Society Spotlight

Oct - Nov 2026

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from the desks of *Joe & Peter*



REFLECTIONS ON THE LAST MONTH

As we approach Advent, we have the opportunity to reflect on both the year that was and the hopes we hold for the future. For Christians, Christmas is the season of hope, reminding us that even in challenging times, generosity matters and there is always room for compassion. This hope continues to guide our work and our Mission.

For more than 130 years, Queensland Vincentians have responded to need through practical action, compassion and service. That same spirit continues today. Across the state, the St Vincent de Paul Society Qld (SVdP Qld) is investing in homes, community infrastructure and organisational capability so we can continue serving our community well into the future.

This edition contains several examples of that work in action. New housing developments in Mackay, Newtown, Nerang and Bundaberg will soon provide safe and stable homes for Companions experiencing housing insecurity. Work on our next Strategic Plan is helping shape the future direction of the organisation, while initiatives such as the Ozanam Leadership Program demonstrate our investment in future leaders and stronger communities. Our recent visit across Central and Western Queensland also reinforced the importance of listening, learning and staying connected to Members, Volunteers and Employees across the state.

As Christmas approaches, many of us will enter one of the busiest periods of the year. Together we will receive donations, prepare hampers, distribute support and respond to increasing community need. We will also witness the extraordinary generosity of local schools, parishes, businesses and supporters throughout our communities.

> This Christmas, may we be renewed in hope that we are building a stronger future for the communities we serve

Thank you for your continued commitment to our Mission. This Christmas, may we be renewed in hope and encouraged by the knowledge that together we are helping build a stronger future for the people and communities we serve. We wish you every blessing for the Christmas season and look forward to the opportunities that await in 2027.

YOUR VOICE at the *AGM*



JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON ONLINE

Each year, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) provides an opportunity for Members across Queensland to come together to celebrate the work of the Society, hear about the year that has been, and participate in the governance of our organisation.

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday, 15 November 2026, with Members able to participate either in person at Villanova College, Coorparoo, or online through the AGM Portal.

Whether you attend in person, online or by proxy, your participation helps ensure Members remain at the heart of the Society. The AGM provides an opportunity to hear updates from State Council, receive the Society's Annual Report and Financial Report, ask questions, take part in AGM business and recognise the contribution of Members.

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The AGM also coincides with the release of our 2025–26 Annual Report, which highlights the impact achieved through the collective efforts of Members, Volunteers, Employees, supporters and partners.

We look forward to welcoming Members from across Queensland as we reflect on the achievements of the past year and look ahead to the opportunities of the year to come.

For full AGM details, including attendance and proxy arrangements, please refer to our **website**.

REFLECTIONS from the *road*



STATE LEADERS CONNECT WITH REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

In September, the Executive Leadership Team joined State President Peter Dougherty, Rockhampton Diocesan President Philip Cranny and Diocesan Executive Officer Gina Dann for a week-long tour across Central and Western Queensland.

The group travelled more than 2,000 km and visited communities including Yeppoon, Emu Park, Emerald, Clermont, Longreach, Barcaldine and Rockhampton. The tour included visits to retail operations and support services while providing valuable time with Members, Volunteers, Employees and community stakeholders.

One of the strongest reflections from the trip was the reality of distance and the challenges that come with serving communities across such a vast region. The visit reinforced the need to continually adapt our service models, systems and ways of working to ensure that people in regional and remote Queensland remain connected and supported.

The tour also highlighted the importance of showing up, listening and building relationships. Across every community, Members, Volunteers and Employees generously shared their experiences, local knowledge and aspirations for the future. What stood out most was the resilience, ingenuity, good humour and commitment of the people who bring the Vincentian Mission to life every day. From long-serving Volunteers to operational leaders working across complex environments, the dedication and pride people have in serving their communities was both inspiring and uplifting.

The many hours spent travelling between towns also created valuable opportunities for connection and reflection. Away from normal routines, the leadership team was able to spend time together, share experiences and deepen its understanding of both the opportunities and responsibilities that come with serving regional Queensland.

Most importantly, the tour reinforced that our Mission is built on people. Whether supporting someone seeking assistance, a Volunteer giving their time, or an Employee serving their local community, we are at our best when we create safe, welcoming and supportive environments that uphold the dignity of every person.

