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St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



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@CEOSleepout Looking forward to the launch of #perth St Vinnies CEO Sleepout today in Northbridge <http://CEOSleepout.org.au>



Andrew Forrest @CEOSleepout 2013 #halvehomelessness MG_5128 <http://flic.kr/p/eUUwXV>

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@dan_murphy from sky news wants to #halvehomelessness - do you? Write it, snap it, post it pic.twitter.com/kfMw0O8aKB

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Today's #restyle2013 prompt is cocktail. Our fashion blogger @capnmueller has put a chic twist on this look #opshoplove pic.twitter.com/NoL4hbFYHS



#Restyle2013 & its all about a statement piece today! @capnmueller found this leather jacket for \$10 from #vinnies pic.twitter.com/mNBoRHn5KZ



#WA CEO's have raised \$720,000 to date. Thanks for all the donations. Our target is \$850,000. Still time to donate -<http://www.CEOSleepout.org.au>

Imagine if by 2020 we #halvehomelessness? The targets were set in 2008, we need to recommit @JuliaGillard & @TonyAbbottMHR @vinnieswa



Congrats @ceosleepout - raising awareness of #homelessness in Australia. Over 1000 CEOs took part and \$5M was raised!

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@Dale_Alcock is currently the top fundraiser at the WA @CEOSleepout !!!

@amytheblue wants to #halvehomelessness - do you? Write it, snap it & post it pic.twitter.com/vtGNdaSer2



Today its all about metallic #restyle2013 @capnmueller picked up this skirt for \$5 from #perthfashfest pic.twitter.com/SqtF7ZneJE

@LisaScafPerthLM is getting behind **#halvehomelessness**. Write it. Snap it. Post it. pic.twitter.com/JphP6ubpn2

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 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.

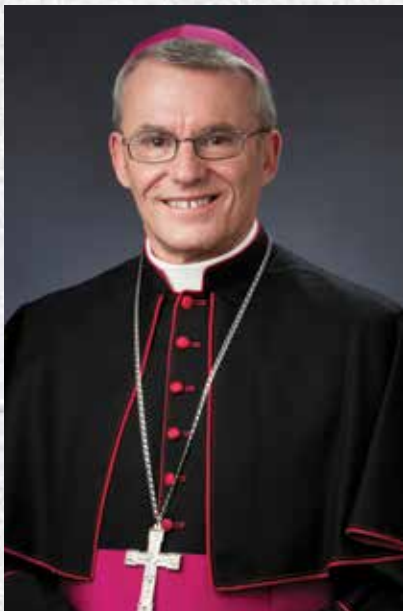
Well done on the event **@VinniesWA @CEOSleepout**. If you're interested, here's a video of my Sleepout experience <http://bit.ly/1agzObc> **@dale_alcock**

INTRODUCTION

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ARCHDIOCESE MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to offer my blessings and support of the St Vincent de Paul Society's work over the past year, a year that has once again been productive, at times challenging, but most of all a fine example of God's love.

The simple stories you will read in this report detail the despair many in our community are faced with on a daily basis and if not for the good work of the Society, its members, volunteers and staff, there would for many people be no hope and many would suffer without anywhere to turn.

The Society has been steadfast in its commitment to its mission of offering love, respect, justice, hope and joy to our most vulnerable.

Through their compassionate actions its volunteers have changed the lives of many they visit, for their words of encouragement and the hand of friendship has enabled many in their darkest time to feel safe, be comforted and know they are not alone.

In the spirit of its patron St Vincent de Paul and founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam and indeed in the spirit of our Pope Francis, social justice is at the core of our Catholic faith. Social service responds to the effects of a problem and is at the very heart of 'charity' as we know it – and social justice responds to the cause of that problem with the aim of ensuring that it does not happen again.

In the words of Blessed Frederic Ozanam -:

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

Through its advocacy work, its awareness raising, training, events, communication and stories the Society has been true to its mission of working to shape a more just and compassionate society, partnering with government, industry, the Church, schools and the community to address and respond to the

causes of injustice, among them the great challenge of homelessness. Through education and advocacy on this and other important issues needing our awareness, understanding and compassion the Society has taken many positive steps towards achieving this goal.

2013 has been another fine example of the Society's 'good works' in the West Australian community – I acknowledge and thank the Society's members, volunteers and staff for their dedication in serving those most at risk in our community and I thank all of the benefactors who generously donated to the Society over the past year so that it may continue to carry out its mission of justice and love.

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Pope Francis said recently that the Church should be a "healer of wounds and a warmer of hearts". We are very fortunate that the St Vincent de Paul Society continues to show this face of the Church to our society, and especially to those in need.

I offer my support and blessings to you all now and in the year ahead.

Sincerely in Christ

+ Timothy Costelloe SDB

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Catholic Archbishop of Perth



“I look forward with great hope, knowing that we have the support of the community and the immeasurable asset of our members, volunteers and staff, all of whom are committed to making Western Australia a fair and just community.”

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's with great pleasure that I present the 2013 Annual Report for the St Vincent de Paul Society in Western Australia.

My first year in office as State President has been one of humility and joy as I have visited, spoken to and witnessed the work of our members, volunteers and staff who have displayed commitment and compassion to the people we serve. During those discussions and visits I have been able to ascertain a greater awareness of the range of both issues and opportunities before us, taking comfort in the support and dedication of our Vincentian family as we set out to meet these challenges.

It has also been a busy year, with State Council supported by our boards, committees and staff preparing and disseminating the Society's Strategic Plan 2013-2016. The Plan focuses on four key areas – Services, People, Advocacy & Partnerships and Sustainability. We believe the Plan provides us with a clear path for the next three years that will ensure we are able to continue to serve the people of Western Australia through our good works. It will no doubt be at times challenging, but by focussing on our strengths, engaging and

developing our people, working with others and ensuring that we have effective governance, professional and spiritual structures in place, we will be well on our way to achieving our Mission.

The past 12 months has also seen many highlights for the Society – including the highly successful Vinnies CEO Sleepout. I had the privilege of attending and sleeping out with the other leaders on the night and it was truly a humbling experience and one that gave me great confidence. To see the passion and good will of the participants as they took on the challenge was inspiring. So many took from the event a new focus on the issue of homelessness and many were truly moved by the stories shared on the night. I thank each and every participant of the event for the generosity and commitment to the issue of homelessness.

This year we also celebrated 10 years of our Homework Centre. This special program is unique to St Vincent de Paul Australia and has been generously supported by Ernst

& Young for all of those ten years. Many young people have received mentoring, support and friendship over those years and I acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who have given their time to this program.

We were also very fortunate this year to have Robert Fitzgerald AM, visit us in WA and present the 2013 Ozanam Lecture. Robert was able to offer us his insights into our challenging role as Vincentian's, sharing his vast knowledge compiled from his distinguished career in commerce, law, public policy and community services. His provoking commentary and challenging critique of our roles now and in the future gave us much to think about and provided a sound bases for dialogue and reflection.

On behalf of State Council, I would like to thank and acknowledge all of our benefactors, supporters and corporate and community partners for their support over the past 12 months. Your generosity has enabled the Society to continue to offer hope, comfort and dignity to those most marginalised in our community, we are truly thankful

to have the support of the West Australian community.

As my term continues I hope to visit as many of our members and volunteers as possible to hear about the work they are doing in their local areas and I also hope over my term of office to meet as many of our benefactors and supporters as I can to personally acknowledge your generosity.

I look forward with great hope, knowing that we have the support of the community and the immeasurable asset of our members, volunteers and staff, all of whom are committed to making Western Australia a fair and just community.

Enjoy this year's Annual Report. May God bless us all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. J. Trew". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeff Trew
State President
St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc

CEO'S MESSAGE



The past year has continued to illustrate that the St Vincent de Paul Society is a key part of the fabric of the Western Australian community, reinforcing that we are seen as one the State's most respected and effective charities. During the 2012/2013 financial year the Society has successfully continued to service thousands of those in need in our community, while laying the foundations for a strong future.

Increases in rental costs and utility charges, changes to government policy, uncertainty in employment have all led to greater demand for our services. The past year has seen the Society deliver a range of services and take important steps to support those in need, with key points including:

- Our Emergency Relief services continue to provide much needed support to the community.
- Our Passages services continue to lead youth homeless services.
- We have worked with State Government agencies to design and plan for Tom Fisher House – Perth's Acute Homeless Shelter.
- Our reputation for providing leading mental health services has been embedded, with the Society playing a greater role in programs such as Partners in Recovery.
- We continue to show leadership by supporting recent migrants and refugees.

- By partnering with the Sisters of St Joseph, we are now supporting communities in the eastern Kimberley region in communities such as Halls Creek and Kununurra.
- Our retail services continue to grow and, during 2012, we helped more people than ever.

We have much to look forward to over the upcoming year and beyond. During the next year the Society will:

- Will commence the delivery of services from Tom Fisher House;
- Increase its provision of housing and housing supports for those in need, informed by the work of our Housing Taskforce that involves a range of prominent Western Australians;
- Embed our place in supporting those with suffering from mental health conditions by playing an important part in the role out of new government mental health initiatives;

- Continue to create partnerships with organisations and individuals in our local communities to help support those in need;
- Further strengthen our member and volunteer base as the key platform for delivering services into the community;
- Broaden the effectiveness of our retail operations to support more Western Australians;
- Strengthen our advocacy efforts on behalf of those we serve.

All of this would not be possible without the generosity and support of the Western Australian community. The response to the daily activities of the Society, along with our Appeals and the Vinnies CEO Sleepout has reinforced the St Vincent de Paul Society's position as one of the most respected and effective not-for-profit organisation in our State.

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The Society's ability to service those in need in the Western Australian community is underpinned by our members and volunteers who serve our community with compassion and dedication. They are supported by a strong team of talented staff who all work towards building a better society for all. I continue to marvel in the selflessness and commitment of all of our people and am privileged to be part of the work they do in so many communities across our vast State.

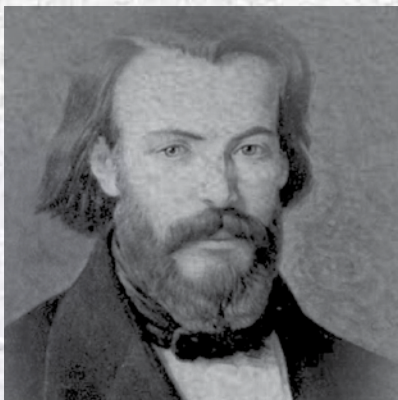
Mark Fitzpatrick
Chief Executive Officer
St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc

ABOUT THE SOCIETY



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OUR HISTORY



Frederic Ozanam - Founder

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam.

At the time, Frederic was 20 years old and a student at Sorbonne University. France was experiencing tremendous political and social upheaval, Frederic along with six of his university colleagues wanted to respond in a practical way to the poverty and hardship they saw around them. Frederic and his group visited people in their homes offering them friendship and support. This practice, known as Home Visitation, remains the core activity of the St Vincent de Paul Society members and volunteers today.

The group formed by Ozanam and his friends became known as the first 'conference' of the St Vincent de Paul Society. They met regularly as a group to discuss the challenge of assisting the poor and offered each other mutual support in their spiritual vocation.

Frederic Ozanam died in 1853, aged forty. At the time of his death there were approximately 2,000 conferences operating throughout the world.

Frederic Ozanam was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997.



St Vincent de Paul – Patron

The Society is named after St Vincent de Paul, who was born in Southern France and ordained a priest in the year 1600 at the age of 19.

As a young man he ministered to the wealthy; it wasn't until he was appointed to a poor parish that his vocation to work with those most powerless and marginalised was inspired. From then on he devoted his life to helping the underprivileged. There was no form of poverty - physical, emotional or spiritual, which he did not try to alleviate. Vincent pledged his life to the sick, insane, orphaned, old, starving and imprisoned.

The St Vincent de Paul Society continues to honour its patron and founder and its members remain inspired by their teachings and the example of their lives.

WHAT WE DO

OUR WORK

Home Visits & Emergency Relief Support

People assisted through Home Visitations

Number of Home Visits	28876
Number Individuals Assisted	37797

Demographic of People Assisted

Couples with Children	11%
Couples without Children	6%
Singles with Children	44%
Singles without Children	39%
New Assistance	47%
Repeat Assistance	53%

Types of Assistance Requested

Bedding	6%
Clothing	7%
Food	85%
Furniture	8%
Utility Bills	12%
Other	20%

Housing/Accommodation Arrangements

Boarding/Lodging	10%
Caravan Park	1%
Family & Friends	4%
Owner – with mortgage	4%
Owner – without mortgage	1%
Renter – private	32%
Renter – public	40%
Street	1%
Not Specified	7%

Support Expenditure

Accommodation	\$279,500
Education	\$10,300
Food	\$1,224,700
Household Goods & Bedding	\$208,700
Medical	\$24,400
Other Assistance	\$289,000
Refugee Resettlement HSS	\$639,000
Utilities Assistance	\$516,000
Youth	\$40,000



Home Visitations

Since 1865, Home Visitation has remained the core work of the Society. Inspired by the Society's founders in 1833, members continue to visit people in their homes to provide support, friendship and material assistance. The fundamental work of conferences in the last financial year was visiting people in their homes to provide a hand up in a time of need through the provision of Emergency Relief Assistance. Home Visits were carried out in pairs by conference members; they offer the support and encouragement necessary to allow people to take control of their lives.



