

Your *impact* in 2021/22



President's Message

As a generous friend of Vinnies, I wanted to inform you of the impact your support has made in our community this past year. If 2020/21 wasn't challenging enough, the last 12 months have presented the Society and our community with a new mix of issues to contend with.

Who knew that we'd have to operate with an ongoing pandemic, cost of living increases, a rise in domestic violence in the community, a crisis in affordable housing, fuel costs for our Night Patrol, an increase in demand across all our services and so much more.

For example, there was a 15% increase in calls to our Helpline, 17% increase for assistance with medical bills, and not surprisingly perhaps, a 22% increase in requests for help with fuel costs.

We provide support, across the Canberra/Goulburn Diocese, from Goulburn to Tumut, from Lake Cargelligo to Merimbula, and Temora across to Batemans Bay.

In all these communities housing, homelessness and related issues, especially affordable and short-term housing is endemic, so your ongoing support is absolutely critical for us to continue to deliver our practical support to those who need it the most, through our services and conferences in these communities.

The people of Canberra and the surrounding region are very generous in their support of us, something we never take for granted. As you'll read in this report, the funds we've raised during the past year have been channelled to where it's needed the most, and you'll see the wide scope and impact of services provided by our members, volunteers and specialist staff to our companions.

Vinnies is out there 365 days and nights a year, giving a practical and compassionate hand up across our region.

Your trust in us and the work we do is an inspiration to our team, and motivates and enables us to do what we do.

Thank you again for your support.

John Feint
President, St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the Traditional Custodians of this land, with deep respect. May Elders, past, present and emerging, be blessed and honoured. May we join together and build a future based on compassion, justice, hope, faith, and reconciliation.

Our good works



Highlights of our work last year



26,738

instances of support by conferences



35,375

meals provided at Blue Door



260

companions accessing the Community Inclusion Program at Oaks Estate



8,000

instances of support provided by Night Patrol



67

families case managed by Family Services



570

youth program participants



8

youth camps and **25** weekend activities



171

people experiencing homelessness received outreach from Street to Home

Messages of support

"I'm so happy we get to help Vinnies keep doing its great work. I'm so grateful that Vinnies has such a broad remit, and that you are able to help so many people. I know if i need Vinnies they will be there for me...". - Meghan

"Without the Blue Door I and many others would not have survived especially when in the pandemic." - Rob

"I have been with this program (Street to Home) since 2019, I can't thank you guys enough, for journeying with me and saving me from all my troubles. Life is great now." - Sam

Gift in wills

As a supporter of Vinnies you know the positive impact your donations make.

Leaving a gift in your will to the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/ Goulburn is a practical and powerful way to make a difference in improving the lives of future generations.

This is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision has been made, it is possible to include a bequest to the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/ Goulburn in a number of different ways.

For more information and to discuss a bequest with our fundraising team go to: https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Donate/Wills_and_Bequests/ACT/



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