Our sincere thanks to the Diocesan leadership team, Members, Volunteers and Employees who welcomed us so warmly throughout the week. Your hospitality, generosity and openness in sharing both your successes and challenges made the visit a valuable and memorable experience.

~ Joe Duskovic







SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Our new strategic plan

The development of our new strategic plan has commenced, led by CEO Joe Duskovic and State President Peter Dougherty, with the support of State Council, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and senior leaders across the organisation. To form the foundations for the strategic plan, State Council has endorsed five hallmark statements that capture the fundamentals of who we are and how we work:

- We are guided by our spirituality and shared values
- We work purposefully to better understand the needs of the people we serve
- We start at the grassroots to be here for the people and communities we serve
- Our advocacy for people and communities is stronger when we work in partnership with others
- We work together with clarity to strengthen our collective impact - living No Wrong Doors internally and externally.

State Council has also agreed on three Foundational Enablers - what we must build to be able to properly executive our strategy. These are:

- Social impact and theory of change - why do we exist, what impact to we want to have (what we change about the world), and how we believe we can make that change occur.
- Financial Sustainability Framework – ensuring we can deliver our mission, make informed investments in future capability, and remain financially resilient over the long term.
- Operating Model Review – organising our people, systems and resources to deliver mission effectively.

At the start of November, the ELT will workshop with the extended leadership team to further develop the strategic plan and roadmap. Our aim is to have a strategy on a page ready for review by the end of 2026. There will be further updates on this, including wider communication about how our Members, Employees and Volunteers can engage with the plan. Watch this space!

BLUE CARDS FOR *Members*

All Members now require a current Blue Card as part of the Society's commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable people. Learn what's changing, how to apply and where to get support. Find more information on page 14 and **click here to read the FAQs**.



RETAIL UPDATE

Investment for long term growth



Retail continues to play an important role in supporting SVdP Qld's Mission, with a range of new initiatives helping attract customers, improve operations and ultimately, strengthen support for Companions and communities across Queensland.

Promotions held in September and October – including the World Op Shop Day sale, Fill a Bag for $10, 50 per cent off sale and "Win Your Wardrobe" campaign – focused on bringing new customers into stores, refreshing stock and encouraging repeat visits. The Fill a Bag promotion generated almost $59,000 in sales and delivered a 79 per cent uplift above baseline sales, while the 50 per cent off sale generated more than $136,000 in sales and delivered a 108 per cent uplift.

The launch of the new MyVinnies rewards program has also provided shoppers with another reason to return, with initial test results due by the next edition.

Meanwhile, in Townsville, Queensland's largest Vinnies store recently celebrated its third birthday, recognising the contribution of the Volunteers, Employees and customers who have helped make the store a success.

Behind the scenes, work is continuing on bringing our warehousing and logistics operations across South East Queensland together into a new sorting centre in Richlands, 19kms from Brisbane. The new sorting centre aims to improve stock distribution, reduce waste and create capacity for larger community and corporate donations, ensuring the right stock reaches the right stores at the right time. A Volunteer recruitment campaign was conducted during October to support the new centre, with encouraging initial results showing interest from 50 new Volunteers who will help sort and distribute donations across the retail network.

Together, these initiatives are helping strengthen the retail network, ensuring Vinnies stores continue generating funds, supporting local communities and funding Good Works across Queensland.

Visit these links to find out more about **MyVinnies rewards program** and our new **Volunteer recruitment website**.

BUILDING HOMES & *communities*



NEW PROJECTS WELCOME QUEENSLANDERS HOME

Across Queensland, a number of major housing and community infrastructure projects are moving from construction to completion, delivering new homes for people experiencing housing stress or homelessness, with wrap around supports to help them sustain their new tenancies.

We officially opened Mackay's new Community Support Centre on Monday 19 October, with Nigel Dalton MP officiating (pictured above right, with, L-R, Joe Duskovic, Peter Dougherty, Dennis Innes and Sharon Shearsmith).

The new facility combines six community housing residences with multiple support services, a food pantry and meeting spaces, creating a welcoming hub for people experiencing hardship and the Members who support them. Read more about this centre on the following pages.

In Toowoomba, the Newtown development at Hill Street is completed and the first tenants are moving into 27 new community housing dwellings. A launch event will be held on 8 December with the Honourable Sam O'Connor MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth officiating. The project also carries forward the legacy of the Ursuline Sisters, who donated the property to SVdP Qld so it could continue serving the community through safe and affordable housing. Photos of the recent Member walk through are featured on page 24.