Homelessness Support & Accommodation

The aim of Vincentcare's homeless services is to offer young people and adults a safe place to seek help to rebuild their lives and move out of homelessness. This is done through Passages' Resource Centres in Northbridge and Mandurah which provide immediate basic needs to young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years. Vincentcare also provides transitional supported accommodation in both regional and metropolitan WA and provides basic furniture and assistance to families and individuals who need accommodation. Vincentcare's Social Housing program includes 15 tenancies which house young people, homeless men and women, families with children.



Mental Health Services

Vincentcare works people with a lived experience of severe and enduring mental illnesses to rebuild their lives through a recovery based program. The three-tier accommodation service offers high support, shared house and independent living options with support from a professional team of mental health and support staff. Vincentcare provides accommodation to 76 people living with a severe and enduring mental illness – many of whom also have experiences of homelessness. Vincentian Village offers high support to 28 consumers with 24hr staff cover. Shared houses offer medium support to 25 consumers in 6 houses with part-time and visiting staff support and Vincentcare's Independent units offer low support to 14 consumers in self-contained units with visiting support as needed.



Overseas Partnerships and Development

The St Vincent de Paul Society operates in 143 countries and has nearly one million members. The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia runs various programs to help neighbouring countries within our jurisdiction. Some programs we offer include Assist a Student, Twinning and Special Projects. The Society continued to provide support and assistance to developing countries in Asia and the Pacific region in the following three ways – financially, spiritually and through correspondence offering encouragement and building fraternity.



Refugee and Migrant Support

The St Vincent de Paul Society has a long history of helping migrants and refugees. Catholic social teaching places a special onus on the St Vincent de Paul Society to help those who seek asylum, having fled war, persecution, injustice or intolerance. As a signatory to the 1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol relating to the status of refugees, Australia is obligated to welcome and offer on-going friendship to all asylum seekers. The Society support newly arrived refugees, asylum seekers and migrants through material support, friendship and advocacy.



Social Justice Advocacy

The St Vincent de Paul Society is committed to enriching the lives of those experiencing hardship by advocating for a fair and just community. Its governing Rule states, "In all our charitable actions we should search for justice.... and play our part if creating a more just and equitable social order..." The Society is dedicated to listening to the stories of the people we assist, raising awareness and encouraging an understanding of social justice within the community through the development of programs and initiatives. Whilst recognising the great charitable works the Society members complete, there is a firm belief that charity must walk hand-in-hand with justice.



Vinnies Shops and Depot

Vinnies Shops provide furniture, clothing and household goods to families and people who are in need and are being assisted by conference members. Our Vinnies Shops are also a valuable resource for people on low incomes, enabling them to buy quality clothing, furniture and other household items at an affordable price. The profit from the sale of stock from our Vinnies shops goes directly towards providing resources and support to people in need through our Emergency Relief and Special Works programs. Our Clothing & Furniture Depot is the main receipt point for all materials donations and provides direct assistance to the community through the provision of materials goods.



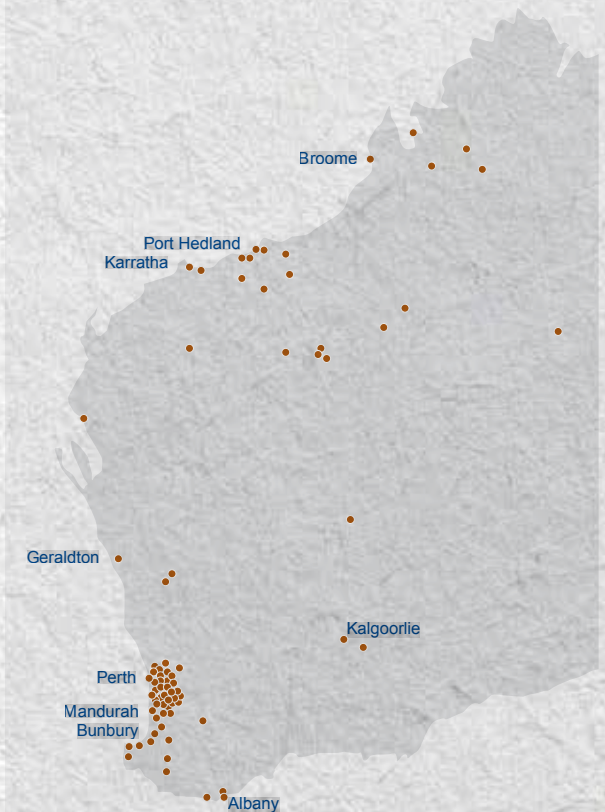
Vinnies Youth

Vinnies Youth is the name for the inspiring young people who volunteer for the St Vincent de Paul Society Australia. There are thousands of young people who every day share their time, talents and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people around Australia. Vinnies Youth is the broad term to encompass all ages and groups of volunteers including Young Adults as well as High School and Primary School students. Vinnies Youth provides recreational opportunities to children and teenagers through The Youth Support Program, which includes Camps and Buddy Days, while the Homework Centre aims to develop life skills and provide educational encouragement.

OUR STATE IMPACT

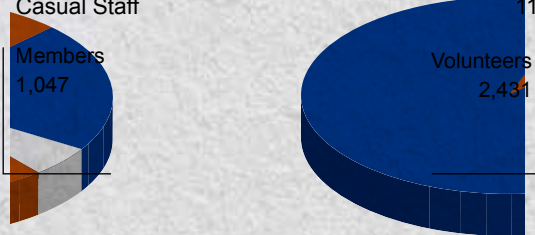
The Society's Work Across WA

Conferences & Emergence Relief Assistance	78
Remote Community Emergency Relief Assistance	40
Vinnies Shops & Depots	45
Homelessness Support & Accommodation	17
Special Works	9



OUR PEOPLE

Conferences	78
Members	983
Number of new Members in 12/13	132
Young Adult & School Conferences	15
Vinnies Youth Members & Volunteers	775
Centres & Depot	45
Vinnies Retail Centre & Depot Volunteers	1,852
Call Centre Volunteers	42
Other Volunteers	50
Full Time Staff	96
Part Time Staff	33
Casual Staff	11



Staff 123

Members - Members of the Society, known as Vincentians, live out their faith in action by assisting people in need. Members form small parish based groups that make up the membership of the Society called 'Conferences'.

Volunteers - Volunteers mainly work in our Vinnies Shops and Depots but are also located in our Call Centre, Youth Programs, Mental Health Programs, Refugee Support Programs, Administration Support and Fundraising and Events activities.

Staff - Staff across the Society work in roles that provide direct people in need services such as Vincentcare, Passages, the Depot, our Shops, Financial Counselling and our Youth programs. Staff also provide operational support services such as Volunteer and Member Support services, Finance, HR, IT, PR & Fundraising and Corporate Services.

State Council:



State President
Jeff Trew



Vice President
David Fitzgerald



Vice President
Terry Power



Vice President
Prof Michael Gillooly



Chief Executive Officer
Mark Fitzpatrick



State Treasurer
Robert Burns



Society Chaplain
Rev Father David Halstead



President
Fremantle Region
Ian Digney



President
Isolated Region
Frances Grey



President Joondalup/
Wanneroo Region
Tom Loreck



President
Osborne Park Region
Stephanie Tenger



President
Peel Region
Jim Mather



President
Perth Region
Patrick Durack



President
Queens Park Region
Chris Leon



President
South West Region
Loellen Clark



President
Swan Region
George Walls



State Youth
Representative
Jake Thresher



State Youth
Representative
Keenan Klassen

We also acknowledge and thank the following State Councillors whose terms ended during 12/13



President
Queens Park Region
Kevin Sealey



President
Swan Region
Trevor Knuckey



Vale - Vince Spargo 1931 -2013

Vince Spargo was a member of State Council and Regional President of Peel for 4 years, an active member of the Vincentcare Advisory Committee, President of the Mandurah Conference for 6 years and member of the Society for over 21 years.

Vince was a proud and passionate representative of the Peel Region and initiated the establishment of this Region as an entity on its own – having a clear understanding of the challenges and need in his community. He was also actively involved in advocating for support for homeless youth in the Peel Region and played an important role in helping to establish the Passages Peel Resource Centre, while still finding time to drive the Society truck every week collecting and delivering donations.

Vince sadly passed away early this year, he was a committed Vincentian, a gentleman, a quiet achiever and universally respected for his commitment to his community and people in need. May eternal light shine upon him, May he rest in peace.

Boards and Committees

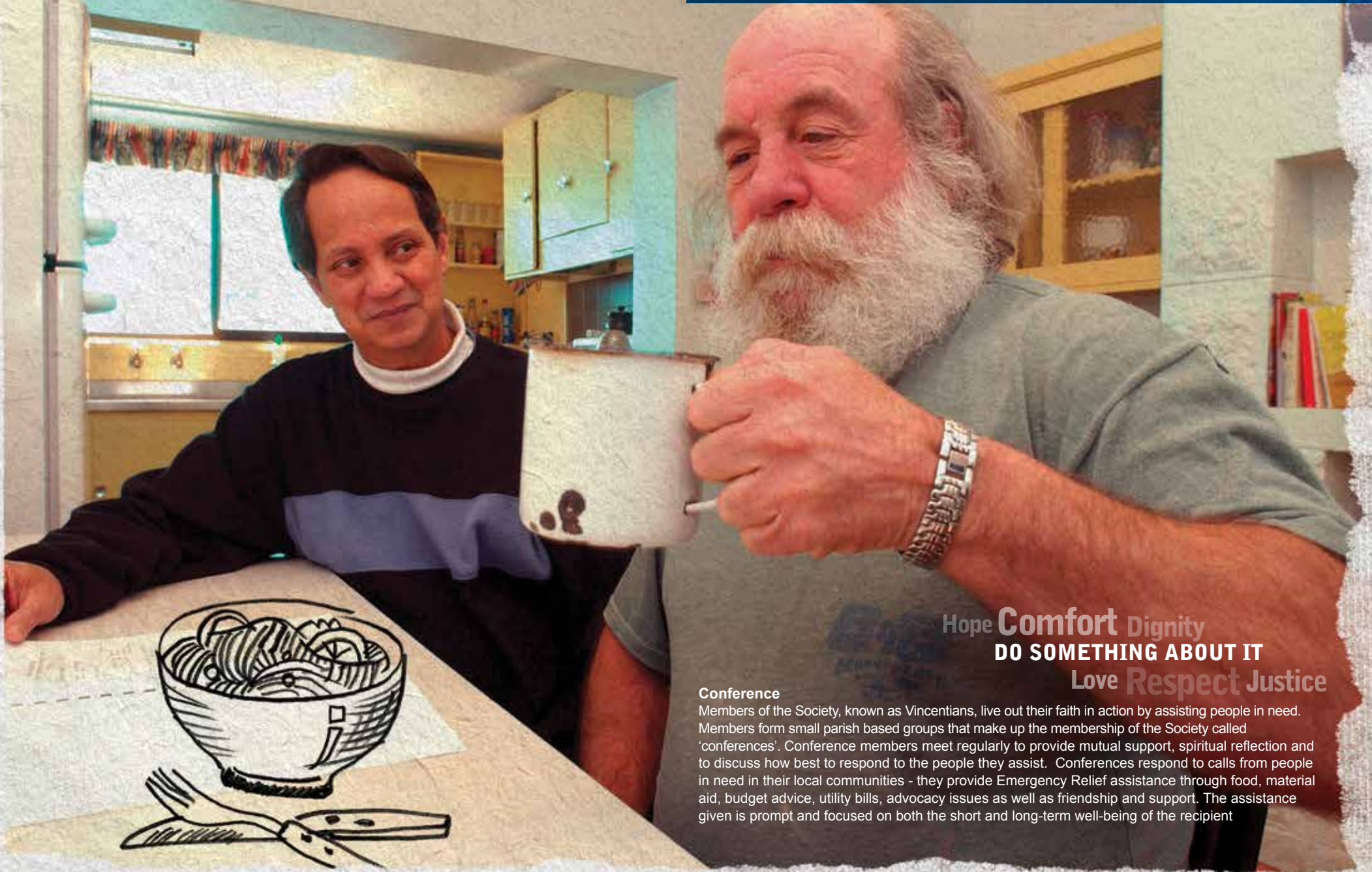
Advisory Committee & Board Chairpersons

Finance Committee	Robert Burns
Governance Committee	Michael Gillooly
Housing Advisory Committee	Mark Fitzpatrick
Member & Conference Board	David Fitzgerald
Mental Health & Homelessness Advisory Committee	John Lazberger
OS&H Committee	Frank Brown JP
Overseas Partnerships & Development Committee	Annette Ellis
Passages Resource Centre Board	David Reed OAM
Refugee & Migrant Committee	Frank Pelusey
Social Justice Committee	Terry Quinn
Spirituality Committee	Clément Astruc
State Archivist	Thomas Fisher OAM JP
State Centres Board	David Reed OAM
Youth and Young Adult Advisory Committee	Jake Thresher & Keenan Klassen

Management team

Chief Executive Officer	Mark Fitzpatrick
Chief Financial Officer	Brian Niedzwiecki
Clothing & Furniture Depot Manager	Frank Brown JP
Human Resources Manager	Stanley Webb
Information System Manager	Ray Smith
Member & Volunteer Services Manager	Rebecca Callaghan
Public Relations & Fundraising Manager	Lucinda Ardagh
State Retail Manager	Carl Prowse
Vincentcare & Passages Manager	Yvonne Pallier

EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE



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Conference

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FREMANTLE REGION



Denise's story

Denise came to Australia on a student visa and had a reasonably well paid government job until the position was terminated early in 2013. Since then the only work she has found is four hours of part time cleaning a day. The income drop has created major problems as she has three children, a son seven years old and two daughters, aged nine and 13. Her outgoing payments each week comprise rent \$380, car \$122, credit card \$42, plus food and utility accounts. Denise, in her mid 30s, is not covered by Medicare and recently had a bill of \$1700 which she paid by credit card. School expenses and a drop in cleaning hours/income were

the final straw and when she could not meet the bills she came to the St Vincent de Paul Society to seek help for her children.

