



St Vincent de Paul Society
TASMANIA
good works

ANNUAL REPORT

2018-19



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, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

OUR VISION

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

OUR ASPIRATION

An Australia transformed by compassion and built on justice.

OUR LOGO

The logo is the symbol of the St Vincent de Paul Society in many countries and was designed by Australian sculptor, Tom Bass. It represents the hand of Christ that blesses the cup, the hand of love that offers the cup and the hand of suffering that receives the cup.



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State President's MESSAGE



It is with a sense of privilege and pride that I present my first President's Message. I officially commenced in the role as State President on January 14, 2019 after being elected to the position in November 2018. I would like to thank retired State Council members, President Toni Muir, Vice President Paul Marshall, Secretary Bernard Saunders, Devonport Regional President Veronica Riley (resigned April 2019); and Spiritual Advisor Fr John McKay for their contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

In bidding farewell to the aforementioned, I would like to welcome Brendan McManus to the position of Secretary, Corey McGrath as our Youth Coordinator, Belinda Chapman as our new Spiritual Advisor and Catherine Beaver as Vice President.

The 2018-2019 financial year has been one of change, challenges and opportunities for the Society in Tasmania. This year has seen the appointment of a new CEO for the Society in Tasmania. I would like to formally welcome Lara Alexander to the position and I am confident Lara will provide the Society with focused strong leadership, energy, commitment and a desire to ensure the Society continues to grow and remain sustainable for many years to come.

In November 2018, State Council signed off and adopted a new Strategic Plan for 2018-2021. State Council agreed that our core focus areas for 2018 to 2021 should be:

- Financial sustainability
- Members, volunteers and staff
- Services and programs
- Governance

In February 2019, State Council endorsed a recommendation from the Finance & Risk Committee to adopt and implement a retail store upgrade/refurbishment, in line with our Strategic Plan. This strategy included the opening of several new shops across Tasmania and undertaking the refurbishment of existing shops.

Tasmania was again ravaged by bushfires with the main concentration in and around Southern Tasmania and the Central Highlands. Many Tasmanians suffered significant property loss and financial hardship. In response, the Society launched our Bush Fire Appeal in order to raise much needed funds to assist those affected. I would like to thank all those generous individuals and organisations, including Vinnies Victoria and Vinnies Queensland, who contributed to the appeal. I would also like to acknowledge and thank John Moore, staff, volunteers and members who coordinated the collection and distribution of funds and goods to those Tasmanians who suffered loss of property and personal items.

Tasmanians continue to be adversely affected by homelessness. The 2016 Census conducted in Australia determined that there were 1,622 people in Tasmania experiencing homelessness on any given night; with an additional 960 at risk of homelessness. I suspect that this figure has increased since 2016 given that Hobart rental costs have reached a record high this year. After well over two decades of economic growth in Australia, homelessness remains unacceptably high. Every day our members, volunteers

and staff see the human face behind the homelessness statistics. Once again, to support Tasmanians suffering from homelessness, the Society participated in the 2019 CEO Sleepout. This year we launched the event in Hobart, which was well-attended by members, staff, volunteers, the media and various stakeholders engaged in improving and providing options for those suffering from homelessness. The event itself was held on June 20, with over 50 CEOs, business leaders, and employees participating and raising in excess of \$150,000.

On the national front, the Society has recently appointed a new National President and CEO. In March 2019, following the completion of Graham West's four-year term as National President, Claire Victory was elected to replace Graham. Claire has the honour of achieving several firsts for this role. She is the first woman ever elected to the role in Australia; she is the first South Australian to fill this role; and she is the youngest President of the Society in the 165 years it has existed in this country. At the same time as Claire's election, and following the resignation of recent past CEO John Falzon, the Society appointed Toby oConnor to the position of National CEO.

Our conference members continue to carry on the core work of the Society by supporting people in need. By visiting people in their homes or welcoming them into our centres, our members provide for their immediate needs and support them to improve their lives. I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our members

for the work they do in meeting the needs of our companions.

The Society's sub-committees provide great support to State Council and in achieving the Mission of the Society. I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the work of our Youth, Finance & Risk Management, and Overseas Partnership Committees. Thank you to the respective members of these committees.

The Society in Tasmania is faced with many challenges and in this next year, and in subsequent years we need to focus on the financial sustainability, governance, services and programs, members, volunteers, and staff. This past year has been a busy year for the Society and my sincere thanks goes out to members, volunteers and staff for your determined efforts and hard work over the past twelve months. I am grateful for the support, guidance, and wisdom provided to me by my State Council colleagues.

Mark D Gaetani

*"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently."
Maya Angelou*

Chief Executive Officer's REPORT



This financial year has been a challenging one and in many ways a year of laying down the foundations for new directions for the Society. It has also been my first year in the job, with St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania).

In August 2018, the State Council approved its Strategic plan for 2018–2021 which set the wheels in motion for myself, staff and volunteers to implement a number of significant key items. The State Council acknowledged the necessity for financial improvement, developing a retail strategy and a clear, effective and efficient way of operating, in view of the negative performance from previous years. All of these key elements will underpin the development of services and increased collaboration with other organisations.

While Vinnies is a charitable organisation it is also facing all of the same difficulties as any other business regarding finance, taxation, compliance, work health and safety, with the added responsibility of ensuring it generates enough income to enable it to continue to provide emergency relief and other services to Tasmanians in need.

During 2018-19 we revised our retail strategy, in line with the Strategic Plan of the State Council, and as a result we committed to consolidating the warehousing operations in the Northern half of the State and began the work of setting significant work health and safety improvements. Understanding this is

a process that will continue into the following financial year, in order to achieve successful implementation. In addition, we undertook an analysis of our shops to establish the most beneficial ways of running retail activities in a second hand environment, recognising this space is very well represented in Tasmania. As a result, we committed to opening new, larger shops across the State, whilst closing some other outlets. Again, this plan will be completed in the following financial year, due to the timing of various stages of the project.

With the help of the Tasmanian communities, we raised over \$150,000 at our June CEO Sleepout. This amount, in addition to other funds raised through the Winter and Christmas appeals and general donations, helped deliver over 27,000 instances of emergency assistance across the State. We spent over \$1.447 Mil, receiving only \$330,000 grant funding from the State and the Commonwealth governments, demonstrating the significance of community support, in ensuring we can continue to deliver our good works.

In January 2019, we extended our Vinnies Van services to the Burnie/Wynyard region using some of the CEO Sleepout funds from the previous year. The new van was sourced locally and all the fittings and equipment were also provided by local businesses.

Early in 2019, as Tasmania faced the bushfires in Southern parts of the State, St Vincent

de Paul Society (Tasmania) was asked by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to launch the Bushfire Appeal. The appeal raised approximately \$134,000 and in conjunction with State representatives and with support from our Vincentian members, particularly John Moore, President of the St Mary's Huonville Conference, we distributed the entire amount in the following months, to those affected.

In October 2018, the State Council appointed Ansell Strategic to assist with the revision of its aged care facility, Mt St Vincent Nursing Home and Therapy Centre (Ulverstone). The Society recognised the complexities of the aged care environment especially owning a stand-alone, single operation in Tasmania. Based on the comprehensive report, a decision was made to divest of this operation and the process commenced to find an appropriate provider. At the end of this process Respect Aged Care, a not-for-profit provider also based in Ulverstone, was selected for the transfer.

During this financial year, the Finance and Risk Committee also appointed new auditors, Camerons Accountants and Advisors and we farewelled Ruddicks. We thank them for their audit work with the Society, for the last ten years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, volunteers and members who have worked together tirelessly throughout the year, ensuring Vinnies good works reach those in need in the community. There is no doubt that St Vincent de Paul Society exists because of the dedication of many people and of its supporters.

A warm thank you! to the Tasmanian community who has been here for us and supported us through another twelve months of essential work.

There is no doubt the State Council Strategic Plan means that changes are happening to Vinnies operations across the State. These are all long term, positive changes, taken with a view to ensuring the Society is able to continue delivering its vital services to the people of Tasmania for many years to come.

Lara Alexander

*"Changes can and must occur.
If they are not accepted, we shall never
enjoy the peace of soul that is essential."
Louise de Marillac*

Spititual Advisor's MESSAGE



I have a saying...

"Everyone wants to make a difference but the best way to make a difference is to first be made different"

This doesn't mean that I think we should ask all new St Vincent de Paul Society members or staff to go through personality changing programs. It means that we are called to be changed by the encounters we have – to allow something in us to grow, let go, change, mellow, increase – whatever will help us to truly see the person before us.

The person before us is not a problem to be fixed. Although many people who seek out the St Vincent de Paul Society are affected by problems in their lives, it is the persons themselves who walk through the door and stand before us. It is the persons themselves that we serve. We don't need to make them different. We need to love them. This is the biggest difference we can make. It is also the greatest challenge.