Meanwhile, construction continues on New St, Nerang and the 60-home development at 139 Barolin Street, Walkervale, Bundaberg. Due for completion in the coming months, residents will have access to wrap around support services designed to help people build long term stability and move beyond housing insecurity.

While each project is different, they share a common purpose: providing safe housing and creating stronger communities. Together, these developments form part of the Society's 500 Homes Program, which is now on track to deliver more than 600 new homes across Queensland. Through this work, SVdP Qld continues to respond to housing need and help more Queenslanders access a safe and stable place to call home.

Click on this **link** to stay updated with the latest construction and property news via the **Vintranet**.


Mackay aerial view


Newtown (Toowoomba)

A HOME FOR SUPPORT

New Mackay hub opens its doors

The new Mackay Community Support Centre officially opened on 19 October, marking an important milestone in SVdP Qld's response to housing insecurity and community need in the region.

The two-storey facility brings together six integrated community housing homes, dedicated support services, a food pantry and meeting spaces in a single location.

The Centre will also provide a new base for local Members, helping connect people experiencing hardship with practical assistance and pathways to additional support. In the past 12 months alone, SVdP Qld has supported more than 6,000 people across the Mackay region.

State President Peter Dougherty, who attended the opening with CEO Joe Duskovic, Vinnies Housing Chair Dennis Innes and Vinnies Housing CEO Sharon Shearsmith (pictured right), said the new Centre would strengthen the Society's ability to respond to local need.

"There clearly is a need in Mackay and the new Centre will help us meet that need," he said. "The unique part of how we deliver housing is that we don't just move someone in and leave them alone, we're there to support them throughout their journey."



The project forms part of SVdP Qld's commitment to deliver more than 500 community homes across Queensland, combining safe housing with the support services people need to build stability and connection within their communities. More photos on page 25.

CONTINUING A LEGACY

Entrusted with the Ursuline ministry

For almost a century, the Ursuline Sisters have played an important role in the life of the Toowoomba community through education, faith formation and service.

Their story in Australia forms part of a much longer tradition spanning more than 400 years and their local legacy continues to shape lives today.

In recent times, the Sisters provided practical support to families in need, including welcoming and assisting newly arrived refugee families as they established themselves in the community. Their commitment extended beyond providing accommodation, helping people access education, community connections and opportunities for a better future.

As the Sisters considered how their ministry could continue into the future, they chose to donate their Hill Street properties to SVdP Qld. While the original buildings have made way for a new 27-home community housing development, the purpose remains the same: supporting vulnerable people in the Toowoomba area.



The new homes will provide individuals and families with a safe and stable place to live, continuing the site's long tradition of service to the community.

During a recent walkthrough of the Hill Street development, General Manager Operational Delivery Jackie Youngblutt (above right) joined Vinnies Housing CEO Sharon Shearsmith (above left) and Toowoomba Housing Committee Chair Shane Fitzpatrick (above centre) to reflect on the significance of the project. Youngblutt said it represented "one community legacy being entrusted to another".

It is a reminder that while ministries evolve and generations change, the Mission of supporting people in need continues through those willing to carry it forward.

LIFE CHANGING *support*

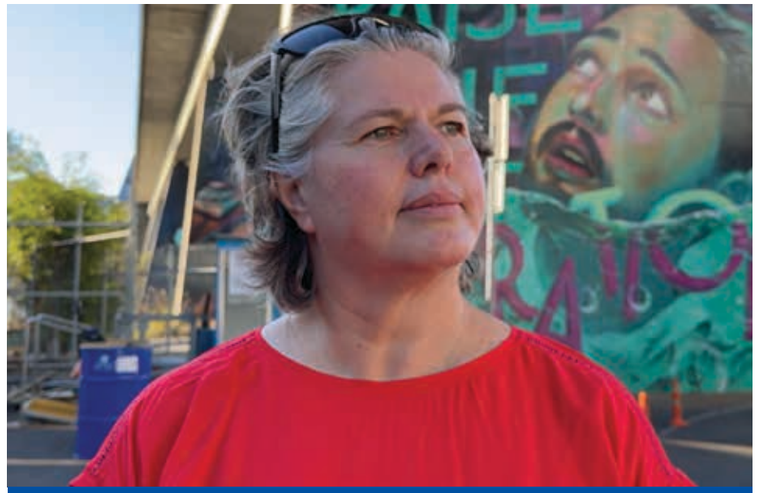
Did you know that some Employees from the Queensland State Administration Office are also Members of the St Mary's Conference in South Brisbane?