The Conference assisted Denise with food plus help with medical costs, rent and car repairs. She was also happy to meet with a financial counsellor and receive budgeting advice on how to manage her living expenses on her income.

Denise is trying to find more work, but as she is still on a student visa, this is not an easy task. She is managing to stay on her very tight budget, the Society will continue to offer assistance to Denise and be there for her and give her a hand up when needed.



Cathy and Peter's story

St Vincent de Paul Society has been helping married couple Cathy and Peter on and off for many years now. Cathy, 45, is wheelchair bound and suffers multiple problems including cancer and heart disease. She feeds through her stomach and her medication is so expensive that Peter often goes without food in order to pay for it. Cathy is on a disability pension and Peter on a carer's pension which he supplements with occasional cleaning jobs. The couple live in community housing but pay a higher rent to compensate for Peter additional small income. They have very little money left each week after paying the rent, bills and Cathy's medication.

When the Society became aware of the couple's situation two decades ago they helped them out with food, vouchers, bed linen and blankets and have continued to assist them approximately four times a year since. Two of the larger items over this period include two second-hand fridges as Cathy's medication must be refrigerated.

Cathy now needs a complete replacement of her teeth that have corroded with the strong medication has taken over the years. Members of the conference put a call out to their local community to support this cause and through donations they have gathered enough funds to assist Cathy with her dental work.

The couple are always very appreciative of the support they receive from the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, who have been there for them when they have needed it most.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients

Regional President

Ian Digney

Number of Conferences

6

Conferences

Bateman - St Thomas More
Beaconsfield - Christ the King
Hilton - Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Palmyra - Our Lady of Fatima
Willetton - Saints John & Paul
Yangebup - Mater Christi

Number of Members

109

Number of New Members

11

Number of Centres

4

Centres

High Street Fremantle Retro
 Hilton
 Myaree
 Willetton

Number of Home Visits

2,292

Number of Home Visits

2,090

Number of Assisted Individuals

2,937

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$147,893

Regional President

Frances Grey

Number of Conferences

10

Conferences

Carnarvon - St Mary Star of the Sea

Geraldton - St Frances Xavier

Kalgoorlie - St Mary's

Karratha - St Paul's

South Hedland - St John the Baptist

Roebourne - Daughters of Charity

Number of Members

37

Number of New Members

4

Number of Centres

7

Centres

Kalgoorlie

Karratha

Geraldton

South Hedland

Number of Home Visits

2,071

Number of Assisted Individuals

2,692

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$332,738

* A number of Conferences have moved from Isolated Region into the South West Region



Robert's story

Robert's tragic situation is being handled by St Vincent de Paul volunteers in Geraldton with care and compassion. The homeless 36 year old was diagnosed with schizophrenia when quite young – too young for the condition to be drug induced – and he has been battling with his 'demons' ever since. The young man was referred to St Vincent de Paul by the Community Drug Service after he was released from prison. Although on a Disability Pension, Robert is unable to look after himself. He is sleeping rough on the beach, eating infrequently and has nowhere to store his belongings or food. Sadly, people like Robert have little peace in their lives. Apart from enduring severe cold, wind and storms on

winter nights, his homeless situation and mental condition leaves him vulnerable and open to assault, rape and theft.

Conference volunteers see Robert reasonably regularly and provide him with food, clothing and bedding when his supplies are stolen. Working on the front line with the homeless, they understand that living rough is incredibly hard. For schizophrenics, who have trouble understanding how even the normal world works, life is even harder. All they can do right now is support Robert emotionally and with friendship.

Many WA regional towns desperately needs a single men's refuge or boarding house where people like Robert, who appear to have no family support, can be placed and assisted by mental health workers. Meanwhile we will continue to support him.

ISOLATED REGION



Sue's story

Sue, a single parent with two children, struggled for several years to pay rent for private accommodation. The high cost took up most of her Sole Parent Payment and she was forced to approach St Vincent de Paul Society from time to time for food, clothing and help to pay the utilities.

Around the time a community housing place became available for her, the private landlord decided to renovate the house Sue was living in and asked her to leave. As the community house also required renovation before she could move in, Sue and her children, aged 9 and 11 years, were forced to live in their car down a back alley as all her money had gone to pay the bond and first weeks rent.

When St Vincent de Paul volunteers heard Sue and her family were living on the streets they arranged to pay \$870 for six days accommodation to tide them over until they could make their next move.

The family are now living in their community housing accommodation and with lower rent they are better able to manage their finances. Sue has thanked St Vincent de Paul volunteers for their friendship and the assistance they gave her to make a new start in life; she is well on her way to living independently following the support from eh Society when she needed it most.

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JOONDALUP/WANNEROO REGION



Michael's story

"I don't know what I would have done without you," is a comment often made to St Vincent de Paul volunteers. When they reply, "That is what we are here for," they really mean it. Comfort and compassion are valued qualities shown by all our volunteers who understand how hard life can be for those less fortunate in our community.

When Michael, 45, found himself with a serious medical condition that required surgery, out of work and homeless - all within a matter of weeks – he went into a state of shock. He had been forced to vacate his shared private rental accommodation when the owner of the house decided to sell it and gave the tenants notice. Michael found a room in another rental property but had to pay two weeks bond and two weeks rent in advance. He could not afford to

do this. When he called the Society he was feeling very vulnerable as he had to leave his current rental the following day. Incredibly, Michael had applied to Centrelink for bond assistance, but he had been refused, due to the fact he was renting a room in shared accommodation.

Michael's rent and bond to move to his new premises totalled \$540. The Society was able to pay this through the Society's Homeless Fund, this fund was developed and is supported by the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout and directly supports individuals and families on the knife edge of homelessness. Michael has now settled into his new room, is expecting to have surgery in the next few weeks and is keen to return to work once he has recovered. Michael only needed a modest hand up to get his life back on track again. Had he become homeless the impact on his health as well as his access visits to his young son would not have been possible. By having that support and that critical time has meant Michael can move on with his life and his road to recovery and a stable life.

Helena's Story

Helena is a single mother with 6 children with ages ranging from 3yrs to 15yrs. She first contacted the Whitfords Conference with a request for food but it was obvious to the visiting members that she also needed emotional support in order to cope. The conference adopted Helena and her children under their Family Friends program.

This is a, extract from a letter of thanks she wrote at that time:

"My name is Helena and I am a single mother of 5 children, aged 10 through to 10 months. When I moved into my new home I had little to nothing. St Vincent de Paul were contacted on my behalf through a friend and, moving in, all new beds and bedding were supplied for myself and my four children. In a space of a few more weeks they then supplied me with urgently needed furniture. Vinnies checked in on me regularly and over the next period they were continuously there for me, offering support, not just financially but emotionally as well whenever I called upon them. I was treated with respect and managed to maintain my dignity, as I never felt judged or looked down

for needing help. My life is not an easy one at all, but it has been made less of a burden by the local St Vincent's love and support. They have not only helped me by supporting me but they have also helped me grow as a person by showing me what true love and compassion are."

Over the past few years Helena has seen many ups and downs culminating in May this year where she was left homeless. The conference rescued Helena and her children, placing her at first in a motel, then in the parish hall, then in a short time holiday place. Finally after two months of homelessness Helena was asked to share her story with participants of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, which led to a media interview station and a kind member of the public coming forward to rent her a home in Perth's Northern suburbs.

Helena and her family are back on track and her children back at school, thanks to the Society's members and the generous member of the community.

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Regional President

Tom Loreck

Number of Conferences

6

Conferences

Clarkson - St Andrews
Greenwood - All Saints
Ocean Reef - Saint Simon Peter
Wanneroo - St Anthony of Padua
Whitfords - Our Lady of Missions
Woodvale - St Luke

Number of Members

97

No of New Members

2

Number of Centres

3

Centres

Clarkson/Ocean Keys
 Heathridge
 Wanneroo

Number of Home Visits

1,456

Number of Assisted Individuals

2,367

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$200,911

Regional President

Stephanie Tenger

Number of Conferences

11

Conferences

Balcatta - St Lawrence & Mary Immaculate

Ballajura - Blessed Mary MacKillop

City Beach/Scarborough - Holy Spirit

Girrawheen - Our Lady of Mercy

Innaloo/Karrinyup - St Dominic's

Joondanna - St Denis

Mirrabooka - St Gerard Majella

Nollamara - Our Lady of Lourdes

North Beach - Our Lady of Grace

Osborne Park - St Kieran's

Woodlands - Our Lady of the Rosary

Number of Members

141

No of New Members

15

Number of Centres

5

Centres

Innaloo

Scarborough

Girrawheen

Nollamara

Osborne Park Centre

Osborne Park Depot

Number of Home Visits

3,279

Number of Assisted Individuals

4,134

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$238,574



Marie's story

The high cost of rental housing in Perth is forcing many families on low incomes to share accommodation and this often results in a lot of tension, particularly if the quarters are cramped and several generations are sharing the space.

Marie is in just such a situation. A single parent in her mid 40s, she lives in low cost housing with her five children. Three of these children are still at school. Also living in the same house is Marie's older daughter, Jemma, a single parent with two small children and eldest son, Ray, a single parent with one child.

Marie is on a Disability pension and receives \$750 - \$850 a fortnight. The other adults are on Youth Allowance and WorkStart.

On one occasion, with hardly any food in the house and the strong possibility of electricity disconnection, Marie called on the conference for assistance. She was treated with

compassion and given food and some financial help to pay the utility bill. Volunteers who visited Marie's house also offered budget advice (HUGS) and Vinnies school holiday camps for the children.

St Vincent de Paul continues to support Marie and her family when they call for assistance and offer programs that could help to turn their lives around toward more positive lifestyles. The Society will always be there for them offering them comfort and dignity.

Tracy's story

Life has really taken its toll on Tracy, a single mother who is sharing a modest community housing home with her three sons, 20, 16 and 11 and an elderly mother who suffers from Parkinson's disease. Initially qualified as a Carer, Tracy was able to supplement her Child Support Allowance with a small working income until bowel cancer and surgery intervened in 2012.

OSBORNE PARK REGION

Medical bills, including an \$800 ambulance emergency to hospital took their toll on her family budget, around the same time the family car was stolen and her 11 year old son attempted suicide. Needing chemotherapy treatment for the bowel cancer, Tracy was forced to relinquish her part time carer job and the replacement second hand car she bought because she could no longer afford its payments.

Unable to pay all the bills and put food on the table for her growing family, Tracy turned to the Society who was able to provide her with fresh food vouchers, food parcels, blankets and financial assistance to pay two utility accounts. Volunteers also recommended the 11 year old boy attend a St Vinnies Camp, which he loved.

The Society and its members have supported Tracy through this very stressful time and will continue to be there for her in the future.