In a world that is obsessed with KPIs, budgets, performance targets, statistics, compliance, comparison, and competition, let us not forget the human person and their purpose in this world – to love and be loved. This annual report rightly expresses the performance of the St Vincent de Paul Society over the last year. It gives a transparent overview of the Society's finances and figures of assistance. But what cannot be measured, cannot be put into graphs or charts or statistics, are the encounters between human beings at the core of the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Just to be sure, the Vinnies motto, 'to serve Christ in the poor', doesn't mean that we need to be nice to the people who come for assistance or those who buy at the shops because Jesus might be there in disguise, like a mystery shopper, checking on our performance – taking notes, making graphs, setting new targets. Serving Christ in the poor is serving them as our brother or sister – loving our neighbour as ourselves. This kind of service makes us different, changes us through the encounter. While we cannot measure this, we can ask ourselves 'have I been changed this last year through my encounters with other loved human beings – other brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, children of God?' If not, was I treating them as a problem to be fixed? If so, rejoice in each small change and keep your heart open for more.

This might sound like an inward focus on ourselves; rather than looking outwards to the needs of others. However, it is more likely that we are making a difference in our neighbours' lives if we notice difference in ourselves.

"We become who we are through relationship with other people." The key is to remember to see the person and be a person. The term person itself, from the Greek prosopon, means 'turned toward the other.' Let us allow the people we meet to make us the people we are called to become, while we allow them to flourish and become their best selves too – turned to each other through relationship.

"Love the poor and honour them as you would honour Christ Himself"
Louise de Marillac

Belinda Chapman

WHO WE ARE

Operating since 1899, the Society in Tasmania has over 1,500 members and volunteers in 28 Conferences, 34 Vinnies shops and numerous Special Works.

They work together, supported by dedicated staff, to relieve not only the immediate requirements of those in need, but to identify the deep and long-term causes leading to spiritual, financial and social hardship in our community, and provide a voice for the needy and disadvantaged.

Each year the Society assists more than 27,000 Tasmanians. This help is not limited to providing material goods, food and shelter, but extends to providing spiritual support, relief from loneliness and encouragement for people to help themselves.

Vinnies relies largely on the generosity of donations from the public and any surplus goes directly to supporting the Society's good works, which provide a range of services to people facing disadvantage.

OUR VALUES

COMMITMENT

Loyalty in service to our mission, vision and values

COMPASSION

Welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgment

RESPECT

Service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions

INTEGRITY

Promoting, maintaining and adhering to our mission, vision and values

EMPATHY

Establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception

ADVOCACY

Working to transform the causes of poverty and challenging the causes of human injustice

COURAGE

Encouraging spiritual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future

OUR HISTORY



Blessed Frederic Ozanam
(1813-1853)

"The knowledge of social well-being and of reform is learned not from books, nor from public debate, but in climbing the stairs to the poor man's garret, sitting by his bedside, feeling the same cold that pierces him and sharing the secret of his lonely heart and troubled mind"

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris in 1833 by 20 year old student, Frederic Ozanam. Frederic and his friends visited people in their homes offering friendship and support. This group became know as the 'first' Conference of the Society. The practice of visiting people in their homes, known as Home Visitation, remains the core activity of the Society's members today. Frederic lived an extraordinary life of just 40 years and in this time he advocated against many injustices, including slavery and child labour, as well as for better health and education services.

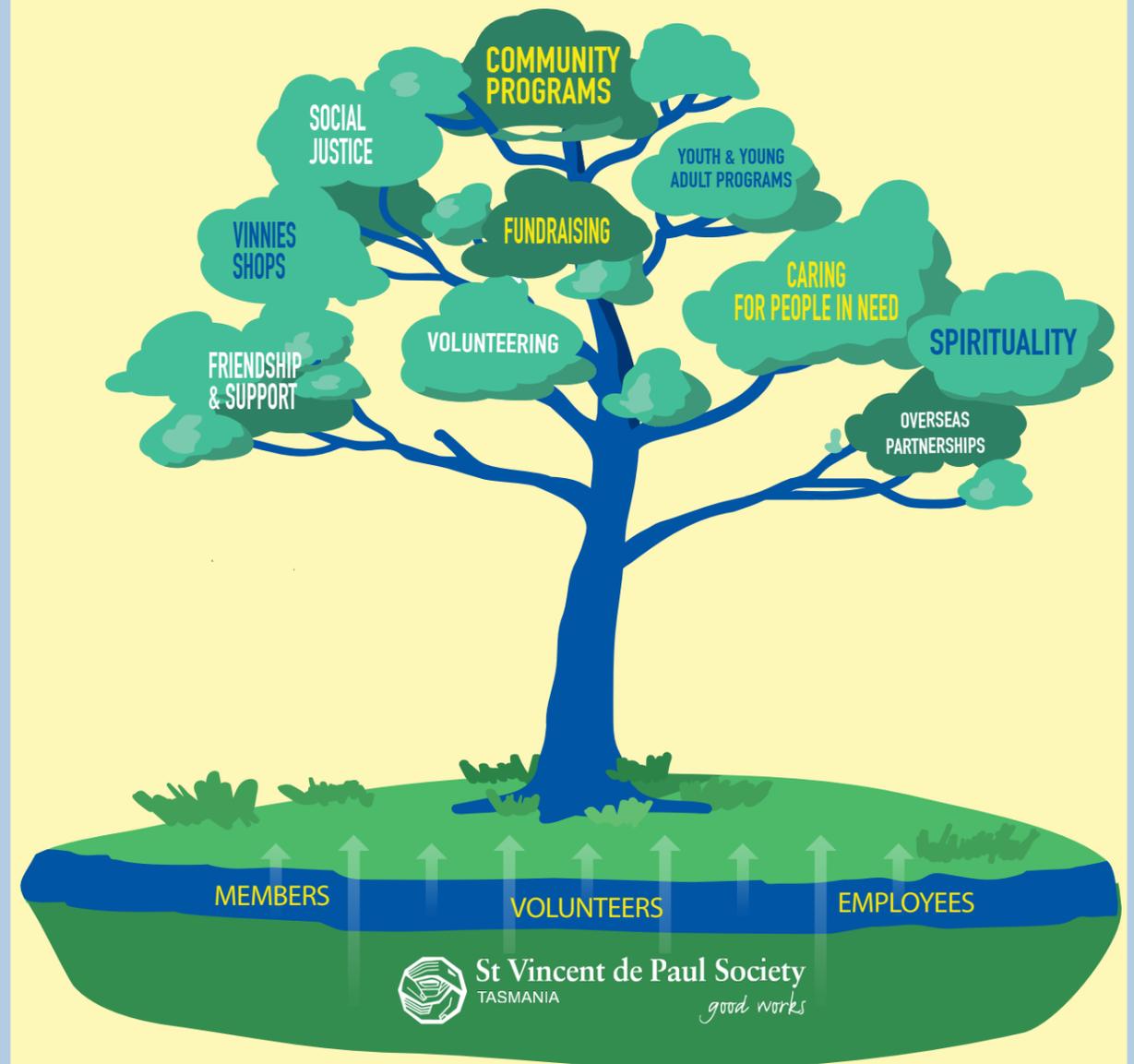


Saint Vincent de Paul
(1581-1660)

"We should assist the poor in every way and do it both ourselves and by enlisting the help of others. To do this is to preach the gospel by word and by work"

As a young man Vincent ministered to the wealthy and powerful. However an appointment as chaplain to a poor parish, and to galley prisoners, inspired him to a vocation of working with those most marginalised and powerless. An extremely gifted man, Vincent took on roles of spiritual director to other priests, negotiator with members of the aristocracy and reformer of the clergy. He organised social welfare on a national scale in France and above all dedicated his life to serving the poor, sick and disadvantaged people, seeing in them the face of God.

