENCE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE USING THE ARCHIVES TO DOCUMENT THE HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE SOCIETY, OUR PAST EVENTS AND GOOD WORKS. THE ARCHIVES TEAM IS ARRANGING THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION ACCORDING TO ARCHIVAL BEST PRACTICE INCLUDING REHOUSING PAPER RECORDS, CATALOGUING AT BOX LEVEL, AND DIGITISING PHOTOGRAPHS, AIMING FOR THE COLLECTION TO BE DISCOVERABLE AND ACCESSIBLE. OUR SOCIETY ARCHIVES PROVIDE VALUABLE EVIDENCE OF OUR ORGANISATION'S ACTIVITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AS WELL AS OUR HISTORY AND IDENTITY.

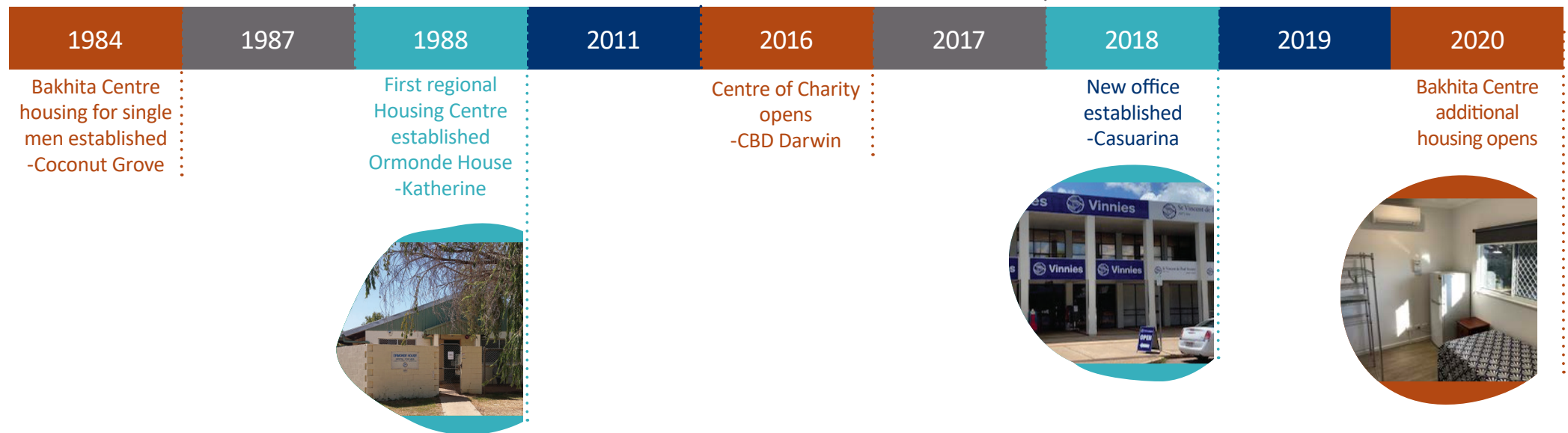


Ted Collins Village
housing for families
established
-Darwin

Centre of Charity
opens
-Palmerston

Centres of Charity
opens
-Coolalinga
-Fannie Bay

Centre of Charity
opens
-Winnellie





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