Samantha's story

Life is an ongoing struggle for Samantha and her brother, Eric, both in their late 20s, have been looking after each other since they lost their

parents in quick succession, three years ago. Eric is on a Disability Pension and Samantha on Newstart. They live frugally in community housing with little in the way of comforts and find it hard to manage their household budget. Samantha pays all the bills, including rent and utilities from her income. Eric's income is to pay for the food, but he is not always living at this address. Consequently the food cupboard is often bare and the St Vincent de Paul Society regularly helps Samantha out with food vouchers. At the onset of winter this year, they also gave her warm blankets and bedding.

When conference volunteers called to the house recently to see how the siblings were faring only Samantha was home and it was apparent that she was not being supported by her brother. With a wry smile she pointed to the two volunteers and said, "You are my brothers and sisters and I am very grateful for all the help you have given me."

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PEEL REGION



Paula's story

Paula and her two children, including a son with Spina Bifida, were submitted to mental and physical abuse before being abandoned by the father of her children and left homeless to live in a dumped car wreck until members of the Mandurah Conference came to the family's aid. With accommodation assistance and furniture, clothing, food and friendship, Paula regained her confidence only to have it shattered again following an unexpected accident involving her child with Spina Bifida.

The injury required numerous hospital visits that dug deep into the family budget, the Society came to her aid with help to manage travel costs and other expenses. Her son is well again and Paula is back to the cheerful confident mother she was always meant to be, she knows she has the support of members of the Mandurah conference, they have offered her encouragement, compassion and care and have helped her and her children to get their lives back on track.

Ruth's story

When Ruth came to the Society for assistance office seeking help with food, fuel and furniture it was clear she had a major problem. A middle aged woman with a pleasant personality, she had many years experience as a receptionist, yet she could not get a job, despite her impressive qualifications. It turned out that years of oral neglect had caused many of her teeth to be badly eroded or had fallen out and she could not afford the necessary dental work to rectify the situation.

The moment she smiled to reveal a mouthful of rotting teeth her job opportunities were seriously compromised.

Recognising Ruth's plight, SVDP assisted her with a referral to get some dental work done. This was followed up with an appointment under the Dental assistance program organised by the Dental Foundation. Extensive dental work and appropriate dentures has changed Ruth's life and her winning, confident smile has helped her obtain employment in her field of expertise.

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Regional President

Jim Mather

Number of Conferences

5

Conferences

Kwinana - St Vincent's
Mandurah - Our Lady's Assumption
Pinjarra - St Augustine's
Rockingham - Our Lady of Lourdes
Waroona - St Patrick's/St Joseph's

Number of Members

82

Number of New Members

18

Number of Centres

5

Centres

Kwinana
Mandurah
Pinjarra
Rockingham
Rockingham Depot

Number of Home Visits

6,170

Number of Assisted Individuals

7,658

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$573,267

Regional President

Patrick Durack

Number of Conferences

7

Conferences

Bedford/Inglewood - St Peter the Apostle

Claremont - St Thomas the Apostle

Leederville - St Mary's

Nedlands - Holy Rosary

North Perth/Highgate - Redemptorist Monastery

Subiaco - St Joseph's

Wembley - St Cecilia's

Number of Members

118

Number of New Members

13

Number of Centres

5

Centres

Claremont

Maylands

North Perth

William Street Northbridge Retro

Wembley

Number of Home Visits

1,576

Number of Assisted Individuals

1,418

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$99,464



Adam's story

Adam, 45, was on an above average salary in middle management and lived comfortably in a suburban apartment with his wife and two year old daughter until a back injury left him unable to work. Even walking was incredibly painful. Initially he assumed he would recover quickly, but as time went on the back pain became worse. When his worker's compensation ran out and he was unable to pay his mortgage, car payment and medical bills, he reluctantly went on to welfare and developed severe depression. His wife, unable to cope with his depression-inertia, moved out with his daughter, adding more cost pressure to his welfare income and further emotional stress.

Left without any money for food, Adam reluctantly contacted the St Vincent de Paul Society for emergency rations. As his position continued to deteriorate it became clear that he would have to sell his apartment to clear the mounting debt. He also needed financial advice so the Society set up a meeting with a financial counsellor at Ozanam House. While going through this process Adam's health took a turn for the better, his back pain became less severe and he could walk again, albeit with difficulty. He was able to face his demons, he sold his unit to clear his debt and although homeless, he was free to move forward finding a modest place to rent while he rebuilt his life. The St Vincent de Paul Society contributed very little to this change apart from providing food and support and giving him advice and encouragement. Adam knows if ever he finds himself in a difficult financial and emotional situation that he can turn to the Society for assistance.

PERTH REGION



Stacey's Story

After losing her job and falling behind with rent, Stacey, a single teacher in her 30's, relied on Newstart Allowance to tide her over whilst she sought work and affordable accommodation. Falling drastically behind with rent and bills with no partner or family to rely on for support, Stacey turned to St Vincent de Paul Society.

The Society provided Stacey with food and assistance. In addition to this, Stacey's teaching registration was due for renewal. The Society helped with Stacey's rental repayments, paid her teaching registration renewal and helped with food, whilst she searched for cheaper accommodation.

The Society also visited Stacey a number of times to provide emotional support, budget advice and guidance during this difficult transition.

Relieved of financial stress and no longer living in fear of being forced to move, Stacey was able redirect her energy to finding accommodation and work.

It wasn't long before Stacey secured cheaper accommodation and a part time supermarket job. The Society also provided assistance with the costs of furniture removal.

Stacey says she is extremely grateful for the compassion and support showed by the Society. Thanks to the volunteers who supported her, Stacey is optimistic about re-entering the workforce as a teacher in the near future.

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QUEENS PARK REGION



Leanne's story

Leanne, a woman in her 50s and confined to a wheel chair, first came to St Vincent de Paul for assistance with food vouchers and bedroom furniture when she was forced to take on the full time care of her grandchildren, two girls, aged four and 14 years. The girl's mother, her daughter, was a drug addict who had been involved in a robbery, charged with the offence and sent to prison for three years, leaving the girls homeless.

Leanne took the girls into their modest two bedroom Homeswest unit and her husband Bob found night work so he could help his wife with the household chores during the day. Initially the couple did not

receive any financial support for the children, so all food, clothing and school expenses came from their low income. Eventually Children's Services recognised the financial struggle and Leanne and Bob were made official carer's of both children.

The couple have provided the girls with their own 'girl-friendly' bedroom and Bob drives the older girl 15 kilometres to her old school each day so she can maintain continuity with friends and study.

The children's mother was recently released from prison and has applied to take on their care and child support again. This is of real concern for the grandparents who fear a repetition of the past. The couple say they are grateful for the support and friendship of St Vincent de Paul volunteers who call in to see them, listen to their concerns and help if required. We remember Leanne, Bob and their family in our prayers.



Aaron's story

Aaron is a single father of three girls aged 12, 19 and 9 years with the youngest daughter having a congenital heart condition requiring numerous operations and ongoing medical checks that have drained the family finances. The stress of the girl's illness has been a huge strain on the family and Aaron's wife and the mother of his daughters walked out on the family four years ago, leaving him to carry on alone.

Aaron and his daughters live in a sparsely furnished community housing home that he struggles to keep clean, however he loves his girls dearly and does his best to ensure they have everything they need.

Over the past 10 years the St Vincent de Paul Society has helped the family with regular food vouchers and requests for furniture, bedding, clothes, money for utility bills and gifts and food hampers at Christmas time. More recently with the help of the Society's financial counsellor we assisted Aaron with rental arrears and car repairs in order for him to drive his daughter to hospital appointments. Through the Society and the local MLA we are also trying to find a community house closer to the hospital to ease the burden of travel.

There is no short term solution to Aaron's situation, but we will continue to help and pray for him and his family.

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Regional President

Chris Leon

Number of Conferences

13

Conferences

Armadale - St Francis Xavier
Bentley - Santa Clara
Canning Vale - St Emilie de Vialar
Carlisle - Holy Name
Como - Holy Family
Curtin - Student Guild
East Victoria Park - Our Lady Help of Christians
Gosnells - Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Maddington - Holy Family
Queens Park - St Joseph's
Riverton - Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Rivervale - St Augustine's
Thornlie - Sacred Heart

Number of Members

180

Number of New Members

18

Number of Centres

4

Centres

Armadale
 Gosnells
 Rivervale
 Victoria Park

Number of Home Visits

4,942

Number of Assisted Individuals

6,632

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$619,694

Regional President

Loellen Clark

Number of Conferences

12

Conferences

Albany – St Joseph's
Australind - Christ of the Living Vine
Bridgetown - St Brigid's
Bunbury - St Patrick's
Busselton - St Joseph's
Collie - St Brigid's
Denmark - St Mary's
Dunsborough - Our Lady of the Southern Cross
Harvey - Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
Manjimup - St Joseph's
Margaret River - St Thomas More
Narrogin - St Matthew's

Number of Members

154

No of New Members

6

Number of Centres

9

Centres

Albany	Albany Depot
Bunbury	Bunbury Depot
Busselton	Collie
Dunsborough	Manjimup
Margaret River	

Number of Home Visits

3,213

Number of Assisted Individuals

4,177

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$219,843



Damian's story

Damian first came to St Vincent de Paul for help in 2011. He had been out of work for eight months after breaking both his legs in an accident and as no compensation was involved, he was struggling to pay for rent and food each week.

Until the accident Damian, a pleasant young man in his mid 30s, had been married, the father of three young children and held a well paid job. When he lost his job following the accident, he became severely depressed and his marriage break up followed.

Unable to find a new job, Damian moved into an old caravan at a regional caravan park where he tried to make a fresh start.

But separation from his family and the pain from his injury exacerbated his problem. Before long he became emaciated and weak from starvation.

When the compassionate St Vincent de Paul volunteers became aware of his plight they gave Damian food, offered friendship and support and accompanied him to appointments with a counsellor in the hope that the young man could put his life back on track again.

The counsellor arranged better accommodation and tried to encourage him to spend time in Rehabilitation, but this was never to eventuate. Sadly, Damian died earlier this year. It was a very sad end to a very likeable young man.

SOUTH WEST REGION



Jason's story

Single parent Jason is doing an admirable job of bringing up four large teenage boys, aged 18, 17, 15 and 12 years on his Sole Parent Benefit. The close knit family live in a low rental property on the outskirts of a regional town and although they survive as sustainably as possible, there is very little money to spare. The three younger boys attend the local high school. Two of those boys have mental disabilities. The 18 year old works as a kitchen hand in a local town café and the money he brings home helps to stock the food cupboard. Recently when their old fridge gave in, there was no money to replace it.

Even petrol for the car to come to town was limited to emergency use only.

Jason is an extremely proud man and when Mental Health referred his case to the Society he was reluctant to accept assistance. Finally, for the sake of his sons, he agreed to \$150 worth of food hampers, a \$25 petrol voucher and a replacement second-hand fridge for \$5.

The father is very grateful for the hand up and understands that he can call for help again. Our volunteers will continue to stay in contact with Jason and his sons.

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SWAN REGION



Jenny and Gavin's story

Jenny and Gavin are parents of three children aged two, five and 11 years. Until two years ago, the couple jointly ran a food stall in a local market; they owned their home and had very little debt until Gavin was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Gavin required surgery and the day he started chemotherapy treatment Jenny went into labour with their third child. As neither parent could work and with no extended family to fall back on for help, they had no choice but to close down their stall and apply for sickness benefits

After the birth Jenny suffered severe post natal depression. A full mental break down followed. Their plight

was noticed by the local parish priest and parish welfare coordinator who contacted St Vincent de Paul Society. The organisation provide food and food vouchers, children's clothing and financial assistance toward Shire rates and car registration to ensure both parents could get to medical appointments. They also arranged for them to see a Financial Counsellor and visits from a volunteer carer.

Both parents are still very ill. They are very grateful for the assistance they have received and remain strong in their faith and the belief they will come through their crisis. We remember them in our prayers and will always be there for them.



Sharon's story

With tight budgeting Sharon was able to support her 11 year old son on her Disability Support pension, but there was very little money left over for food and clothing and every five or six weeks she would call in to St Vincent de Paul for assistance. The 40 year old single parent rented a modest Homeswest house. Her only other cost was an old car that was essential for her mobility as walking and public transport were too difficult for her to manoeuvre.

The car proved to be her budget downfall. Pulled over by the Police enroute to a doctor's appointment, she was issued with a Yellow Sticker and given a short period of time to fix the car up to a roadworthy standard.

Sharon purchased numerous spare parts, but each time the vehicle was taken over the Transport pits, more problems were found. She was ultimately forced to hand in her registration plates and sell the car for scrap. The \$100 received for the car paid a portion of the vehicle inspection costs with the balance draining her bank account. All Sharon had left was \$1 and no money to buy food or pay for vital medication related to her disability. St Vincent de Paul is supporting Sharon and her son with food, clothing and utility costs until they can get back on their feet again.