THE VINCENTIAN MISSION



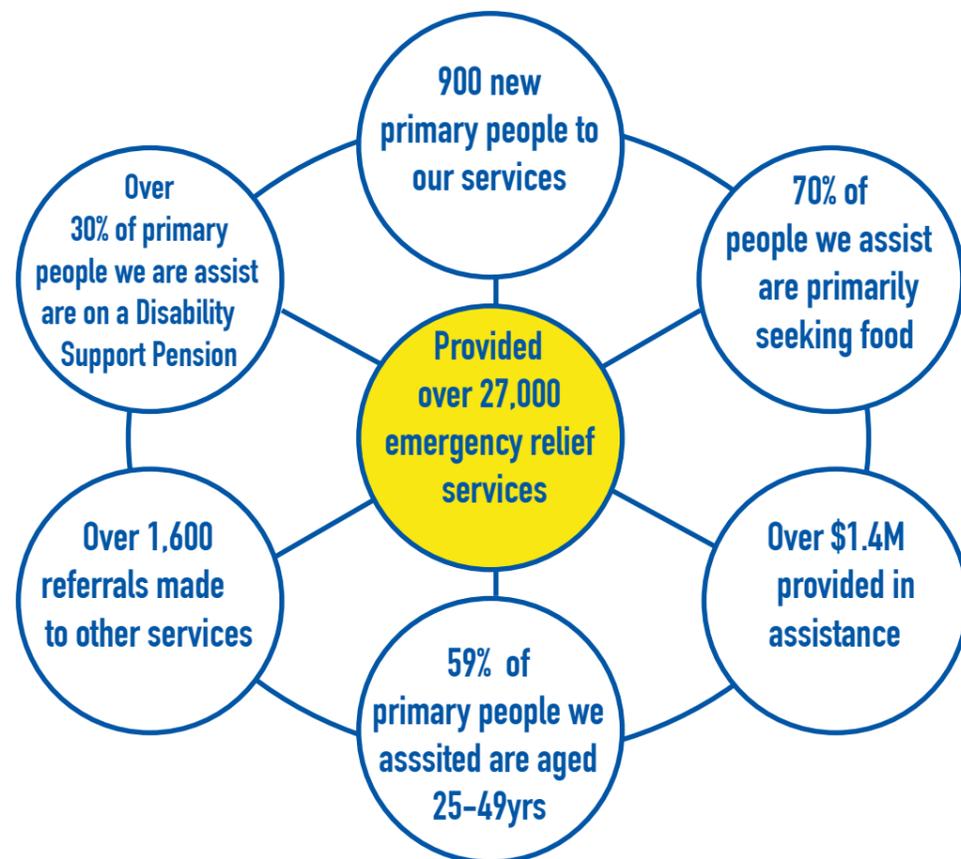
WHAT WE DO

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Part of the mission of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to 'go where the need is'. Staying true to our mission means no work of charity is foreign to us and no person in need is alien to us. That is why we work closely with communities to provide the support and assistance that serves specific needs in the area.

Critical life incidents and events such as unemployment, displacement or chronic illness may often lead to individuals or families facing financial crisis. The St Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance to people in need in any way they can. In many cases, our help can be as simple as helping to pay off an urgent, debilitating bill or a food voucher to help a family make it through to their next pay.

Using our state-wide network of members and volunteers, we reach out through a number of activities, from the main cities to regional centres and work tirelessly to assist people in need. We recognise the importance of stopping people from 'falling through the cracks' and work hard to identify crises before they unfold. In doing so, the Society keeps at the forefront of its work the Vision of offering "a hand up" to people in need and we are doing this by respecting their dignity and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.



FRESH START PROGRAM

Fresh Start is a statewide program that aims to address the important role that financial literacy plays in enabling people to dramatically improve their lives. The program is a free and confidential service where our team members take the time to help those who are struggling to make sense of their finances. We also assist people with preparing applications for no interest loans through NILS Tasmania. NILS is a No Interest Loan Program that is supported by the Tasmanian State Government and is designed to improve the standard of living for Tasmanians on low incomes by providing affordable finance for essential goods and services, affordable finance for small business development and access to financial literacy support and information.



HOME VISITATION

Home Visitation is a practice based on the philosophy of our founder Frederic Ozanam and remains the core work of the Society today.

Conference members visit people in their homes and help to find the most appropriate response to the person's or family's needs. This will involve being a supportive listener and may also include providing food or food vouchers, clothing, furniture, budget support, assistance with utility bills or back-to-school costs, information and advocacy.

Anyone can access this service providing they have expressed a desire for our assistance. Our members will not visit someone in their home unless they have been invited. The visits are very informal and our members are very sensitive to people's needs. They can have a friendly chat should someone want to or provide assistance in the form of material or financial help.



SOUP VANS

Our Soup Van services provide assistance to some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Many people access our services for food, warm clothing, blankets, friendship and support. Homelessness is increasing and we are therefore seeing many people who struggle to find suitable and affordable accommodation. Support includes providing information on other services and referring people to other organisations for additional support.

*A special **thank you** to all our Soup Van volunteers who generously give of their time, without them these services would not be possible.*



LOUI'S VAN

operates in the south of the state and offers a reliable service that provides people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with a meal, warm drinks, snacks and conversation, helping break through the barriers of loneliness and social isolation.

Teams of volunteers operate Loui's Van six nights a week in the areas of Bridgewater and Gagebrook, Kingston, Hobart CBD, Glenorchy and Clarendon Vale. The model of service at Clarendon Vale involves community members preparing a three course meal at the local Neighbourhood House. Loui's Van is present to provide hot drinks and support.

During the year, a Huonville service for Loui's Van commenced thanks to the wonderful support of the local Huon Valley community. Loui's Van travels to Huonville each Tuesday evening.

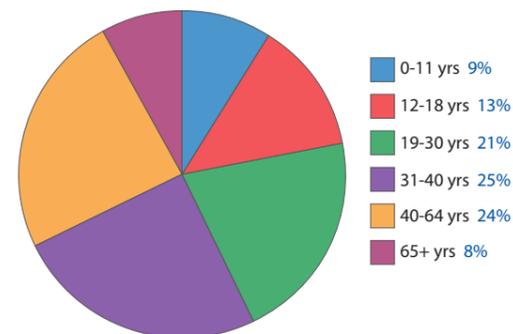
This year, a total of 14,760 meals were served across all southern locations.

Moreton Training continue to provide a free after-hours medical service shadowing Loui's Van in the Hobart, Glenorchy and Clarendon Vale areas. The service provides immediate medical care and referral.

Loui's Van has visited many schools across Southern Tasmania. This provides students a real life experience of the support that Loui's Van provides to community members in need and it encourages students to further explore social justice issues in society.

Loui's Van has received an incredible amount of donations from both schools and other community members. Donations include blankets, sleeping bags, care packs, socks, food and monetary donations.

Age range of those attending Loui's Van



VINNIES VAN

operates in the north of the state under the same principles as Loui's Van. Vinnies Van provides hot soup, sandwiches, muffins, fruit, hot drinks, warm clothing, bedding and survival packs to a wide range of people, many of whom are sleeping rough, in temporary accommodation or experiencing significant disadvantage due to mental health or other issues.

Vinnies Van operates on weekends in the Launceston City Centre and Ravenswood, and on a Thursday night the van travels to George Town to operate at two different locations.

With the funds raised at our previous year's CEO Sleepout, a new vehicle was purchased for the North West Coast. The Burnie – Wynyard service of Vinnies Van commenced in January 2019, operating one night per week and gradually increasing to three nights per week.

A total of 3,102 meals were served in the Launceston area, with 351 at George Town and 239 on the North West Coast.

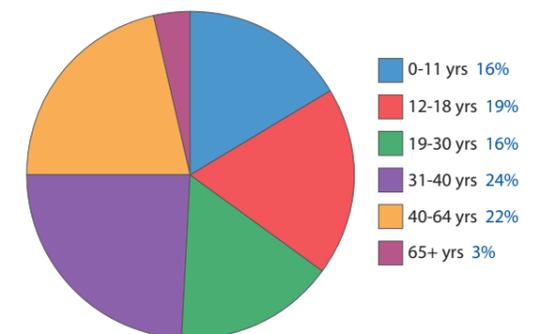
Partnerships include:

St Patrick's College – Year 9 students providing soup to Vinnies Van Launceston on a weekly basis.

Kookaburra and Milpara After School Care, Burnie – providing soup and sandwiches for our Burnie service.

South Launceston Rotary Club – a very generous donation of ten swags and blankets to Vinnies Van Launceston/George Town.

Age range of those attending Vinnies Van





DINING WITH FRIENDS

Dining with Friends operates once a month in four locations across the state – Hobart City, Oatlands, Bridgewater and Launceston City.

Dining with Friends is a social program providing a monthly meal and an opportunity to meet new people. The program caters to those who may be socially isolated, lonely, or would just like to share a meal with others.

A total of 1690 meals were served across all locations during the last year.

Volunteers enthusiastically support this program by providing nutritious meals, companionship and referrals. The Hobart City Dining with Friends program is run solely by our Project Revolution team (youth group). This year, a Guilford Young College catering class has, over many months, generously donated and provided the full meal for our Hobart City program.

Dr Ashley Dent (Chiropractor) has given of his time to provide free chiropractic care at the Hobart City location. This service has been well received by our guests. Thank you Ashley!

St Patrick's College 'Ascent' students have given of their time to come along and volunteer at our Launceston City Dining with Friends Program.

Old Beach Cubs and Scouts groups regularly attend our Bridgewater Dining with Friends and help with serving the food to our guests.

*In my life I want to become better
and do a little good
Blessed Frederic Ozanam*

CENTRAL MENS SHED

It is said that every man needs a shed - a place he can hide, to work, to sit, to dream.