Meeting once a fortnight, they provide practical assistance to people in their community and build meaningful connections with many of the Companions they support.

One of these Companions is Jill, who offered to share her story of hardship with our team and supporters because, in her words, "support from Vinnies has been life changing."

Once a teacher with a stable career and home, a series of challenges, including serious illness, loss of employment and housing instability, left Jill experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough.

After hearing about a friend's positive experience with Vinnies, Jill reached out to the St Mary's Conference. Members learned that Jill and her partner were living in a nearby studio apartment and that Jill's medical condition prevented her from working. Through assistance with rent, food, medical expenses and household essentials from the Vinnies Shop in West End, Members helped Jill regain stability during an incredibly difficult period.



JILL FOUND A SAFE AND STABLE HOME

> "I am alive today because of Vinnies. I have hope for tomorrow because of Vinnies."

For Jill, however, the impact went far beyond practical support.

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Earlier this year, we shared Jill's story at the 2026 Vinnies CEO Sleepout, helping business leaders better understand the impact their fundraising and advocacy can have for people experiencing hardship.

Today, Jill's circumstances are improving. She and her partner have moved from their studio apartment into a one-bedroom home, her health is much stronger, and she is looking forward to returning to part-time work.

If you're interested in joining St Mary's Conference, email StMarys.Conference@svdpqld.org.au. **You can watch more of Jill's story here.**

LOCAL REFLECTION

LOOKING BEYOND ORDINARY: A DAY IN THE LIFE



If you were to spend a day at SVdP Qld's Child and Family Program office in Underwood, much of what you see might appear ordinary at first glance.

You might see a child* playing Uno, a parent having a conversation with a practitioner, or a young person quietly sitting on the floor.

Yet for the Child and Family team, these everyday moments can reveal something much deeper.

The Program works alongside children, young people, parents and carers who are involved in, or at risk of entering, the child protection system. Through counselling and therapeutic intervention, the team helps families strengthen relationships, build resilience and create safer futures.

Team members Theresa, Tilly, Susanna, Jo, Belinda, Kristy, Kirsty and Chloe each bring a different perspective to their work. Together, they help children and families feel seen, heard and supported through challenging periods in their lives.

As the team explains, a simple card game can help develop social skills, emotional regulation and confidence. A difficult conversation can strengthen attachment and connection. Often, the most significant change takes place through consistent relationships and everyday interactions.

For the Child and Family Program team, sustainable change is rarely found in dramatic moments. More often, it is built quietly through trust, connection and the small steps families take together each day.

To help others better understand their work, the team recently created a **short video profile**, offering a window into the day to day moments that help build connection, resilience and positive change for children and families.

Image source: Adobe stock.

MEMBER UPDATES





MEMBER BLUE CARD REQUIREMENTS

SVdP Qld is strengthening its safeguarding practices through updated screening requirements for Members.

All active Members will require a current Blue Card, while National Police Checks will continue to apply only to identified governance, leadership, treasury and oversight member roles.

The changes are designed to help create safe environments for children and vulnerable people while simplifying screening requirements for many Members. Blue Cards are free and assistance is available for those needing help with the application process.

More information, including guidance materials and support options, can be found on the **Vintranet,** or visit the Member Portal website for the screening guide and **Blue Card FAQs**.

EVERY RECORD MATTERS

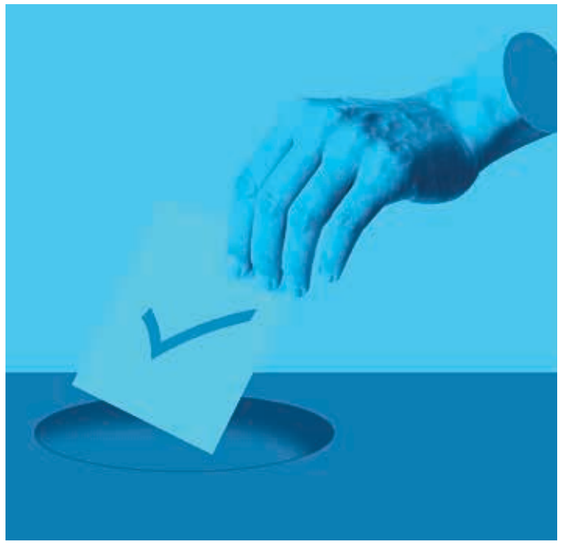
Our CARE database continues to evolve through regular updates designed to help members accurately record assistance and build a clearer picture of need across Queensland.