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Regional President

George Walls

Number of Conferences

11

Conferences

Bassendean - St Joseph's
Belmont/Redcliffe/Cloverdale - Notre Dame
Bullsbrook - St Matthew's
Embleton/Bayswater - Holy Trinity
Greenmount - St Anthony's
Kalamunda - Holy Family
Lesmurdie - Our Lady of Lourdes
Lockridge - Good Shepherd
Maida Vale - St Francis of Assisi
 Midland - St Brigid's
Morley/Dianella - Infant Jesus

Number of Members

129

No of New Members

20

Number of Centres

4

Centres

Belmont
 Bassendean
 Midland
 Morley

Number of Home Visits

4,079

Number of Assisted Individuals

5,782

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$433,959

SPECIAL WORKS

Hope **Comfort** Dignity
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
Love **Respect** Justice



Special Work:

Special Works are a professional facility, program or service run by the St Vincent de Paul Society and arise out of a need which cannot be met within the normal scope of the conference. Special Works provide a specific service and focus on ensuring the social, economic and political pressures placed on disadvantaged Western Australians are lessened. Special Works are managed and supported by a combination of members, volunteers and paid employees.

VINNIES YOUTH

Vinnies Youth Highlights 12/13

Homework Centre 10 year Anniversary celebrating ten years of Homework Centre and working with Ernst & Young in partnership

Catholic Youth Ministry Ball – raising awareness and funds to support Vinnies Youth Programs and Passages Resource Centre

Overview

Vinnies Youth provides educational support and recreational opportunities for disadvantaged children and teens in a safe and supportive environment.

Helen's Story

Helen had four children living at home when she first came to Vinnies Youth for assistance. Her children's dad had recently lost his job which meant Rachel was no longer getting the child support payments which used to make up a significant portion of her income. As a result, her children could no longer participate in speed skating and she could not afford to take them out for the school holidays.

The situation also took its toll in other parts of the family – Helen's oldest daughter Zoe took on a lot of responsibility around the house looking after her siblings and helping with the housework while Rachel's son Harry had obsessive-compulsive disorder which affected his eating and difficulty with self confidence.

This year, Zoe, Harry and their sister Sarah were able to come on the Kids and Teen camps run by Vinnies Youth, where they had the chance to just be kids and participate in fun activities like scavenger hunts, craft and a disco.

Helen was full of praise for what the camps had done for her children. She said that in just one week Harry built self confidence and enjoyed making new friends, which hadn't come easily for him in the past. She also saw improvements in Sarah's confidence and that Zoe appreciated how the leaders took time to listen to her and had showed her how to trust others outside her home.

Helen said that the camps boosted her children's confidence, taught them to trust and gave them lasting happy memories which everyone should have in life.

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Julie's Story

Julie first volunteered for the St Vincent de Paul Society when she assisted with coordinating and promoting the Christmas Appeal at her school. Julie wanted to connect with other Vinnies Youth members so she attended a "Youth Forum" where she got to meet other young people and learn about the works run by Vinnies Youth.

Julie says she felt very welcomed that night and was impressed by the community feel and the passion with which the members approached their work. Julie enjoyed herself so much that she returned to volunteer as a leader on the April and July Kids Camps.

Julie says, "the kids that are helped are surrounded by a fun environment of creativeness, energy and youthfulness. Vinnies allows children to be children, which I think is so important in life.

In a generous, gentle and humbling way, the determination and work done by Vinnies Youth is mind-blowing and so much fun and reward to be a part of, that I couldn't speak more highly of it than I already do."

On a personal note, Julie has also found that volunteering with Vinnies has had a big impact on herself. "Vinnies have been an integral part of why I wish to study law in the future and the work I have been a part of has changed me personally, into a more compassionate, giving and especially a more patient person not only as a leader but in my own life. I couldn't be more grateful for that."

Julie continues to be actively involved with the St Vincent de Paul Society both in her school and in the broader Vinnies Youth community and is looking forward to even more volunteering, already putting her hand up to plan the next camp which is many months away!

Youth & Young Adult Advisory Board

Jake Thresher
Keenan Klassen
Jacob Olsen
Madeleine Branson
Teagan Thresher
Belinda Norris

State Youth Representatives

Jake Thresher/Keenan Klassen

Vinnies Youth Partners

Ernst & Young

Supporting Vinnies Homework Centre financially and through corporate volunteering

Adams Coachlines

Supporting Kids & Teen Camps through transportation

Catholic Education Office

Vinnies Youth Programs

Kids Camps
Teen Camps
Homework Centre
Formation Camps
Service activities in Schools

Statistics

Vinnies Youth Members - 796
Volunteering Hours - 16,728
High School Conferences - 11
Mini Vinnies Groups - 6
Number of Children (8-15) who attended Camp - 157
Number of Children attending Homework Centre each week - 14

PASSAGES RESOURCE CENTRE



Rotary Club of Perth



Passages Board:

Northbridge

David Reed OAM – Chairperson

Jeff Leach

Maurice Rousset

John Meahan

Mike Board

Ashley Ladner

Joanne Motteram

Mark Fitzpatrick

Yvonne Pallier

Niall Rhatigan/Eimer Boland

Peel

David Reed OAM - Chairperson

Stewart Forrest

Gary Brown

Vince Spargo (deceased)

Jim Mather

John Perry

Pat Schraven

Yvonne Pallier

Megan Bury



Overview

Passages Resource Centre is 'Drop in' service for young people between the ages of 12 and 25 with a lived experience of homelessness, or marginalized in some way. Located in Northbridge and Peel, Passages provides access to basic needs services, advice and referrals, as well as access to key support services, to support young people in a pathway out of homelessness, Passages aspires to be a safe space for all young people using the service.

Passages Accommodation Program also provides access to seven houses with up to 17 beds available. This program is supported through interagency partnerships with the following organisations: RUAH Community Service, YES Housing, FOYER Oxford, and St John of God Horizon House.

Northbridge Passages is a joint venture with the Rotary Club of Perth

Services Provided by Passages

Basic Needs Services: Clothing, Counselling and Friendship, Food and Transport Vouchers, Friday Lunch, Mail Service, Passages Breakfast Club, Passages Healthy Cooking, Phone & Internet Access, Showers & Laundry,

Visiting Referral Agencies:

Allambee, Bridging the Gap, Centrelink Community Team, DAYS - Mission Australia (Drug & Alcohol Youth Service), PCEMML Street Doctor, Peel Mental Health, Peel Mobile Health Service, Peel Youth Medical Service, Police Liaison Officer, Street Connect – Anglicare WA, Street Law



& Allens Linklaters, WA Substance Abusers Association, WASUA (Western Australia Substance Users Association), Youth Futures WA, Youthlink,

Passages Highlights

- City of Perth – Homeless Connect
- Homeless Persons Week - Peel
- Partnership Funding City of Mandurah
- Passages Quarterly Networking Afternoons
- Passages Race Day 2013 (Northbridge)
- Peel Homelessness Networking Group
- Peel Regions Youth Services
- Peel Supporting Youth Forum
- Vinnies CEO Sleepout 2013
- YACWA, Home is Where My Heart is...
- YACWA, Homeless Youth Suicide Prevention Project

Hasan's Story

Hasan is a 20 year old man who immigrated to Australia when he was 13 years old. He came without his

family, fleeing conflict in Afghanistan. Hasan is now an Australian citizen but does not have any family supports in Australia.

Hasan came into Passages Resource Centre hoping for assistance to access crisis accommodation. He had been sleeping rough for a few nights and had been the victim of a violent attack. He was very distressed and nervous that this might happen again. He had been growing increasingly stressed with his situation.

The staff assisted Hasan initially by listening to his story and supporting him emotionally. Staff contacted the Crisis Care line and found the available crisis accommodation beds. Luckily, he was able to secure some accommodation on the day he first accessed Passages. The manager at the accommodation service continued to offer support and linked Hasan in to a longer term accommodation service.

Hasan continues to access Passages Resource Centre to use the phones,

Northbridge Corporate & Community Supporters: Allens Linklaters, Australian Red Cross – Save a Mate, Centrelink Call Centre Osborne Park, Chevron, City of Vincent, City of Vincent, Create Foundation, HD Hardrive, Inner City Mental Health Service, Lotterywest, Perth Inner City Youth Service, Perth Rotary Club, Quarry Health Centre, Roteract, Ruah Community Services, Sacred Heart College Sorrento, Shopfront, St Andrew's Insurance, St Bartholomew's House, St John of God, Health Care, The RISE, Torres Butchers, Tranby – UnitingCare West, Vinnies Retail Centres & Depot, YMCA – StreetsYde, Youth Affairs Council of WA, Youth Focus

computers, kitchen, and laundry facilities. He has built strong rapport and trusting relationship with the Passages youth workers, who have been able to continue providing emotional support. He now feels comfortable to approach the staff to ask for assistance with other areas of life.

Passages will continue to walk with Hasan on his journey to build a life out of the terror and conflict of Afghanistan.

James's & Sarah's Story

We met James, 18, and Sarah, 17, when they began accessing Passages daily for showers and breakfast. Both young people were homeless and living in a squat in the inner-city. Sarah and James had both been sleeping rough for a number of years and had only recently heard about Passages.

Sarah and James needed a lot of emotional support from Passages. Sarah had spent the large majority of her childhood in foster care and found it hard to open up and trust services while James was overwhelmed by their situation and did not know where to begin.

It took Passages staff a long time to earn James and Sarah's trust and get them to begin to open up. When Sarah became pregnant she gained a renewed focus and determination to make some changes in her life.

With help from the Passages staff Sarah called around to hostels and

began linking in with lots of support services. James began making contact with his family and slowly started to rebuild the relationships that had been damaged. Within a short period Sarah and James found a house, and with the support of Vinnies were able to furnish it. Sarah is now looking at going back to school to get a Certificate of General Education.

Now Sarah and James are on track and doing well, both continue to link in with a number of services, are making changes in their life and are on track for a great future with their new family.

Matthew & Belinda's Story

Matthew and Belinda have been accessing Passages Peel since the beginning of 2013. Both young people estranged from their families as a result of violence and family breakdown. Matthew and Belinda had been in a hostel in the northern suburbs of Perth. When the service found out they were a couple they were exited from the hostel and began sleeping rough on the streets of Mandurah.

Given their age and the fact that they insisted on staying together, finding suitable accommodation was proving almost impossible for Matthew and Belinda. They were too young to sign a lease; no hostels in Perth would take both of them at the same time. As a result they spent several months sleeping in squats and in parks, coming to Passages daily for showers, food and a safe environment. Staff at

Peel Passages suggested to the young people to look on Gumtree at shared accommodation. After calling a few advertisers for private shared accommodation rentals they were not getting very far when mentioning their age.

Staff decided that the young people may need a helping hand and called an advertiser/owner of a property and asked that they be given an opportunity to meet with the owner, view the property and that it would be possible to arrange for rent to be paid directly into the owners account through Centrepay. The owner agreed to give them a chance, and the young people saved up 4 weeks rent for a bond, met with the owner and moved into the shared accommodation 4 weeks from the viewing date.

It has been over four months now and they have maintained their accommodation, paying rent on time, have collected some furniture and set themselves up in a home environment. Matthew and Belinda visit with staff at Peel on a monthly basis and are always showing their appreciation for the assistance and share many good stories and photographs of their home and life now.

Adam's Story

Passages Peel staff have been assisting Adam who has accessed Passages Peel for the past year having been referred from his Job Service Provider. He has been utilising the service for internet use

and links to health, counselling services and life skills workshops.

Adam was particularly shy and reserved when asked questions, he had been difficult to engage in conversation with the youth workers and had trouble interacting at times with other young people in the centre. Conflict in his home environment resulted in him spending extended periods of time with friends or extended family.

Over the past few months one of our staff members gently included him in open discussions with others, asked him often to help with chores and activities in the centre and encouraged him to talk about his personal interests and hobbies. Learning that he was particularly interested in music and dreamed of getting a job working within the music industry, the staff member started to research what was available in the local community.

A member of the Passages team linked him in with Bridging the Gap who connected Adam with Castle Rock School of music where he was able to begin a Cert 2 in Music studies a short time ago. Adam is now learning to play guitar and attends music school twice per week. He regularly engages with staff and other young people at Passages now and has gained significant self confidence in talking and sharing his progress at school. Passages staff were able to arrange payment for the course through his Job Service Provider.