A Mens Shed is a shelter for many men.

This Special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society was opened twelve years ago. Numbers fluctuate from week to week but there is a core of thirty men who attend on a regular basis. People come for number of reasons; some come for company, some for respite, and some to utilise the facilities. Most of the attendees are older people. The men come from a variety of backgrounds but there are several retired tradies, who willingly share their expertise.

The Shed is well-equipped for woodwork and metal work; the attendees work on a variety of personal projects.

The shed is open Tuesday and Thursday for men and Friday is Ladies Day. On this day, women are invited to attend. Men may attend on Fridays, but the ladies have priority in all areas. There are always a couple of experienced tradies to assist them with their projects.



MARILLAC HOUSE

We continue to serve the community with respect, compassion, and empathy, these are some of the core values of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The St Vincent de Paul Society's Marillac House continues to provide supported accommodation for patients, family members, and carers travelling to Launceston for medical purposes.

Over the past year, 1,131 guests stayed at Marillac House with 280 of these being new referrals to our service.

Assistance and support are provided in a respectful and caring manner, with an emphasis on individual needs. Most of our regular guests consider Marillac House as their home-away-from-home.

There is a mix of single, twin, double and family rooms and two of the downstairs room have disability access. All rooms have ensuite facilities.

Over the past 11 years, Marillac House has provided supported accommodation to over 9,100 guests.

Our passion and commitment for making a difference in the lives of others will always help to fulfil the Society's mission.

Testimonials:

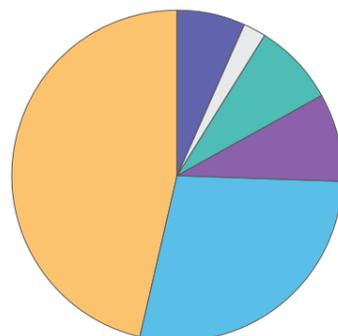
"Every time we stay, we aren't disappointed. Rooms are always clean and tidy. The staff are warm, friendly, and welcoming. It's very homely."
Jenny - St Helens

"With the illness my wife contracted, this is indeed a refuge from the trials we've had to endure. Huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers." Kevin & Pat - Penguin

"Such nice people when I was at a dark place. You helped me see some light"
Thank you - Mark

"What a wonderful place to stay and very homely. Even had my washing done for me!"
Jeanette & Jim - Bridport

Where our guests travelled from to reach us...



- North/North East Tasmania 8%
- Southern Tasmania 2%
- Other/Unknown 8%
- Interstate/Overseas 9%
- East Coast Tasmania 27%
- North West/West Tasmania 46%



OUR VINNIES YOUTH

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old university student named Frederic Ozanam who decided to do something about the poverty he saw in his community. Although Frederic was young, he did not let this stop him and together with a group of friends, founded a Society that now operates in over 155 countries in the world. Today, 186 years later, Frederic's work continues to illustrate that even if you are young, you can make a global and lasting difference. Vinnies works with young people across Australia to continue Frederic's legacy and continue the fight for a more fair and compassionate society. From primary school, through high school, university and beyond, the Society offers young people the opportunity to learn, reflect and make a difference in their community, all whilst engaging in the Vincentian way of living.

There has been a big year for Vinnies Youth Tasmania. Vinnies Youth has been operating successfully in the south of the state for many years and has supported hundreds of young people. January kicked off with the creation of a new Youth Engagement and Development Officer role to implement the youth programs in the North and North West of the state.

The Vinnies Youth programs encompass 5 main areas

- Education and work within schools
- Support for disengaged and disadvantaged children
- Upskilling and leadership opportunities for young people
 - Youth volunteering and fundraising as well as the development of new programs
- The ongoing coordination of existing programs

SCHOOLS

In Tasmania, we have many 'Mini Vinnies' groups in primary schools across the state and Youth Conferences, projects and social outreach opportunities are offered to secondary schools and colleges. The Society encourages school communities to live their faith through action using the 'See' (education and awareness), 'Think' (formation and reflection) and 'Do' (community service and fundraising) model.

Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies work is conducted within their own school, with their own peers and family members. It's about creating a generation of kind, socially conscious children who are passionate about making the world a better place. There is a heavy focus on education encompassing the story of St Vincent de Paul and our services as well as state, national and international social justice issues that are affecting our world, such as mental and physical health, poverty, the affect of living in regional areas, equal rights and discrimination plus many more. Another focus is on basic financial education and budgeting in which the intention is to instill in children invaluable basic life skills to support them throughout their lives. Children are offered easy ways to get involved, with schools this year participating in donation drives, cooking food for the Soup Van Services, participating in School Sleepouts, writing letters and making cards to give to people in need.



Youth Conferences

Once students reach secondary school, Mini Vinnies become Youth Conferences where there is a heavier focus on social outreach, social based learning and volunteer experiences. Numerous school groups have undertaken 'Street Retreats', visiting the Vinnies offices or various Vinnies service locations to learn about what happens in each of these services, what social issue they strive to combat and also what future volunteer and employment opportunities Vinnies can offer. Students are given the chance learn first hand how



their support makes a difference and they get to have a taste of volunteering by picking something they are passionate about. Some things have included: preparing soup for the vans, cleaning the Southern Soup Vans 'Loui's Van' or putting together care packs such as hygiene kits or dignity packs. In Launceston this year, there were also a number of secondary school students who undertook volunteer and work experience placements in the youth programs, Vinnies Shops and Dining with Friends as well as one student undertaking a 3 month mentorship.



One of our most common requests from schools and community groups is for a visit from the local Vinnies Soup Van Service. This provides a real life experience of the great work we do at Vinnies and encourages students to explore the social justice issues within their community. Along with visits to schools, Loui's Van and Vinnies Van have received many donations from schools and community groups to provide to people that it assists. Some of the donations include: soup and baked foods, hygiene kits, dignity packs, reusable cups and drink bottles, torches, warm clothing, explorer socks and monetary donations through fundraising. This is an invaluable link for the children and community members to see exactly where their generosity has supported others. The children love receiving milos and being able to see where their donations are handed out from.

providers and we are hoping to continue to grow this across the state.

The employment groups consist of young people enrolled in 3 week ready for work courses as a requirement by Centrelink. In week 1, the groups get a chance to cook soup and baked foods for the North and North-West vans which gives the group members a chance to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence within the kitchen, learn food handling practices and become empowered to implement small strategies such as bulk meal prepping to help them plan and manage their home life to then support them in being able to juggle work as well. The participants also get to see how easy and inexpensive it can be to make healthy meals in bulk to freeze for the week all whilst giving back to the community at the same time.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & UPSKILLING

Community support services such as employment agencies and various disability support agencies have become heavily involved with Vinnies in the north and north-west regions, focusing on developing people's skills and linking them with opportunities. A number of young people living with disabilities have been connected with ongoing paid work or volunteer experience in our Vinnies Shops with support from their disability support

WINTER APPEAL

The Winter Appeal was a huge success across all regions with many schools running clothing drives, food drives, fundraisers and other creative initiatives such as letter and card writing to give to people through the Soup Vans, Dressed by Vinnies fashion shows, busking sessions and hosting visits from the Soups Vans.

BUDDY PROGRAMS

Buddy Days and Kids Camps are run by Vinnies Youth to continue the 'Good Works' of the St Vincent de Paul Society and are based on a care and respite program for disadvantaged and disengaged young people.

The Vinnies Youth Buddy Programs are designed to offer children a break from any hardships they may be experiencing as well as involving a range of activities that encourage children to develop new skills, enhance their self-confidence and encourage friendship development with other children. The other main benefit of these programs is the respite time for the parents and guardians.

One Buddy Day and one Christmas Fun day has been held in the northern region this financial year with another two more scheduled for the remainder of the 2019 year. The southern region is set to relaunch their Buddy Days with their first one scheduled for October 2019 year. The youth staff aim to commence Kids Camps in 2020, the Society was the successful recipient of the MyState Foundation grant and a donation from Aurora Energy Community Grants to support this.

YOUNG LEADERS

Vinnies Youth volunteers encompasses anyone aged 35 and under who is engaged or volunteering in any division throughout Vinnies, with the main focus area being the youth programs.

Big Buddies

Our young leaders can volunteer as a 'Big Buddy' during our Buddy Programs. The role of a 'Big Buddy' provides not only friendship and fun for the children who attended the event but also assists them with learning appropriate behaviours and helping them to identify positive role models in life. These programs also strive to offer opportunities for our leaders to learn new skills, develop their confidence and provide invaluable mentorship to our Little Buddies. The Buddy Programs provide invaluable opportunities for our young leaders to learn leadership, planning and organisational skills as well as grow their work experience which will assist them when seeking future employment or aid in deciding their future career paths.