Recent improvements include enhanced household income and expenses tracking and improved data validation features, ultimately allowing members to better understand a Companion, their circumstances and identify the most appropriate support.

The information recorded in CARE helps SVdP Qld better understand the needs of the people we support, advocate for change where it is needed and demonstrate the impact of our work across Queensland.

Many improvements are introduced in response to member feedback, ensuring CARE continues to evolve alongside the work of Conferences. To learn more about **recent updates** and available resources, visit the **CARE pages on the Vintranet**.

MEMBER UPDATES





2026 NATIONAL ELECTION

At the time of Society Spotlight magazine publication, preparations are underway for the election of the Society's 19th National President, which will take place on 7 November 2026.

The election is an important part of the SVdP governance and leadership renewal process, helping shape the future direction of the organisation across Australia.

Members are encouraged to follow updates from **National Council on their website**, with the election outcome expected to be announced following the November National Council meeting.

CLAIRVAUX & ST BERNARDS

St Bernard's Upper Mt Gravatt Conference received a significant contribution from the Clairvaux MacKillop College senior students.

Students donated food, sleeping bags, backpacks and essential household items, alongside a financial contribution of $3,000.

The support will assist the Conference (Members pictured above) as it continues to provide practical assistance to 350 local families experiencing hardship. The donation highlights the strength of the longstanding partnership between the Conference and the school community, and the shared Catholic commitment to social justice and serving the poor.

SOCIETY SHORTS





NEWLY MARRIED? HAVE YOUR SAY

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is inviting Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage to participate in a national survey exploring the opportunities, challenges and experiences of newly married couples.

The research is being funded by the Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement and managed by the Parish and Marriage Resources Centre.

The findings will help inform future support, resources and pastoral initiatives for married couples and families across Australia. If you, or someone you know, has been married within the past decade, please share this information and encourage them to take part via the Beyond the Wedding Threshold Survey. You can also learn more about the project by watching Bishop Tony Percy's video message.

VINTRANET ACCESS MADE EASY

The Vintranet contains a wide range of resources to support Members in their volunteer roles, including Conference administration documents, assistance resources, Society news, policies, forms and helpful guidance. It is also the gateway to other important systems such as CARE, eCashBooks and VIPS.

Did you know you don't need an SVdP Qld email address to access it?

Members can log in using the personal email address recorded in VIPS and access the information they need from anywhere.

If you haven't visited the Vintranet recently, now is a great time to explore what's available. To learn how to log in using your personal email address, view the Member Vintranet Access Information guide here.

SOCIETY SHORTS



DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS

The Ozanam Leadership Program continues to play an important role in developing compassionate community leaders of the future.

This year, 31 students from across South East Queensland participated in the program, building leadership, advocacy and social justice skills through practical experiences and service learning activities.

In August, participants attended a Vincentian Library session (pictured above) at State Office where they heard directly from seven Members about their experiences supporting people in need and contributing to their communities. By connecting young people with Vincentian values and real-world examples of service, the program encourages participants to become active contributors in their schools, parishes and local communities.

For some participants, the program may also provide a pathway into future involvement with SVdP Qld and its Mission.