Northbridge Statistics

Individual Clients 890
Access Visits 5,993
New Clients 541
Resources Used 12,572 times
31% presented as primary homeless
36% presented as secondary homeless
28% presented as tertiary homeless

Age Breakdown

12-15 years 3.5%
16-18 years 30.5%
19-21 years 33%
22-25 years 33%

Peel Statistics

Individual Clients 756
Access Visits 2,893
New Clients 313
Resources Used 6,268 times
25% presented as primary homeless
50% presented as secondary homeless
25% presented as tertiary homeless

Age Breakdown

12-15 years 12%
16-18 years 49%
19-21 years 31%
22-25 years 8%

Peel Corporate & Community Supporters: Alcoa Peach Funding, Anglicare – Y Shac, Australian Red Cross, Brumby's Mandurah, Calvary Youth Service, Community First International, Department of Child Protection, Department of Education, Disability Services Commission, Foodbank, Hepatitis WA, Lotterywest, Mandurah City Rotary Club, Mandurah District Rotary Club, Mandurah Soup Kitchen, Mission Australia – Reconnect, P & K Quality Meats, Palmerston – Community Drug Service, Pat Thomas House, Peel Mental Health Campus, Peel Youth Services, Rotary Club of Mandurah District, Rotary Club of Mandurah, The Great Moscow Circus - \$4781.60, WA AIDS Council, Wanslea, West Aus Crisis, Youth Reach South.

Vincentcare Mental Health and Homelessness Advisory Committee

John Lazberger - Chairperson

Brian Bull

Jim Mather

John Meahan

Vince Spargo (deceased)

Yvonne Pallier

Leah Watkins

Scrap to Gold Partners

RCR Tomlinson Ltd

Rio Tinto

Sims Metals

WATM

Vincentcare Highlights

- Announcement of name and location of Tom Fisher House, new night shelter to be opened in 2014
- ARAFMI – monthly carers' support group
- Carers' Week
- Drumbeat – Holyoake
- ERMHA – Eastern Region Mental Health Association
- Establishment of partnerships with Ruah, Horizon and Anglicare for Passages accommodation
- Mental Health Week
- Perth Homelessness Network
- Preparing to build new accommodation in Bertram and Bunbury
- Residents' holiday camp to Waroona
- Swan Partnership Committee
- Three new houses allocated to Vincentcare from Department of Housing
- Vinnies CEO Sleepout



Mental Health Services

Vincentcare provides accommodation to 76 people living with a severe and enduring mental illness – many of whom also have experiences of homelessness. The service provides support across three different levels of accommodation giving the service flexibility to encourage people to maintain their independence and develop their life skills.

Vincentian Village offers high support to 28 consumers with 24hr staff cover. Shared houses offer medium support to 25 consumers in 6 houses with part-time and visiting staff support and Vincentcare's Independent units offer low support to 14 consumers in self-contained units with visiting support as needed.

Vincentcare staff assist and support consumers in their rehabilitation and recovery journey, enabling them to maintain optimum levels of wellness and improve their quality of life.

Vincentcare delivers continuity of care and stability to consumers in partnership and collaboration with other service providers. The Vincentcare model of service delivery is non medical and

founded on the principles of social justice and community inclusion.

Bob's Story

Bob has been living at Vincentian Village for almost 5 years. He has a diagnosis of bipolar affective disorder which he has struggled with most of his adult life. Before coming to Vincentcare he moved between periods of homelessness and short stays with his family who were unable to cope with his illness. When he first started living at the Village he had very poor communication skills – refusing to speak the majority of the time and remaining in his room for days on end. Over the years, staff slowly worked with Bob to draw him out and build to confidence to speak.

Over the past year, Bob has become involved in the Care Coordination program at the Village. This program offers intensive group work on independent living skills, resilience and social skills. It has helped Bob build a fuller understanding of his mental illness, develop skills to deal with its symptoms and he now interacts well as an active member of the group.

VINCENTCARE

Corporate & Community Supporters

City of Swan, Community First International, Council of Official Visitors, Department of Health, Department of Housing, Foodbank, GROW, HD Streetwise, Hearing Voices, Home Care Services, Interwork, Lotterywest, Mental Health Commission, Multicultural Services Centre WA, Patricia Slattery, People Who Care, PVS Workfind, ReLink, Richmond Fellowship – PHAMS, Rio Tinto – Scrap to Gold.

The change in Bob's over the past year has been dramatic as he has been taking pride in his appearance, greeting staff and initiating conversations. He is now being considered for a move to one of the shared houses as he is ready to take the next step on his road to recovery.

Social Housing

Vincentcare provides transitional and affordable housing for homeless people and families in need. Vincentcare provides furniture and basic assistance to families and individual who need accommodation to get back on their feet. The Social Housing program includes 15 tenancies:

- Prospect House in Albany which provides support to homeless men and families with children
- A partnership with West Aus Crisis in Mandurah providing transitional accommodation to individual and families who primary homeless (eg living in tents or cars)
- 2 properties for long-term housing for families with children
- 7 properties for shared housing for young homeless people – supported through Passages in partnership with Ruah Community Services, Horizon House, and Anglicare WA

Jenny's Story

Jenny is a grandmother of 5 young children who was working on a FIFO basis with a large mining company. She had to leave her job when her grandchildren faced being taken into care because of the drug use and erratic lifestyle of their parents. Jenny chose to return to Perth and take on a full-time carer role for her grandchildren. As a result she could not longer remain in the shared house she was renting in Perth. This left her and 5 children under the age of 9 homeless and they spent several nights sleeping in the family car as no accommodation could be found for them. Vincentcare was able to place her in a four-bedroom property on a three month lease to buy her time to locate suitable accommodation. Jenny also needed time to rebuild her relationship with her grandchildren and help them settle into a new family pattern.

After three months, with the help of extended family, Jenny was able to move into a new home with the children. The children have settled into the new area and the older ones have started in their new school. The time with Vincentcare gave Jenny essential breathing space and saved her family from further nights on the streets.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients

CLOTHING AND FURNITURE DEPOT

Thank you to the following Corporate & Community Supporters in 2012/2013:

Aquinas College | Bankwest | Black & Veitch | Boddington Gold Mine | Crown Perth | Eclipse Fine Window Treatments | Emmanuel Catholic College
Esplanade River Suites | Fantastic Furniture Osborne Park | Furniture Bazaar Bentley | Jane's of Mosman Park | Kambo's Osborne Park
Landsdale Primary School | Merco Trading | Mermaid Marine | Mont Clare Apartments | Newnab College | Nukleen | Rugby WA
Statewide Cleaning Cloths | Tara Uniforms | Whitfords Catholic Primary | Wyndham Resort



During the early 80's Kathleen would also regularly accompany her now late husband, Kevin, to St Vincent de Paul's first homeless shelter for men - Camillus House at 5.30am to prepare breakfast for its occupants.

In 1988 Kathleen was invited to join the St Kieran's Conference, Osborne Park as a member where she held the title of President for 3 years, which entailed being a member of Regional Council.

These days the conference is a Special Works conference undertaking social and hospital visitation, working at the Depot and taking people to Mass on a Sunday and providing transport for Parishioners. Kathleen has also been involved in the Society's Street Appeal for many years, this year collecting over \$350 in Osborne Park

Over 30 years on and Kath still volunteers on a Monday at the Depot/Vinnies Shop. Her role today is providing excellent customer service at the Vinnies shop front counter. Her fellow workers describe Kathleen as a gorgeous person who would bend over backwards for anyone.

When asked why she volunteers at Vinnies, Kathleen replied,

*"I love the work and as St James said
"What is Faith without good works?"*



The Sewing Ladies – Bobby & Stephanie's Story

Bobbie and Stephanie have both volunteered in the Depot's sewing room for over 20 years and currently come in one or two days a week. Both highly skilled at their art, their role in the sewing room is to breathe new life into donated items through mending and by creating new covers for cushions and pillows. These items are then able to be given to individuals and families requesting Emergency Relief.

Bobbie first started work for Vinnies when her friend from church Hilda, a then Vinnies sewing room volunteer, referred her. Back then Bobbie would come in a couple of times a week to unpick skirts, remove zippers and buttons to make old garments into blankets to be given to those in need.



When the Depot moved from Donovan to Edward Street, the sewing requirements changed when a fellow volunteer, Ann suggested, rather than throwing away slightly flawed or stained pillows and cushions, to make new covers for them.

Aside from covering the pillows they used to sew up bed sheets, repair small tears and make double sheets into single sheets.

Stephanie joined the Depot a few years after Bobbie, initially volunteering in the sorting room, sorting bric a brac.

Welfare Distributed
from the Depot

\$690,729

Number of Welfare
Deliveries

2,349

Clothing Sorted

749,362kgs

Clothing Collected
through Collections Bins

523,782kgs

Domestic Collections

7,643

Volunteer Hours

12,975

Rubbish Tip Fees

\$77,454

The Depot also Assisted

Balgo Parish – Halls Creek
Catholic Church – Halls Creek
Junjuwa Community
Kabayije Booroo Community
Millijidee Community
Mindo Rardi Community
NATS – Tjukurla Community
Noonkenbah Community
Shopfront Maylands
St Vincent Palotti Op Shop, Broome
Wankatjunga Community
Yunggora Community



State Centres Board

David Reed OAM - Chairperson
 Anthony Smith
 Bob Burns
 Brian Fitzgerald (retired)
 Lisa Pappas
 Ray Della-Polina
 Vernon Butterly
 Carl Prowse
 Frank Brown

Thank You

The Society would like acknowledge & thank Brian Fitzgerald who, after 40yrs with the Society, retired from the State Centres Board in 2013.

Number of Retail Centres

45

Retail Sales

\$7,559,274

Number of Retail Centres Upgraded

1

Welfare Value

Metropolitan: \$84,075
 Regional: \$72,471

Number Assisted

Metropolitan: 1,704
 Regional: 724

Number of Volunteers

1,543

Volunteer Hours

491,203 hours per year



VINNIES SHOPS

Claire Mueller,
PFF Restyle, Blogger
www.the-harbour-master.com

Overview

For decades, Vinnies has been providing the WA community with a value-for-money shopping alternative offering a wide range of pre-loved clothing, books, collectables, manchester, bric-a-brac and furniture.

By choosing Vinnies you will be supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's charitable programs across Western Australia.

Lyndis's Story

Lyndis's volunteering began in Fremantle, where for four years she was a shop assistant at the Slow Learning Children's Group op Shop. When the shop closed due to the Fremantle upgrade to make way for the America's Cup, everyone was so upset to see the shop close in the tight knit community of Fremantle.

It was at that time that Lyndis contacted Vinnies in Willagee to see if they needed any volunteers, and was delighted when they said yes, Lyndis started volunteering one day a week on a Thursday and settled in helping the surrounding community with clothing and welfare vouchers when people in need came into the shop.

When Ozanam House announced that they would be closing the Willagee shop and moving it to Myaree, Lyndis didn't hesitate to put her hand up and go with all the other volunteers to Myaree. The shop became the central Vinnies Shop in the area with volunteers also moving from East Fremantle

Lyndis loves volunteering at the Myaree shop, where she is still the friendly, familiar face on the till every Thursday.

Lyndis has two daughters, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Over the years, her volunteering activities have included making "hundreds of jars of pickles for The Murdoch Hospice and hundreds of rolls and sandwiches at the Bicton Primary canteen and John Curtin canteen"

Lyndis has notched up an incredible 33 years of valued service at Vinnies "and has enjoyed every minute of it"

Marie's Story

Marie began volunteering with Vinnies 33 years ago at the Willagee shop. A notice had appeared on the notice board at St Benedicts Church, Applecross, the notice said Appealing for volunteers at Vinnies Willagee!

Marie immediately applied and began a regular Thursday "shift" that still continues to this very day, except instead at Willagee Marie is now at Myaree.

Marie loves volunteering at the Myaree shop and loves catching up each Thursday with the old volunteers and also the new volunteers coming up through the ranks.

It has changed enormously since the old days at the old Willagee shop it was made up of two rooms and was very small, dark and pokey! Some days it was so busy you could hardly move in the small shop, and to volunteer now in the new spacious clean Myaree shop is a dream comes true.

Marie has raised two daughters and a son, Marie has six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Throughout her life she has always found time to lend a helping hand where she could. Volunteering became a way of life for her and helping out at "too many places to remember" led her to her receiving a Rotary Award some years ago for services to the local community.

Marie says she gets pleasure from volunteering and has made some long lasting friendships along the way.

Marie, has notched up 33 years of valued service at Vinnies and wouldn't change it for the world.

Vinnies Highlights 2013

Signed Finds Campaign
 Perth Fashion Festival – Restyle

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SUPPORT



Overview

This program welcomes and assists refugees & migrants with settling into their new home in Western Australia. Support provided includes the provision of household goods, emergency clothing, assistance at Christmas and advocacy. The support program is run through the work of the Refugee & Migrant Committee that arrange activities to help make the transition into a new life in Australia a happy and comfortable one.

Ebrahim and Zahra's Story

Ebrahim & Zahra are both in their early thirties and are originally from Tehran Iran. They left because Ebrahim was under threat from the government. Both held jobs in Tehran and owned their own home and had all the things families have.