Project Revolution

All young leaders are welcome to join the Vinnies Youth group, Project Revolution, which is a group of young people who meet regularly to discuss social justice issues and implement social justice events within our local community. Members of Project Revolution can also choose to play a large role in supporting with the planning, preparation and delivery of community outreach programs such as Vinnies Youth Buddy Days and Kids Camps as well as helping out with events such as School Sleepouts (One Night of Poverty). Project Revolution is an opportunity for young people to enrich their lives, meet like-minded people, learn important leadership skills and strive to make the world a better place in a fun and exciting way. Anyone aged 15-35 is welcome to attend these meetings which run fortnightly in both the Launceston and Southern regions. Members of Project Revolution get to be a voice for their peers and bring forward causes they are passionate about and plan initiatives around them.

The southern region's Project Revolution group has been relaunched this year with an increase of engagement. In the Launceston region since the implementation of youth programs, a Project Revolution group has been formed for the first time and have hit the ground running with many events and new programs being planned for the coming year. The growth and engagement of these groups is a significant focus for the youth team moving forward.

STATE YOUTH TEAM

Vinnies Youth are represented at a state level by the State Youth Team. The youth staff work closely with the State Youth Team to ensure cohesion across in the state and continuous alignment to the Society's mission, values, Tasmanian strategic plan, the St Vincent de Paul Society's national objectives. The State Youth Team are an advisory team of State Council and support the vision of State Council for youth, particularly with the formation of youth members.



OUR VINNIES SHOPS

The St Vincent de Paul Society operates 34 shops and three warehouses across Tasmania to service the community.

The Society's 34 Vinnies shops are the hub of their respective communities, especially in rural areas, and offer many services including volunteering opportunities, meeting places for conferences and providing clothing, homewares and furniture to families in need.

Times have changed for Vinnies shops. No longer viewed as an outlet of last resort, shopping for preloved clothing is viewed as fashionable; where it is seen as trendy to find that illusive and unique sought-after item. Environmental considerations also play a part in the new vogue of shopping at Vinnies. Every year, Vinnies shops save thousands of tonnes of perfectly good clothing from ending up in landfill. With a mix of fashion, business attire, casual clothing and clothes for children, the Society is proud to cater for all tastes and budgets, while supporting those in need, the wider community and, of course, the environment.

People often ask what happens when unwanted items are donated to Vinnies. Invariably, donated items are re-used in various ways.

Donations are sorted through our warehouses and categorised as stock to be sold in Vinnies Shops or given to people in need through our Emergency Relief Services. Items unsuitable to be sold in Vinnies Shops are sent to Vincent Industries to be shipped to countries overseas or cut into 'bags of rags' for cleaning at both Vincent Industries and St Vincent Industries. The very small proportion of items that do not fall into these categories are disposed of at a local refuse centre.

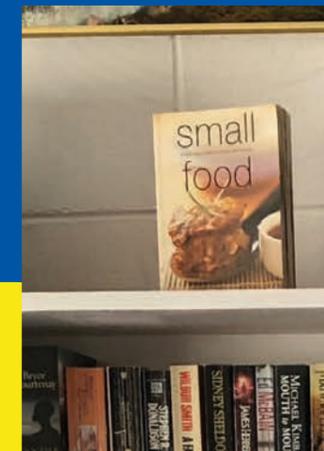
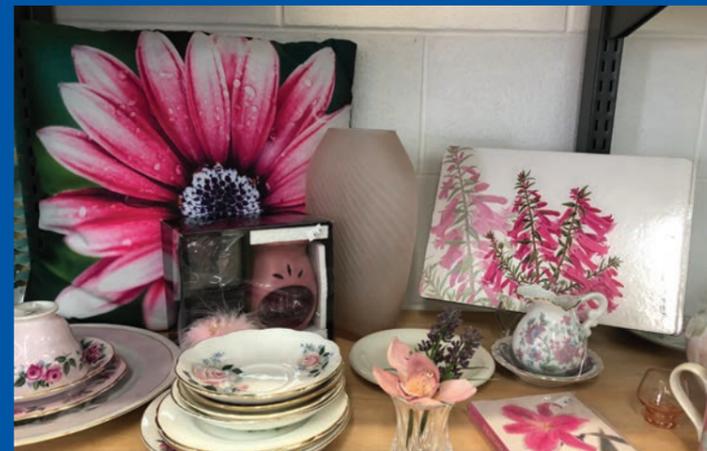
A Retail Strategy Plan was introduced across Tasmania with a review to be undertaken of all locations. It was an opportunity to close or relocate shops to improve our services to the people we assist, our customers and donors.

*Our retail services
are supported by
over 800 volunteers*



Vinnies

*provides good quality
clothing to people in need*



OUR FUNDRAISING

The Tasmanian Community Helping People in Need

Fundraising is an essential form of income for the Society in Tasmania, without the generous support of community members and businesses we would not be able to provide our services.

Funds raised through our appeals, bequests and general donations allow our Conference Members to continue providing optimum support to people we assist in communities throughout Tasmania over and above the financial assistance received through Government funding.

We are very grateful to our donors as well as those who donate good quality pre-loved items, buy from our Vinnies shops or fundraise on our behalf.

CEO SLEEPOUT

This is an annual event that highlights the plight of homeless people. On Thursday June 20 we had 57 CEOs and Community Leaders from across the state spend one cold winter night, sleeping rough, at UTAS Stadium to raise money to support the Society's work to combat homelessness.

A 2018 report by the Australian Government's Institute of Health and Welfare, *Sleeping Rough: A profile of Specialist Homelessness Services clients*, identified that rough sleepers account for 1 in 14 homeless people in Australia; or about 8,200 people. Sleeping rough is defined as living on the streets, in parks, squatting, staying in cars or living in improvised dwellings. Here in Tasmania, Vinnies helps around 120 people at risk of homelessness or homeless every week, and there is constant demand for our support from families and individuals in these situations.

It is important to raise awareness of homelessness, particularly in Tasmania where we are more connected; and our sense of community offers us all more opportunity to help those less fortunate. We also need to be more aware of the underlying challenges facing people sleeping rough and those who find themselves homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The report *Sleeping Rough: A profile of Specialist Homelessness Services clients*, identified three vulnerabilities – mental health issues, problematic drug and/or alcohol use, and domestic or family violence. If our community is serious about addressing homelessness, we cannot rely on charities, health professionals, or governments individually to address the issue. We have to work together through a state-wide strategy that focuses on the symptoms of homelessness, not how much money we spend on the homeless. On any given night, there are more than 1,600 homeless people in need of support across Tasmania.

Funds raised by the participants with the support of their organisations, friends and families will be used to help provide vital local services, including the operation of the Loui's Vans (in Hobart and surrounds) and Vinnies Van (Launceston, George Town, Burnie and Wynyard) providing meals, hot drinks, blankets for up to 50 people on any one night. In the 2018-19 period, the Vans served more than 17,500 meals to the homeless and other people in need, assisted by the selfless dedication of volunteers, who provided their time and compassion.

Participation in or support of the CEO Sleepout event will provide much-needed funds to ensure that these and other services can continue to support those in need within our community.



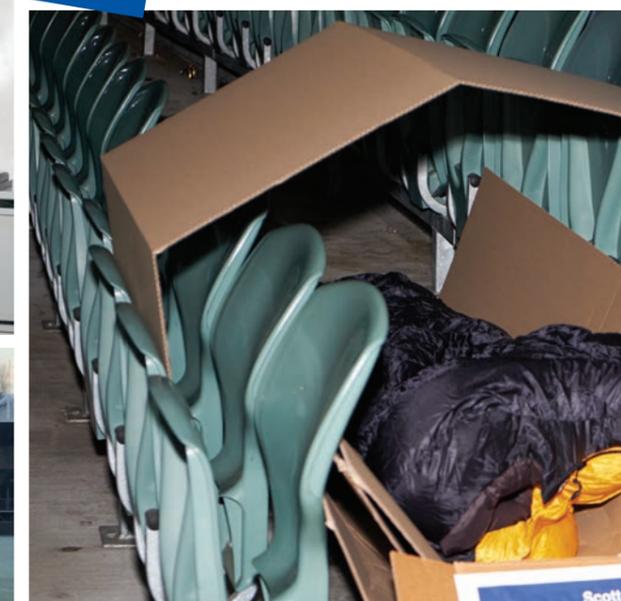
Thank You

To our participants and the national and local sponsors
Organisations and businesses were generous in providing in-kind donations and/or their services and goods which ensures our running costs are kept to a minimum including the City of Launceston and University of Tasmania Stadium



Lara Alexander, SVDP CEO

Mark Gaetani, SVDP State President



What everyone woke up to at UTAS Stadium

OUR VOLUNTEERS

As another annual report heralds the end of another year, Vinnies would like to use this as an opportunity to recognise our 1,500 dedicated volunteers and to **thank you** all for the invaluable contribution you make to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

A large number of our fantastic volunteers have been with us for many years, while others have gained valuable work experience over shorter periods.