Save THE DATE

26 OCTOBER
Christmas Appeal resources dispatched to Conferences, Diocese and retail

1 NOVEMBER
Changes to multi factor authentication: alerts turned on to self-service

11 NOVEMBER
Remembrance Day

15 NOVEMBER
Member Annual General Meeting and Mass

22 NOVEMBER
Mackay Regional Council Festival Mass and gathering

END NOVEMBER
Annual Report dispatched to Members

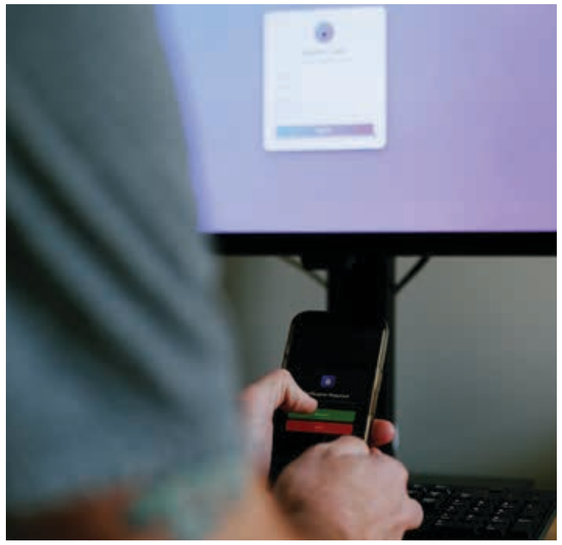
10 DECEMBER
Human Rights Day

24 DECEMBER TO 3 JANUARY 2027
State Administration Office Christmas closure

4 JANUARY 2027
State Administration Office Christmas reopens

11 FEBRUARY 2027
SMS and Call multi factor authentication no longer available

SOCIETY SHORTS



CHANGES TO HOW YOU SIGN-IN

You will soon notice changes to the way you sign in to the Society's Microsoft systems over the coming months.

As part of Microsoft's ongoing security improvements, text message and phone call verification methods will be gradually replaced by the Microsoft Authenticator app. Microsoft Authenticator is a free program that can be installed on your mobile phone to help verify your identity when signing in.

If you already use Microsoft Authenticator, no action is required. For everyone else, support and guidance will be available well before the changes take effect on 1 February 2027. Visit the Vintranet's **Multi Factor Authentication page** for key dates, instructions and support resources.



ANTI-POVERTY WEEK ACTION

Anti-Poverty Week, which ran from 11 to 17 October, recently provided an opportunity for us to highlight the growing impact of poverty across Australia and advocate for meaningful change.

At a national level, we supported calls for the Australian Government to introduce official measures of poverty and establish targets to reduce it. In Queensland, SVdP Qld used Anti-Poverty Week to raise awareness of increasing financial hardship, reporting a 24 per cent increase in requests for assistance over the past year.

For many Members, these issues are already visible in their local communities through rising demand for support with food, housing and everyday living costs. Anti-Poverty Week helped bring these experiences into the public conversation and reinforced the importance of continuing to advocate for practical solutions that reduce disadvantage and strengthen community wellbeing.

SOCIETY SHORTS



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Christmas Appeal resources will soon begin arriving at Conferences, diocesan offices and retail locations across Queensland.

These materials are important tools that help you raise funds to provide emergency relief within your local community.

This year's appeal shares the story of Joanne (pictured above), her partner Max and their daughter Harper*. Rising rent, fuel and household costs pushed the family into financial hardship despite both adults being employed.

Our support helped with food, school supplies and essential household costs. Their story reflects the growing number of Queensland families seeking assistance for the first time and demonstrates why the Christmas Appeal remains such an important part of our work. You can find more information and **Christmas Appeal resources here**.

** Names changed to protect privacy of the family.*

We'd *love* to hear from *you!*

Would you like your local conference news shared in the next edition?

Or do you have any feedback about this edition of Society Spotlight?

Email us at
internalcomms@svdpqld.org.au

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

POWERLESSNESS



In my precious life there have been numerous times when I was fragile and vulnerable.

Often, those fragile and vulnerable times were associated with a sense of being powerless. I felt overwhelmed. I felt that the weight of the world was on my shoulders and I could do little or even nothing to bring about meaningful change. I felt that my small voice was drowned out in a cacophony of noise – so often ego driven.

Then, two things happened to me. One, I recall that the "drop in the ocean" is still a drop and that it does make a difference. I recall that even in the darkest of nights – the one small light can give hope. I recall that the ONE small word of encouragement might be THE thing that lifts, gifts hope and makes a difference.

The second thing I recall when faced with a tidal wave of negativity and a sense of powerlessness is that I recall that so many of our Companions truly know powerlessness too. They were powerless, voiceless to change an eviction notice. They were powerless to change the addiction in their loved one. They were powerless to affect the cycle of violence or poverty that they were born into – no choice – just fate.

So, in my powerlessness I am reminded that I am not alone! The poor who come through the door of our shops are powerless. The Companion whose door we knock on is often powerless. So often, we are trapped in the cycle of poverty, trapped in the cycle of violence, trapped in a spiral of poor mental health and more.