They left in November 2011 for Indonesia and got a people smuggler

boat to Christmas Island where they stayed for 3 months before being transferred to Inverbrackie in the Adelaide hills which they spoke very highly of. They stayed at Inverbrackie for 4 months and were then moved to a back packers hostel in Perth for 2 months before moving to a house in Dianella and then to a house in Marmion before moving to their current home in Osborne park which they pay \$300 a week rent for. This leaves them just \$100 per week on which to live.

They have been supported since late 2012 by the St Vincent de Paul migrant and refugee committee with donations of food and minor household goods. They receive regular support of Halal food parcel provided by Muslim Youth and Coles vouchers.

Zahra is due to have a baby in November and the migrant and refugee committee will supply all the

requirements for the baby which has kindly been donated by our supporters.

Since leaving Iran Ebrahim and Zahra have had no contact with their families and are not able to sell land they owned in Iran as Ebrahim would need to be there in person, a very high risk to try and realize on their asset.

Zahra is a Christian and although Ebrahim has not formally converted considers himself to be a Christian which would be very high risk to proclaim in Iran.

Regional WA Offers the Hand of Friendship

This year saw many asylum seeker families resettle in Community Detention for differing lengths of time. Once such place was Collie in the South West, where several families were placed by Communicare.

There were no case workers posted in Collie to provide assistance with their day to day requirements and to help with the language gap. The new arrivals had only meager spoken English language skills.

People in need? Along come the Vinnies members from the Collie Conference, very ably led by Beryl

Freestone, who stepped up to welcome the family, offer them material support, solve some of their problems and who have maintained a helping roll ever since.

Members of the Collie Conference and local Collie community assisted with household goods, clothes (especially warm Collie winter clothing), shopping and offering advice on local services. Most of all the community has welcomed them, have cared for them and have been a friend to the family since their arrival.

On the first day the children, two boys, were enrolled in the local soccer club, sports clothes and shoes were provided by the community and their fees paid by the Conference, this integration into local activities has been critical to the children making friends and gaining confidence in their new lives.

Collie as a town and community has a lot to be proud about in welcoming newly arrived asylum seekers into their community, the cultural exchange and new life this can bring to a community can only but benefit all.

Refugee & Migrant Committee

Frank Pelusey - Chairperson
Br Geoff Seaman
Ray Lane
John Kelsall
Claire Burke

Number of Volunteer Hours

1,560

Number of People assisted by Committee

1,556

Countries of Origin

Afghanistan
Democratic Republic of Congo
Iran
Iraq
Somalia
Sudan

Programs & Support Provided

Advocacy
Christmas Hampers
Emergency Relief
Provisions for new mums and infants
Recreational & cultural outings & visits
Social inclusion Programs
Sport Programs - cricket & soccer
Welcome to Australia Picnics

Partnerships and Agencies Worked With:

Balcatta Cricket Club, Carad, Case, CentreCare, Centrelink, Chisholm College, CWL, Ishar, Life, Without Barriers, Mercycare Metropolitan Migrant Refugee Centre, Muslim Youth Seekers Perth, North Beach Your, Notre Dame University, Our Lady of Grace Youth Group, PVS, Red Cross, Sacred Heart College, Vincentian Refugee Network The WACA, Yongah Hill

Overseas Development Committee

Annette Ellis – Chair
Alberta James
Brian Walters
Bruce Phillips
Frances Grey
George Walls
Ian Digney
Jan Ridge
Jim Mather
Ken Adam
Loellen Clark
Moira Hudson-Smith

Assist a Student Program

\$19,066

Number of Twins

122

Twinned Countries

India, Myanmar, Philippines,
Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia.

Total Twinning

\$71,961

Projects Supported

Latrine Project, Toilet Construction, Day Care Centre Project, Petty Business Project, 2 Goat Bank Projects, Animal Project, Sewing Machines Project, House Maintenance Project and House Repairing Project

Total Project Funding

\$15,121

Twinning Quarterly Payments

\$39,600

Twinning Christmas Grants

\$8,720

Twinning Easter Grants

\$8,250



Overview

The Society is committed to providing support and assistance to developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region in the following three ways – financially, spiritually and by correspondence. Links with our partner countries help strengthen relationships and enrich cultural exchange. The Society in Western Australia fundraises for overseas countries living in poverty and supports projects that include cow and goat banks and self help projects such as the provision of sewing machines for women so they can produce an income to support their families and community.

The Assist a Student Program is an education scholarship initiative aimed at providing primary and secondary students throughout Asia and the Pacific an opportunity to achieve an education.

Kompong Cham

Kompong Cham is 120km's from Phnom Penh Capital City. Many poor families are living in remote villages do not have latrines. The hygiene condition of the villages and the people are not good. Members of the Morley Dianella Conference chose this project as part of their Twinning Project.

In January 2013 a couple of the members self funded a trip to Kompong Cham to see firsthand the problems the village faced. While there they were able to meet with local villagers and get a better understanding of the problems, being able to meet face to face and extend the hand of friendship was a unique and very personal experience for the Conference members.

Twenty families in need were chosen as part of the Latrine program which involved a meeting to discuss the family's needs and explain to the how the latrine worked and how to keep it clean.

The next step was the building process, along with local villagers

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

members were able to assist in digging holes and building the necessary cement structure and from there each family were provided with the materials the set the latrine up.

At the end of the visit, twenty families had access to clean and hygienic latrine facilities that had a positive impact on their health and their environment.

Koh Rokar

Koh Rokar area about 128kms from Phnom Penh Capital in Cambodia has many poor families and student living there. Some of poorest families do not have a job, food or home and some of the poorest students do not have money to pay tutor fee.

The Claremont Conference chose with the help of the locals to choose six of the poorest families and three of the poorest students and a man needing surgery.

The Claremont Conference used funds from their Twinning Fund to assist through the provision of monthly food parcels that include rice, eggs, fish

and seasoning as well as clothing. For students education fees were paid for and school uniforms were supplied, for the man needing medical assistance medication and fees were paid for and a bike was supplied to one student who lived more than 7km's from the nearest school.

As well as the provision of emergency items, funds were also supplied to purchase land and build two small houses; repairs were also made to three other families' homes.

The living conditions of the families have been improved along with their health and emotional wellbeing, the man who was unwell health has improved and he has been able to return to work and the students supported by the program are doing well at school and receiving a full education.

The assistance provided by the Claremont Conference has changed the lives of the people they have assisted and is a great example of the global reach of the Society.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY

The St Vincent de Paul Society is committed to enriching the lives of those experiencing hardship by advocating for a fair and just community. The Society is dedicated to raising awareness and encouraging an understanding of social justice issues within the community through the development of programs and initiatives. Following the Society's mission and with long term goals in mind, issues are discussed through the Society's Social Justice Committee who work hard to raise awareness and tackle new projects of great need within local communities.

Over the last 12 months the Social Justice Committee has been and continues to focus on a number of important issues -:

1. *Affordable Housing and Housing Stress.* In a WACOSS study of households earlier this year, WACOSS found that in 2010 61% of families on Newstart Allowance

experienced financial difficulties. This figure of all households in WA was 15%. A similar study of children in Newstart Allowance households found that 19% lacked school books and uniforms and 31% lacked a hobby or leisure activities. The figures for all households in WA were respectively 3% and 5%. This issue has become worse by 2013. Members of the Society confront issues of multiple deprivations all the time. The Society is committed to continuing to raise awareness and advocate on this important issue.

2. *Asylum Seekers.* This situation has rapidly changed since the Department of Immigration and Citizenship published Australia's Humanitarian Program in December 2012. The eye of the current political storm regarding immigration is the situation of asylum seekers. It is not only a pressing issue for Australia but

one for the whole world. In a joint national statement from the Society, ACOSS and UnitingCare Australia the latest asylum seeker policy of detention in PNG and Nauru and the refusal to consider settlement in Australia after being found to be genuine refugees is very contrary of a humanitarian program. With the support of the Refugee and Migrant Committee and their knowledge base, the Social Justice Committee and the Society is committed to welcoming newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers and seeks to advocate for the fair, just and humane treatment of all who seek safety in Western Australia.

3. *Information and Education.* The Social Justice Committee is committed to developing and dispersing information and education on key Social Justice matters to all members, volunteers and staff of the Society. The Society has a member base



of close to 2,000, including youth members, and volunteering base of 1,500 and over 100 staff. This itself is, or can become, an influential group of active and committed Australian citizens. If the Social Justice Committee can make a small contribution in promoting information on these and other matters of social justice then it will be meeting the mission of the Society of working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Current and ongoing social justice awareness and advocacy includes:

- Cost of living and the impact on household budgets particularly that of single parents, people on fixed pensions and low income families
- Increased utility prices and the impact on household budgets
- The plight of refugees and asylum seekers including dispelling refugee and asylum seeker myths, re-connecting families, travel loans, support and friendship on arrival,

positive/good news stories.

- Homelessness and the broader issue of housing stress in the community
- Documentation of key case studies and statistics of the current and changing needs of the community
- Key involvement in advocacy weeks including Anti-Poverty, Mental Health, Youth and Refugee weeks, awareness and advocacy through media and editorial opportunities
- Education and awareness of key social justice issues to members and the broader Vincentian community
- Social justice advocacy on a local, state and national level to government and peak bodies
- Awareness of national Social justice initiatives such as <http://blog.vinnies.org.au/>

Social Justice Committee

Terry Quinn – Chairperson
Br Geoff Seaman
Cathy Delatre
Des Townsend
Donna Cole
Gerard Brennan
Lucinda Ardagh
Paul Hyman
Peter Shervington

FINANCIALS

Hope **Comfort** Dignity
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
Love **Respect** Justice



STATEMENT BY STATE COUNCIL

In the opinion of the State Council of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc, the financial report as set out in the fully audited Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the position of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) 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 State Council and signed for and on behalf of State Council by.



Jeff Trew
State President



Robert Burns
State Treasurer

Dated 3 October 2013

FINANCIALS

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Operating Activities:		
Grants	842,029	744,258
Sale of goods	7,569,310	7,137,525
Client contributions	946,716	840,177
Fundraising	4,124,548	3,633,975
Other Revenue	1,968,465	2,748,050
Total revenue from operating activities	15,451,068	15,103,985
Non Operating Activities:		
Bequests including asset contributed	223,132	1,705,733
Capital and non-current grants	19,793	251,982
Interest	303,051	387,365
Net Gain on Sale of Property plant and equipment	43,662	153,904
Total Revenue from non operating activities	589,638	2,498,984
Total Revenue	16,040,706	17,602,969

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Expenditure		
Centres of charity	6,394,267	6,100,518
Management and administration	807,099	773,582
Fundraising costs	872,910	728,003
Public Relations and Communication	429,941	433,376
People in need services	4,970,851	5,086,679
Homeless and mental health services	2,646,480	2,852,824
Impairment of property, plant and equipment		1,500,000
	16,121,548	17,474,982
Total comprehensive income for year	-80,842	127,987

**Statement of Financial Position
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	2013	20112
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	9,195,031	8,106,505
Trade and Other Receivables	907,308	1,283,028
Inventories	121,289	184,089
Total Current Assets	10,223,628	9,573,622
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	10,187,211	10,300,115
Total Non-Current Assets	10,187,211	10,300,115
Total Assets	20,410,839	19,873,737

	2013	20112
	\$	\$
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,280,117	1,177,623
Provisions	1,341,777	1,078,210
Total current liabilities	2,621,894	2,255,833
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions	762,899	511,016
Total non-current liabilities	762,899	511,016
Total liabilities	3,384,793	2,766,849
Net Assets	17,026,046	17,106,888
Capital Funds		
Capital fundraising reserve	2,380,707	2,380,707
Asset revaluation reserve	1,977,176	1,977,176
Accumulated Funds	12,668,163	12,749,005
Total Capital Funds	17,026,046	17,106,888

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VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT 2013

SAVE THE DATE

19th June 2014, the WACA, Perth
 Register at www.ceosleepout.org.au
 Inquiries: perth@ceosleepout.org.au



Top Fundraiser
Dale Alcock,
Managing Director
ABN Group, \$134,000.



HOW THE VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT SUPPORTS HOMELESSNESS IN WA:

- Passages Resource Centres that provides support, workshops, referrals and a safe and positive place for street present young people aged 12 to 25. The Northbridge service is a joint venture with the Rotary Club of Perth, and through this event in early 2012 we were able to expand and respond to the need in the Peel community. Our Peel service is now seeing between 20-30 young people every day.
- Education programs providing homeless young people with the ability to participate in education and training programs.
- Vincentcare that provides accommodation and support for individuals living with mental illness and/or experiencing homelessness while encouraging them to maintain their independence and life skills.
- Accommodation support by providing emergency relief support for people, many of whom are families, to stay in their accommodation.
- And this year we are about to create ways for the society to provide more homes to people in need in our community.