You can find our volunteers in every aspect of our Good Works:

- Staff and volunteer advocates are trained to empower people with the information and resources they need to live the lives most of us take for granted.
- Ensuring our support, membership, and fundraising services run smoothly, and contributing their experience and expertise to our communications and campaigning work.
- Giving generously of their time and energy to be volunteer at our Vinnies shops or warehouses, helping to raise money and offering a welcoming smile to those who (sometimes) just need to see a friendly face.
- Braving all weather conditions to deliver hot drinks and nutritious meals to the homeless and those sleeping rough from one of our Vinnies or Loui's vans across the state.
- Supporting one of our Special Works, such as Marillac House or the Dining with Friends Program.

As a Society committed to the well-being of others, we are immeasurably grateful for the time and energy our volunteers spend enriching our work; and helping us to reach and assist even more vulnerable people in need.

The true calling of our volunteers is embodied in a quote attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, who said:

"Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self."



Loui's Van kitchen

OUR STAFF

*Thank you for your kindness,
compassion, and caring.*

We recognise the Society's employees, who dedicate their time and energy to improving the lives of others.

Our employees work tirelessly to support our members and volunteers who are working in every part of the community, and in every aspect of our work.

As an organisation, we are truly inspired by the personal commitment of our employees, who make a difference – especially in these unprecedented and challenging times – to the lives of so many people. The approach of our employees embodies the care and selflessness of our founders and the Society itself.

On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, I would like to thank you for your commitment to helping us to actually change the world, one vulnerable Tasmanian at a time.

The Society will never be able to fully express its gratitude to our employees, but please know how much the efforts of each and every one of our employees is appreciated and respected every day.



Staff and Volunteers working together at the CEO Sleepout

OUR MEMBERS

Conference Members are those who are desirous of living their Catholic faith, or are committed to the ethos, mission, aims and objects of the Society, and who seek to live out their faith and commitment in action through the spirit of Christian charity.

They do this by loving and serving their neighbour in need and participating effectively in Conference meetings, formation programs and charitable activities of the Society.

Associate Members are those who are committed to the ethos, mission, aims and objects of the Society and who seek to live out their faith in action by assisting in the works of the Society, but do not attend Conference meetings.

The Rule, SVDP Australia 7th Edition (Amended 2014)



Meet Vyvyan

Vyvyan Allchin
Launceston Regional President

In the 1970s and 80s, my mother, an Anglican, volunteered at the St Vincent de Paul Society shop in Elizabeth Street, Launceston. She had been invited to volunteer by one of her friends with whom she worked at a school tuck shop. I recall my mother described helping people in need, selecting clothing items from the stock in the small shop for job interviews and other special events in their lives.

My involvement started during one of my school holidays. My mother asked me to join her in doing some work for the Society, probably to keep me entertained. I enjoyed the activity, collecting donations in the ute and sorting those items at the back of the shop.

Many years later, after I joined a 'Men Alive' group, which reflects on the meaning of the Gospel and how it can shape our lives today, I felt the need to convert words into real actions. I was involved in several parish and school activities, but by reading passages like Matthew 25 "... for I was hungry and you gave me food," I thought I was missing the point. I asked a friend at church who helped with the Vinnies collections once a month at Mass, how to join; and along with my wife Ingrid, we started our journey with the Society through the Apostles Conference.

Those first few home visits were very powerful, interactions with our companions ranging from the simple doorstep food drops, to sitting down over a cuppa and looking to the future with hope.

In 2012, I was invited to join the State Committee for Overseas Partnerships as the Twinning Officer. It was great to see the expanse of the Society's work and how we in Tasmania are able to contribute to some of the poorest and disadvantaged in the world, by simply providing both financial and spiritual support to our fellow Vincentians in the Asia Pacific region. This was followed by a quick trip to India where I had the privilege of meeting conference members working with the marginalised in society; this really put my life and privileges in perspective.

I look to the future and hope that we can contribute to the building of better lives for our companions. Through the simple actions of a smile and a friendly face, providing the necessities for our companions and beyond that to the advocacy for them with our broader community.

As the newly elected Launceston Regional President, I hope to support members in their work by building strong and enduring relationships between conference members, volunteers and employees.



Meet John

John Moore
Vice President Southern Regional Council and
President St Mary's Conference Huonville

As a former resident of Brisbane, I moved to Mountain River with my wife Cathy and her mother Margaret in 2015. I was a member of the St John the Baptist Conference in Enoggera and Everton Park in the north-western suburbs of Brisbane prior to joining the St Mary's Huonville conference.

There is a lot to like about the way Society operates: The interaction we have with the people we assist is very personal. As we visit them mostly in their homes, this enables us to show love for them in a way that couldn't be achieved from an office or other work setting.

There is a good balance in the Society between giving the members support and training as well as the responsibility and opportunity to put the Society's principles into practice according to each individual situation.

The Society does an immense amount of good work; and we see the results in the relief and joy experienced by those who have had their burdens relieved, or appreciate the hand of friendship. Importantly, the Society works discreetly and it is often the case that the significance of what is done to help those in need is only fully known to the Society members directly involved and those who were helped. Importantly, we are grateful to those who enable Members to carry out their work by donating to the Society and to the staff of the Society, who support Members in our endeavours.

The recent bushfires in Tasmania challenged the Society to mobilise its resources and Members to assist the many communities and families affected by the natural disaster. Acknowledging that the Society could not have carried out such critically important work without the assistance of others. Many people contributed to the success of the bushfire appeal.

The Bushfire Recovery Taskforce in the Department of Premier and Cabinet worked with the Society by referring cases of people in need. This relationship was essential to the success of the appeal because many people were reluctant to make an approach to a charity for assistance. They felt more comfortable approaching the Tasmanian government to enquire about the availability of assistance.

As a contact person for the Bushfire Appeal my work was made easier by the support staff within the Society who ensured that approvals and the despatch of funds were achieved quickly. This expedited the relief of hardship for those affected.

Importantly St Vincent de Paul Members in Conferences from outside the Huon Valley were quick to render assistance when our own Members were caught up in the evacuations and therefore unable to participate at the Huonville PCYC evacuation centre.

We owe thanks to the many people who contributed to the SVDP Bushfire Appeal. Without their donations, we would not have been able to give so much assistance. There were five homes known to be lost in the Huon Valley and other residences with significant loss of infrastructure and services. The largest disbursements from the appeal fund were weighted towards those who lost significant property; while others who suffered hardships as a result of the fires receiving lesser amounts.

Many people assisted by the St Vincent de Paul Society expressed their gratitude. It was particularly pleasing to be able to visit people in their homes and to listen as they explained how the fires had affected them. Society Members visited people in many places including, Waddamana, Brady's Lake, Bothwell, Miena, Maydena, Tyena, Judbury, Geeveston, Glen Huon and Franklin.

THE TASMANIAN CONNECTION WITH OVERSEAS VINCENTIANS

Tasmanian conferences continue to connect with 32 overseas conferences in the Asia Pacific region as well as partnering with two regional councils and the National Council of Thailand. All Tasmanian regions are represented by their regional coordinator on the State Overseas Partnership Committee (SOPC) along with a representative in a specialist support role from each region.

Together with other Vincentians, the SOPC supports marginalised communities in developing countries within our region; including India, Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand. The Tasmanian SOPC has three areas of major activity. This year, the committee has focused on strengthening our twinning relationships.

CONFERENCE TWINNING

Twinning relationships form the basis of all our support to overseas Vincentians in their important work with those in need in their local communities, as we do here in Tasmania.

With the launch of the National database and continued partnership development driven by the National Council we have been trying to formalise and improve communication. In some cases, the communication is made more difficult simply because our twinned conference is located in an impoverished area and impacted by natural disasters like this year's floods in India. In other instances, they may not have access to someone who can write or read English, or they are missing a postal address or the finances to reply to our correspondence. To assist in this the SOPC has requested 16 status checks with the National Councils of the overseas conferences concerned. The SOPC is continuing to seek alternative method of building the relationships with our twinned conferences. The SOPC continues to provide special financial support, in quarterly allocations and special grants at Christmas and Easter, to our twinned conferences.



ASSIST A STUDENT PROGRAM

The Assist a Student program (AAS), is designed to provide essential support to individual students, at several levels of education, so that they can participate in their local education area and go on to contribute to their families and communities in one of our partner countries for one year. This support is such an important and appreciated need in our region of the world. Fundraising continues in this area. In many Asia Pacific countries, poverty excludes individuals from reaching their full potential by being a barrier to opportunities accessing education.

Tasmania is participating in the national review of the program to see if we can better deliver support in education and identify the most appropriate level of support to meet the needs of the receiving individuals and communities.