In the face of powerlessness – Vinnies people reach out, lift up, walk beside, listen deeply and Companion on life's journey and do so in such a way that in small but powerful ways – give some 'power', some sense of worth and dignity, and some sense of being infinitely more than a number, a statistic or a burden on society.

In their powerlessness – we are brother and sister with them, beside them and this gifts profoundly and deeply within them. This gift is the same as what St Paul expressed writing to the people of Ephesus some two thousand years ago, "You are God's work of Art! You are God's masterpiece!" What a gift to the powerless one – what a gift to our brother and our sister on struggle street!

~ Br Damien Price

OUR PEOPLE

GET TO KNOW STEPHEN BOSSE

When Stephen Bosse joined SVdP Qld just over two years ago, he brought with him more than three decades of experience helping not for profit organisations navigate change, develop capability and support their people.

Today, as General Manager People and Culture, Stephen's role extends far beyond traditional human resources functions. Following the recent executive leadership realignment, his portfolio now includes Mission and Membership, helping strengthen the connection between the Society's Vincentian Mission and the way it supports Members, Volunteers and Employees.

Stephen's career has spanned health, community services and aged care, including senior leadership roles with Lifeblood, Spinal Life Australia and Integratedliving Australia Aged Care. He describes his leadership style as collaborative and pragmatic, with a strong focus on building capability and helping people work together towards a shared purpose.

What inspires him most at SVdP Qld is the compassion and commitment shown every day across Conferences, services and programs. He says he is continually heartened by the stories of care, generosity and support taking place across the organisation.

Outside of work, Stephen previously volunteered with junior rugby league and rugby union clubs and once spent a year living in France. While he enjoyed the experience, he jokes that his French language skills have all but become non existent over time.



As the Society looks to the future, Stephen's focus remains on supporting Members, Volunteers and Employees to continue delivering meaningful outcomes for the people and communities we serve. Next time you see Stephen, be sure to say bonjour!

AROUND THE SOCIETY

LEADERSHIP VISIT

SVdP Qld leaders visited Central and Western Queensland communities to listen, learn and strengthen relationships.










TOWNSVILLE GIVES BACK

Brian Headford represented SVdP Qld at the Townsville Lord Mayor's Christmas Appeal launch in in September.









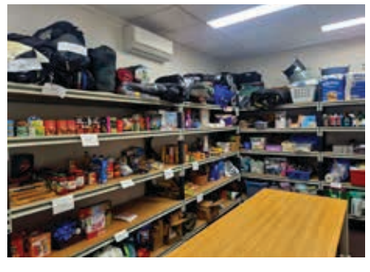
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A NEW WELCOMING SPACE

A new pergola and student-created artwork have helped create a more welcoming space at the Noosaville Support Centre.

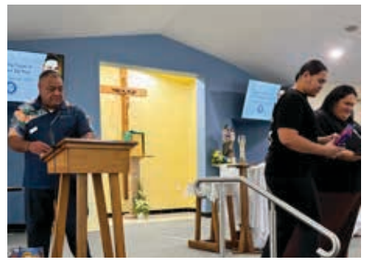







MARSDEN MASS

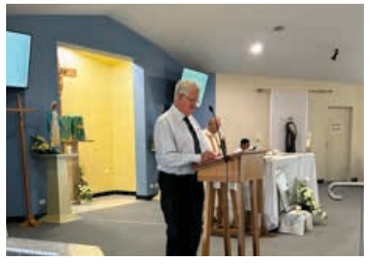
Members gathered in fellowship, welcomed new leaders and celebrated tenure at their Festival Gathering at St Maximilian Kolbe Church.











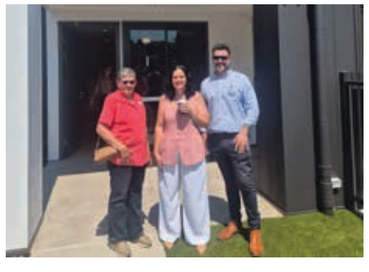
AROUND THE SOCIETY

MEMBER WALK THROUGH

Members and Employees toured the Hill Street development in Newtown, which will deliver 27 new homes in Toowoomba.







BURLEIGH HEADS MASS

Members celebrated tenure, recognised long-service and welcomed new leaders during their September Festival Gathering.










AROUND THE SOCIETY

MACKAY OPENING

The Mackay Community Support Centre opened on 19 October, providing housing, support services and a food pantry.