SPECIAL MENTIONS: Andrew Forrest, Chairman Fortescue Metals Group & Australian Children's Trust - \$200,000 | Barry Felstead, CEO Crown Perth - \$94,200 | Kevin Gallagher, CEO Clough Ltd - \$51,300 | Peter McBain, Managing Director Brierty - \$49,000 | Graeme Prior, CEO Hall & Prior Aged Care - \$43,300 | Steve Gostlow, Managing Director Toxfree Solutions - \$43,300 | Brian Kelly, Country Manager Kentz Pty Ltd - \$42,200 | Keith Gordon, CEO Emeco Holdings - \$37,600 | Rob Velletri, Managing Director, Monadelphous Group - \$37,300 | Christopher Galvin, Director Galvin Engineering Pty Ltd - \$31,700 | Raymond Tan, Director Tan & Tan Lawyers - \$31,400 | Bob Bollen, Managing Director Benz Industries WA Pty Ltd - \$30,500

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT 2013 PARTICIPANTS

Adam Lamond	Chief Executive Officer	OTOC Limited ●★▲
Adam Flanagan	Director	Auscool Services
Alexander Parks	CEO	Tamaska Oil & Gas Ltd
Amy Bailey	Ceo	The London Clinic
Andrew Forrest	Chairman	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd ●★▲
Andrew Crampton	Director	Velrada
Andy Crane	Chief Executive Officer	CBH Group ▲
Anita McKinley	Managing Director	Sense IT
Barry Felstead	Chief Executive Officer	Crown Perth ●★▲
Beth Cameron	CEO	Leading Age Services Australia - WA
Bill Stephen	Office Managing Partner	Grant Thornton ●★▲
Bob Bollen	Managing Director	Benz Industries WA Pty Ltd
Brad Cassidy	Director	Leaf Bean Machine
Brendan Cooley	Chief Operating Officer	International Maritime Services
Brenton Morris	Director	Intelligent Home
Brian Kelly	Country Manager	Kentz Pty Ltd ▲
Cameron Belyea	Partner	Clayton Utz
Catherine Stoddart	Chief Nurse & Midwifery Officer	Department of Health ▲
Chantal Roberts	Executive Officer	Shelter WA ▲
Charlie Caruso	CEO	PuggleFM
Christopher Galvin	Director	Galvin Engineering Pty Ltd ▲
Cliff Weeks	Director General	Department of Aboriginal Affairs
Craig Comrie	CEO	Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia ★▲
Dale Alcock	Managing Director	ABN Group
Daniel Morrison	Chief Executive Officer	Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service Inc.
Darren Holden	Managing Director	ABM Resources
David Bailey	Principal / CEO	DB DENTAL
David Egerton-Warburton	Managing Director	Master Group (Aust.) Pty Ltd ▲
David Vicars	MANAGING DIRECTOR	GOOD GUYS MALAGA ★▲
Donna Cole	Managing Director	LastSay Communications
Dot Colgan	Advisor	Colgan Industries ★▲
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Eric Martino	Lawyer	Paterson & Dowding
Frank Daly	Executive Director	Royal Perth Group ▲
Garry Ellender	CEO	Access Housing
Garth Davis	Managing Director / CEO	The Investors Club / Property Club - Joondalup
Gerard Moody	CEO	BDO ▲
Gerry O'Dea	General Manager	Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club ★▲
Gerry Alleaume	Managing Director	matesrates

Graeme Prior	CEO	Hall & Prior Aged Care ▲
Greg Hebble	CEO	Foodbank of Western Australia ▲
Hayley Hinchliffe	Managing Director	Event Services and Productions
Heather Harker	Commissioner	Department of Corrective Services ★▲
Heidi Gamble	Director	Embodied Corporate Solutions
James Pearson	Chief Executive	CCIWA ●▲
Jany Li	Systems Manager	Layne Christensen Australia ★▲
Jason Quilligan	Director	JNK Express Pty Ltd ▲
Jeff Leach	Director	JJ Leach Group ●▲
Jeff Weber	Managing Director/CEO	Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd ★▲
JoAnn Veronica Theriault	Director	PriceWaterhouseCoopers
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John McLean	CEO	Jackson McDonald ●★▲
Justin Carroll	Managing Partner, WA	PwC
Justine Colyer	Chief Executive Officer	Rise ●▲
Justine Smetham	Chief Executive Officer	CPE Group - Recruiters Who Care
Keith Gordon	CEO	Emeco Holdings ▲
Kevin O'Sullivan	Partner	Clayton Utz
Kevin Gallagher	CEO	Clough Limited
Kim Gilbert	Director	Zenith Insurance Services ▲
Larissa Strk-Lingard	Partner	King & Wood Mallesons
Lejo Ouwendyk	Managing Director	Kennerlys ★▲
Lindsay Craig	Managing Director	Executive Search Australasia ▲
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Luke Tonkin	Managing Director	Reed Resources Ltd
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Mark Fitzpatrick	Chief Executive Officer	St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc ▲
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Mathew Clarke	Managing Director	Bar 138 on barrack
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Mike Young	Non Executive Director (Ex MD/CEO)	BC Iron Limited ▲
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Raymond Tan	Director	Tan and Tan Lawyers ●★▲
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Richard Klimek	Legal Practice Director	Klimek & Co Family Lawyers
Richard Talbot	CEO	Taris Engineering ▲
Rob Velletri	Managing Director	Monadelphous Group ▲
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Robyn Timms	Acting Chief Health Professions Officer	Department of Health WA
Samantha Cotgrave	Managing Director	Gel Group Pty Ltd ●★▲
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Shawn Murphy	Managing Director	SeaStone Group P/L
Sheila Penman	Managing Director	Boranup Forest Retreat
Simon Bennisson	CEO	Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC)
Simon Howard	CEO	NKH Financial Services Group ★▲
Simon Creek	Managing Director	HHG Legal Group ★▲
Stephen Dawson MLC	Member of Parliament	Government of Western Australia
Steve Gostlow	Managing Director	Toxfree Solutions
Sue Williams	Principal	Humanconnection
Sue Hile	Managing Director	Adventurous Women
Sue Jones	Executive Director Corporate Services	Dept of Finance
Sue Pember	Managing Director	Aussie Orientation Services
Timothy Milson	CEO	Fremantle Chamber of Commerce ▲
Tom Bottrell	Chief Executive Officer	Swan Districts Football Club
Tom Perrigo	Chief Executive Officer	The National Trust of Australia (WA) ▲
Tony Morganti	Company Secretary	DORIC Group ▲
Tricia Ray	CEO	The Colosoul Group Inc
Wanwick Smith	Director of Access Housing Board	Access Housing

Also Participated
 ● 2010 participant
 ★ 2011 participant
 ▲ 2012 participant

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANK YOU



Donors & Benefactors

The St Vincent de Paul Society relies greatly on the generosity of the community to support vital programs and services for people in need in the Western Australian community. Thank you to the thousands of donors and benefactors who have given so generously over the last 12 months, your donations have made a big difference to the lives of many in our community.

- Winter Appeal - \$1,229,742
- Christmas Appeal - \$692,170
- Vinnies CEO Sleepout - \$1,200,000
- Passages Race Day - \$77,000
- Street Appeal - \$60,812
- Spirit Newsletter Appeal - \$251,385
- General Appeal - \$150,463
- Corporate Material Donations - \$183,661
- School Material Donations - \$146,004

Grants & Funding

Thank you to Lotterywest for the ongoing support of the Society's work in the Western Australian community. The support with funding for our Emergency Relief work, program based funding through Passages and Vincentcare and the broader Society is greatly appreciated. Thank you to FACHSIA through funding for volunteers and financial counsellors.

Corporate & Community Partners

Thank you to our Corporate & Community Partners who continue to support our good work. On behalf of the thousands of people who have received help from the St Vincent de Paul Society we gratefully acknowledge and thank everyone who has in any way assisted us over the past 12 months.

Advisory Boards

We would like to thank and acknowledge all those who served voluntarily on Advisory Committees and Boards for sharing their valuable time and knowledge with the Society with the aim of assisting people in need.

Call Centre Volunteers

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many people who have volunteered their time through the Call Centre over the past year. The Call Centre volunteers have been dedicated to the role of receiving calls from people in need in the community and relaying the necessary information to our members who provide assistance through Home Visitations. We thank them for undertaking this vital work for the Society.



Media

Special thanks to all Western Australian media outlets (newspaper, online, radio stations and television stations) for promoting the Society's Appeals and campaigns through free of charge community service announcements and through editorial commentary. The media's ongoing support of the work of the Society in the Western Australian community is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

Schools

Thank you to all the schools across Western Australia who participated in youth programs, volunteering and fundraising activities. A special thank you to all the teachers who assisted by coordinating the programs and volunteers within

your schools and giving up their time to coordinate students for events as the Street Appeal.

Members, Volunteers and Staff

A special thank you to all our members, volunteers and staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the Society and the people it helps. We are humbled and amazed by the work of these groups and our sincere thanks and prayers go out to them.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Become a Member

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an avenue for individuals to help others in an environment of respect and compassion. Members come in all shapes and sizes, ages and backgrounds; their commonality is their mission to support and care for those who lack the resources to lead a healthy and full life. To find out more on becoming a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society please phone the Society on (08) 9475 5400.



Volunteer Your Time

If you are interested in helping people through any of the St Vincent de Paul Society's services, great volunteering opportunities exist. For further information on volunteering please phone the Society on (08) 9475 5400.

Make a Financial Donation

Credit card donations can be made by phoning 13 18 12 or by logging on to www.vinnies.org.au. All donations are used to assist the disadvantaged with whom we work. To have your name added to our mailing list, please phone our Public Relations & Fundraising Department on (08) 9475 5400.

Leave a Bequest

Please consider remembering the St Vincent de Paul Society in your Will. The Society's Tom Perrott Friends Forever Club honours the generosity of Bequest donors in a dignified and respectful way. The Society is able to assist thousands of people because of the generosity of those who have remembered the Society in their Will. To find out more information on the Tom Perrott Friends Forever Club or how you can remember the Society in your Will please call our Public Relations & Fundraising Department on (08) 9475 5400.

Helping Hands Regular Giving Program

The Helping Hands Program allows donors to make a periodical commitment to the work of the Society and receive only one tax-deductible receipt each year. Helping Hands supporters are kept informed of the Society's good works through the bi-annual newsletter "The Spirit". For more information call the Society on (08) 9475 5400.

Donate Pre-loved Goods

Donations of pre-loved clothing, household goods and furniture can be made at our Clothing and Furniture Depot in Osborne Park or by calling (08) 9444 5622. For the location of your nearest Vinnies Retail Centre visit www.vinnies.org.au.

Become a Corporate Partner

The St Vincent de Paul Society recognises the importance of developing and nurturing strong links with the corporate and philanthropic sectors to allow us to continue to help make positive changes in the lives of the people we help. The Society seeks to engage all partners in long-term, strategic and mutually beneficial relationships. Companies can support the St Vincent de Paul Society through Corporate Partnerships, Corporate Sponsorships, Cause Related Marketing and/or Philanthropic Donations. To find out more please call our Public Relations & Fundraising Department on (08) 9475 5400.

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Mark Sinderberry- Chief Executive of **#RugbyWA** shows his support for the **@CEOSleepout** **@thewesternforce**



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Congratulations Ken for finding **#signedfindssport** item from **@TheRealPatCash** at Vinnies Pinjarra, WA. More clues visit <http://ow.ly/IKYIQ>



Watch our winter campaign video and find out how you can make a difference and **#dosomethingaboutit** this winter! <http://goo.gl/s0WJO>



@leafbeanmachine will be serving **#coffee 2morro** at 8am - 3.30pm @ the corner of William & Hay Street Mall. Proceeds go to the **@CEOSleepout**

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Andrew Forrest **@CEOsleepout 2013** **#halvehomelessness** MG_5128 <http://flic.kr/p/eUUwXV>



A big thanks to all the wonderful residence of Ngulla Mia who made these beautiful scaves for our **#winterappeal** pic.twitter.com/Sus0aQjhmm



RT **@rotarydownunder**: Vinnies CEO Sleepout in WA raises +\$1.8mill for **#youth** | Partnership w/ **@VinniesWA** and **@Rotary** <http://ow.ly/m16V6>



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@Dale_Alcock is currently the top fundraiser at the WA **@CEOsleepout** !!!

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Congrats **@ceosleepout** - raising awareness of **#homelessness** in Australia. Over 1000 CEOs took part and \$5M was raised!

Want to support the 2013 **@CEOsleepout** ? Write it, snap it, post it. **#halvehomelessness** pic.twitter.com/0QwWG5IOQW





Day 6 of the photo-a-day opshop challenge & the style prompt accessorise. We love these funky #aviators @capnmueller
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A big thanks to #Goldfields #Australia who donated winter blankets, clothing & toiletries for our winter campaign-
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