At the end of June 2019, the SOPC received donations to a value of \$11,420. The National Office administers, on behalf of the States, the distribution of donations overseas to ensure it is directed to the right purpose of supporting education.



OUR INCORPORATED SPECIAL WORKS

BETHLEHEM HOUSE

Report from the CEO, Bethlehem House Tasmania, for the St Vincent de Paul Society Tasmania Annual Report

During the year, our 12-bed crisis accommodation service was 100 percent full. We also provided 4,616 bed-nights to men who stayed with us for an extended period after they were assisted to overcome their initial crisis.

We provide a full three meals a day service to our residents, as well counselling, and case management support. A homeless man typically needs assistance with: urgent medical care, clothing, counselling, putting in place debt management plans, complying with court orders, appearing before magistrates, supervised visits with his children, relationship difficulties, overcoming alcohol and other drug issues and, of course, finding an affordable place to live. None of these services are easy and require a considerable amount of support from a worker at Bethlehem House.

This year a few of our long-term residents made it out into their own accommodation and continue to visit when they need a good meal or some advice. Unfortunately, there are those who consistently return to us, unable to look after themselves without support.

We are grateful for Government support as well as contributions from individual donors and grants from community organisations. However, the rising cost of food and utilities, insurance, and staff costs means that we operated at a loss and had to subsidise our income from investment reserves.

The types of support we were able to provide was extended this year because of generous financial assistance from the Tasmanian Community Fund for our programme: 'Improving Skills: Improving Lives of Homeless Men.' In this programme, men are assisted with literacy, using computers, learning essential skills, improving their relationships and connecting well with community.



Staff, volunteers, and residents had a memorable day-trip aboard the Lady Nelson, learning how to operate the sails and ropes. It was a great confidence booster for many and a real team-building exercise. It was an example of good engagement via a community-based activity, made possible through funds allocated by Bethlehem House for the men's welfare.

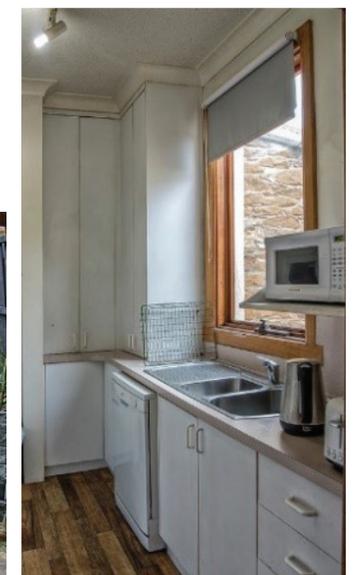
Whilst continuing to provide our comprehensive level of support, we also opened a new support service for homeless men needing support through the NDIS because of complex mental health support needs, at our Hallam House property. The journey to become a provider of NDIS services took around 18 months from start to finish, as it involved a high degree of compliance and a dedicated staff.

There is only one vacancy remaining at Hallam House.

Hallam House is in the care of the St Vincent de Paul Society, for the use of Bethlehem House, that provides affordable shared rental accommodation for formerly homeless NDIS participants, needing support to live independently in a shared housing situation.



Assistance is provided by specialist disability support workers, as needed, to enable the residents to develop their independent living skills.



Assistance includes shopping, learning to prepare, cook, and eat healthy meals, support to keep the property and garden in good order, and help to participate in community activities.

Hallam House is offered to homeless men with a Supported Independent Living package through the NDIS.

ST VINCENT INDUSTRIES

A social business, operating since 1972, providing paid employment and Nationally Recognised Training in a supportive workplace. St Vincent Industries offers on the job training in our clothing recycling and small laundry businesses, where unwanted clothes are cut into cleaning rags using state of the art cutting machines. We are the leading manufacturer and supplier of cleaning cloths and recycled rags in Southern Tasmania, with a varied customer base supplying businesses across the state.

Around 40 people are employed with us with the majority of these identified as having a disability. Our future is an exciting one. New training programs, new business opportunities, initiatives for inclusion in our wider community and a focus on relevant work and life skills for people with a disability makes us a dynamic and enjoyable workplace.



VINCENT INDUSTRIES

We are an Australian Disability Enterprise that has been operating since 1976 and provides work and training opportunities for those with a disability in the North West of Tasmania. Our core business remains export of good used clothing and rag cleaning cloths.

A large percentage of product is acquired from the Society. Training of our employees, both supported and unsupported continues to be a strong focus to help develop new skills. Skills that will help us to diversify into new business opportunities, like basic garden maintenance.



TASTEX KNITWEAR & UNIFORMS

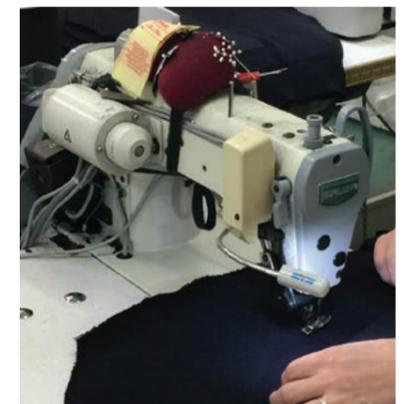
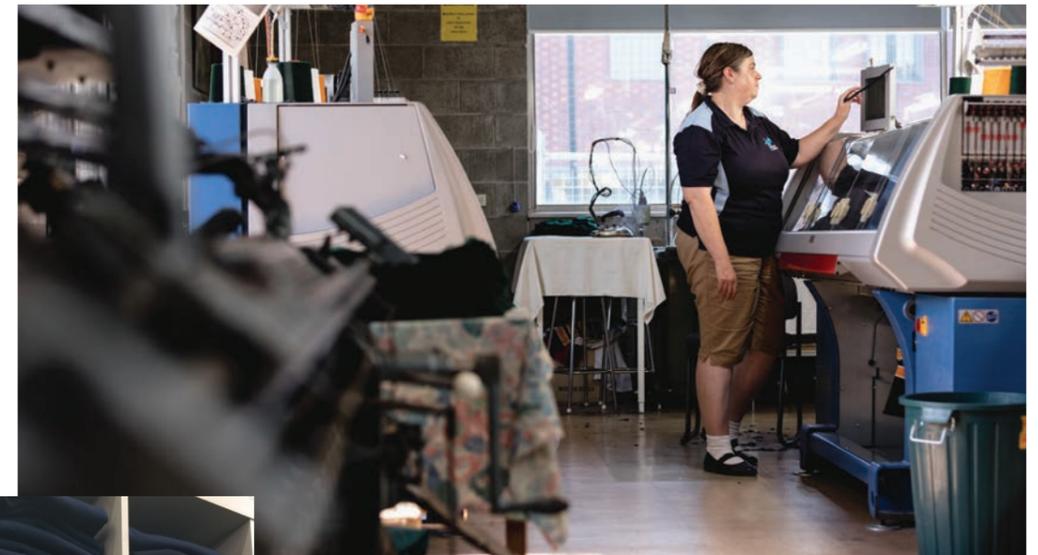
We have been in operation since 1946 and are the only knitting mill in Australia that provides training and support for people with intellectual disabilities.

2019 has been an extremely busy year at Tastex, with our new range of Devil Knits products selling well within the Tasmanian Tourism sector.

For the first time, we were also fortunate to have the opportunity to manage the merchandising on site for the four-day Australian Wooden Boat Festival in February. This prestigious world-famous event was attended by over 220,000 people. It presented us with the opportunity to sell our own products alongside the Australian Wooden Boat Festival Merchandise. The outcome was very positive and we have been asked to manage the site for the next festival in 2021.

Our extensive range of knitted products continue to provide interesting and varied training options for our Supported Employees, including traineeships as well as in-house training in textile production.

The Tastex Board, together with the management team, would like to thank our highly-skilled and professional Tastex team, who provide assistance for our Supported Employees, whilst also designing and creating our innovative and expanding range of knitted products.



AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TASMANIA) INC. FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| REVENUE | | |
| Commonwealth Emergency Relief Grant | 230,940 | 229,095 |
| State Emergency Relief Grant | - | - |
| State Family Assistance Grant | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Tasmanian Community Fund Grants | - | (6,307) |
| Other Government Grants | 56,500 | 73,166 |
| Sale of goods | 5,097,528 | 5,195,669 |
| Client contributions | 217,960 | 203,613 |
| Fundraising | 930,612 | 674,525 |
| Colin Bisdée Bequest | 469,368 | 62,784 |
| Relief in Kind Donations | - | 37,160 |
| Investment Income | 13,642 | 22,765 |
| Profit on Sale of Assets | 45,047 | - |
| Other Income | 75,371 | 644,104 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 7,236,968 | 7,236,574 |
| SOCIETY GOOD WORKS EXPENSES | | |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 37,189 | 55,686 |
| Personnel Costs | 4,574,401 | 4,151,217 |
| Property Costs | 1,147,016 | 1,101,230 |
| Transport Costs | 194,555 | 151,405 |
| Depreciation | 329,034 | 336,788 |
| Material Assistance Costs | 711,588 | 872,765 |
| Operating Costs | 816,380 | 1,237,824 |
| TOTAL GOOD WORKS EXPENSES | 7,810,163 | 7,906,915 |
| Net Society Transfers | (131,000) | (131,000) |
| SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD | (704,195) | (801,341) |

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

In the opinion of the Council the fully audited Financial Statements:

a) Present fairly the financial position of the St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

b) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe the St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the Council by:



Mark Gaetani
State President



Lara Alexander
Chief Executive Officer

Dated this the 21st day of September 2019.

Fully audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 are available on request.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH JUNE 2019

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 675,126 | 954,676 |
| Trade and other receivables | 69,942 | 67,117 |
| Inventories | 17,044 | 311,879 |
| Financial assets | 145,537 | 2,574 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 907,649 | 1,336,246 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 13,054,366 | 13,290,858 |
| Other assets | - | - |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | 13,054,366 | 13,290,858 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 13,962,015 | 14,627,104 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Trade and other payables | 597,024 | 314,399 |
| Provisions | 677,622 | 627,696 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 1,274,646 | 942,095 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Other payables | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Provisions | 82,652 | 120,342 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | 182,652 | 220,342 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 1,457,298 | 1,162,437 |
| NET ASSETS | 12,504,717 | 13,464,667 |
| CAPITAL FUNDS | | |
| Reserves | 9,191,730 | 9,071,730 |
| Funds for future social programs | 3,312,987 | 4,392,937 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS | 12,504,717 | 13,464,667 |

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY TASMANIA INCORPORATED SPECIAL WORKS FINANCIAL REPORTS

INCOME STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

| | Bethlehem House | St Vincent Industries | Tastex Knitwear | Mt St Vincents Aged Care | Vincent Industries |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Operating revenue | 1,912,206 | 750,586 | 1,134,782 | 8,043,509 | 976,839 |
| Operating expenses | 1,565,999 | 729,565 | 1,086,710 | 7,171,341 | 929,712 |
| Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | 346,207 | 21,021 | 48,072 | 872,168 | 47,127 |
| Non-Operational Revenue | 295,126 | (898) | 1,591 | 300,000 | - |
| Non-Operational Expenses | 97,680 | - | - | - | - |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | 543,653 | 20,123 | 49,663 | 1,172,168 | 47,127 |

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Operating revenue | 1,499,582 | 721,452 | 782,511 | 6,419,265 | 971,169 |
| Operating expenses | 1,791,745 | 673,627 | 659,285 | 6,419,614 | 945,992 |
| Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | (292,163) | 47,825 | 123,226 | (349) | 25,177 |
| Non-Operational Revenue | 1,234,983 | (6,080) | - | 1,100,000 | - |
| Non-Operational Expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | 942,820 | 41,745 | 123,226 | 1,099,651 | 25,177 |

BALANCE SHEETS

AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

| | Bethlehem House | St Vincent Industries | Tastex Knitwear | Mt St Vincents Aged Care | Vincent Industries |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current assets | 6,549,326 | 991,475 | 704,537 | 6,368,083 | 675,115 |
| Non current assets | 201,999 | 617,837 | 144,782 | 6,811,060 | 323,414 |
| Total assets | 6,751,325 | 1,609,312 | 849,319 | 13,179,143 | 998,529 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | 216,586 | 93,598 | 140,045 | 6,558,341 | 117,674 |
| Non current liabilities | 9,553 | 15,261 | 18,794 | 86,905 | 24,023 |
| Total liabilities | 226,139 | 108,859 | 158,839 | 6,645,246 | 141,697 |
| NET ASSETS | 6,525,186 | 1,500,453 | 690,480 | 6,533,897 | 856,832 |
| CAPITAL FUNDS | 6,525,186 | 1,500,453 | 690,480 | 6,533,897 | 856,832 |

AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

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| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current assets | 1,146,788 | 941,478 | 704,537 | 4,887,787 | 648,462 |
| Non current assets | 5,018,555 | 627,174 | 144,782 | 6,837,432 | 270,751 |
| Total assets | 6,165,343 | 1,568,652 | 849,319 | 11,725,219 | 919,213 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | 170,240 | 72,294 | 140,045 | 5,667,408 | 90,717 |
| Non current liabilities | 19,832 | 16,028 | 18,794 | 696,082 | 18,801 |
| Total liabilities | 190,072 | 88,322 | 158,839 | 6,363,490 | 109,518 |
| NET ASSETS | 5,975,271 | 1,480,330 | 690,480 | 5,361,729 | 809,695 |
| CAPITAL FUNDS | 5,975,271 | 1,480,330 | 690,480 | 536,129 | 809,705 |

These financial reports consists of the St Vincent de Paul Society special works which are the Bethlehem House Homeless Men's Assistance Centre Inc., St Vincent Industries Inc., Tastex Knitwear Inc., Mt St Vincent Nursing Home & Therapy Centre Inc. and Vincent Industries Inc.

OUR GOVERNANCE

Responsibilities

The governing body for St Vincent de Paul Society Tasmania in Tasmania, (The Society) is its State Council. The members of State Council carry out their functions in accordance with The Rule of the St Vincent de Paul Society, its Constitution, the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) and other relevant State and Federal legislation.

The State Council operates in accordance with its Charter, Delegations Manual and Code of Conduct, which sets out its roles and responsibilities. The State Council is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the Society and ensures good governance principles are applied and adhered to. The State Council is also responsible for the Society's Mission and Vision, setting the strategic direction and for monitoring the achievement of its objectives.

The State Council approves and monitors the business plan and operating budgets of the Society. It receives and monitors reports from management on financial performance, workplace health and safety, risk, compliance and human resource management as well as matters of strategic significance.

Composition

The State Council currently consists of 9 members, representing Society members, employees and volunteers. The 9 members are made up of five elected members and a further 4 appointments that are made by the State President. The State President appoints the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Spiritual Advisor. The State President can also appoint Officers with specific skills and experience to complement the State Council members. The term of office for appointed members concludes at the end of the State President's term.

Advisory Committees

The Society has a number of Advisory Committees to assist the State Council in carrying out their responsibilities and to provide advice and recommendations for effective and informed decision-making. The committee structure enables State Council members to have access to a broad range of external experts, members and employees who would not otherwise be available.

Regulatory Framework

The Society is an Incorporated Association under the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) 1964 and has a Constitution that operates in accordance with that legislation. It is a charity under the Charities Act 2013 and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). The Society is a Public Benevolent Institution, has an Income Tax Exemption and is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient.

Governance Framework

Overseen by our Governance Committee, the Society has a robust governance framework in place, including a State Council Charter, Regional Council and Sub-committee Charters, Delegations Manual and policies such as the Code of Conduct and Workplace Health & Safety. All members, employees and volunteers as well as consultants and contractors are expected to comply with the Society's policies and procedures.

The purpose of this framework is to ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, and enable efficient management of the Society in accordance with the Rule, Constitution, relevant laws and our Ethos. The State Council monitors compliance through compliance questionnaires and reporting.

OUR STATE COUNCIL

Mark Gaetani
State President



Belinda Chapman
Spiritual Advisor



Catherine Beaver
Vice President



Patrick Flanagan
President, Southern Regional Council



Brendan McManus
State Secretary



Hetty Binns
President, Launceston Regional Council



Corey McGrath
Youth Representative



Marie Wilkin
President, Burnie Regional Council



Lara Alexander
Chief Executive Officer





OUR SUPPORTERS

The Society would like to acknowledge and say

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without your help and support.

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- Tasmanian Independent Retailers (IGA)
- ABC Giving Tree for the Christmas Appeal donations.
- The Examiner for co-ordinating the Empty Stocking Appeal and Winter Relief Appeal.
- All our donors who contributed to our Appeals and the Regular Giving Program.
- All businesses, schools, organisations, clubs and individuals who have provided assistance with both monetary and inkind donations
- The Catholic Community
- Our dedicated Conference Members, Staff and Volunteers
- State and Federal Governments

- The St Vincent de Paul Society in Tasmania relies on the generosity of the community to support our Special Works, Vinnies Shops and the services that provide assistance to people in need throughout Tasmania.

We recognise that people give in various ways: some through their time, some through donations of goods and some through monetary gifts. We are extremely grateful to all who have supported the Society during the past year.

HOW **YOU** CAN HELP

DONATE to one of our Appeals or Special Works

JOIN US and become a member of a Conference and assist people in need in the community

GIFTS IN A WILL ensure your legacy lives on through the assistance you have been able to provide

VOLUNTEER your time and skills with one of our Shops or Programs

DONATE your good quality pre-loved items to one of our Shops

CORPORATE COLLABORATION allows your business to join with us and provide support in whatever way you can

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