

**THE REASONS ARE
ALL AROUND US**

*Do something
about it!*

ANNUAL REPORT 2014 WESTERN AUSTRALIA



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

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.



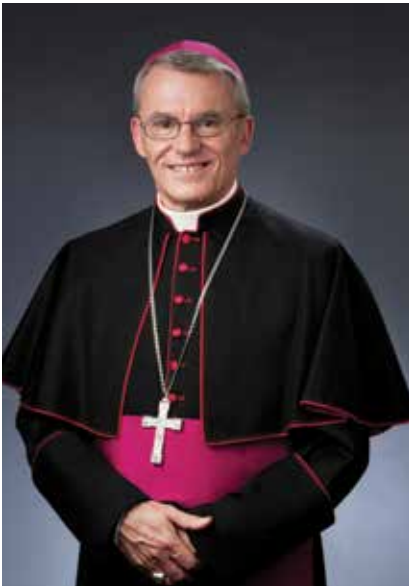
THE REASONS ARE ALL AROUND US...YOU ONLY NEED ONE.

Was the 2013 Christmas Appeal campaign. Thank you to those donors for sharing these personal messages.



INTRODUCTION

hope comfort dignity



It is with great pleasure that I share with you my support and recognition of the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society over the past 12 months.

Saint Vincent de Paul is considered by many to be the “star” saint of Christian charity and concern for the poor. Many people, including those who do not know that much about this great saint from the 17th century, know of the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which is active in so many parishes, dioceses and communities around Australia and indeed the world, bringing direct help to people in need. The Church celebrates the feast of St Vincent de Paul each September, and at this time we affirm that the poor must receive our special attention to ensure that they have basic necessities of life.

The Society was first formed in Western Australia in 1865 and since then the St Vincent de Paul Society has always been a safe, welcoming place. The Society has treated people with dignity and it does the work of being with, not just for the poor, for the charism of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to be out among people not just with material help but with respect and love, and even admiration for those whom they help.

As Christians we are all called to do what we can, with what we have, in the time we have. The St Vincent de Paul Society is an organisation made up of men and women of all ages and backgrounds who hold a common belief in justice and compassion for the most vulnerable in our community. Whether a member, volunteer, staff member or benefactor, the infinite power of this collective in achieving respect and justice for those in need in our community is evident.

Vincentians are conscious of the fact that they do not know who is going to open the door at the home they visit or walk through the door of one of their many specialised services. Is the person going to be hungry, depressed, mentally or physically ill, a newly arrived refugee, without a job or in the throes of a domestic crisis? But they do know they are called to serve and to offer non-judgemental love and support to that person or family.

At times when people are in need there can often be finger pointing and cynicism and not enough joining of hands – there must be solidarity in serving those in need. Contempt for the poor remains the primary attitudinal obstacle preventing further developments in addressing the problem of domestic poverty. Contempt for the poor is a disposition that causes far too many to be hesitant in supporting charitable works, advocating for poverty-alleviating public policies, and participating in Christian action to serve those in need.

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The counter to cynicism in the world is to take action; and the St Vincent de Paul Society is a living example of this action. The St Vincent de Paul Society today represents that legacy; the St Vincent de Paul Society of tomorrow will be the legacy of the next generation who we must invite to join us in our Christian mission. I encourage all those who can to take action and join in the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in whatever way you are able to do so – your gift to the poor of your time and your talents has infinite possibilities to make real and lasting change in the world.

Each and every Vincentian member, volunteer and staff member, represents hope to those in need - hope born of action, hope born of faithfulness. The Society's credibility comes because people trust you; they trust the Society not to have vested interest or interest in personal gain either financial or reputational. I commend the West Australian Vincentian family on their work over the past twelve months across the West Australian community, you have seen reasons to help all around you and you have responded by doing something about it.

May God bless your work in the coming year.

Sincerely in Christ

+ Timothy Costelloe SDB



Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Catholic Archbishop of Perth

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is my pleasure to present the St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Report for the 2013/2014 financial year, in the following pages you will read stories of real need in our community and how the St Vincent de Paul Society has responded. I am very proud of the achievements of the organisation over the past 12 months and I acknowledge the efforts of our Vincentian family – members, volunteers and staff.

At the end of the 2014 financial year, I made the decision to step down from the role of State President due to recent health complications, it has not been an easy decision, but I feel it is the right decision for me, my family, as well as the Society.

I have felt immense pride leading the St Vincent de Paul Society as State President for the past two years and one of the greatest joys I have had is meeting people at all levels and across many functions of the organisation who are dedicated to helping people in need in our community.

As a member of the Society for many years, I had previously participated at a grass roots level delivering support to people in need in my local community through our Home Visitation program, later as a Regional President I was further exposed to the workings of the Society regionally and through the State Council, on being elected to the position of State President I was given the privilege of a bird's eye view of the Society in WA, the national structure and leadership and how everything fits together.

The collective power of our members in our conferences, volunteers in our shops and Special Works, staff across all areas of the organisation and the generosity of our donors and supporters across Western Australia has inspired me and humbled me.

I have witnessed at every level of the organisation people from all backgrounds working side by side bringing their own unique talent and skills to the Society, and the incredible generosity of the people of Western Australia supporting us with the aim of offering those in our community love, respect, justice, hope and joy when they need it most.

As I hand over the role of State President to Bob Burns, the newly elected President, I would like to thank my fellow State Councilors for their

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support over my term, as well as all the members and volunteers for your commitment and support, I would also like to thank the staff many of whom I have worked closely with on key projects, committees and developments in the past two years and in particular I would like to thank my wife Joan and my family for their love and for supporting me in the role of State President. I wish Bob all the very best for a successful term as State President – he has my full support as a Vincentian and I know I leave the Society in good hands.

In closing I thank the people of Western Australia, our donors and benefactors, individuals and corporate for your support of the Society's work in Western Australia, please know your help financial and material changes the lives of West Australian's in need every day, thank you.

May God bless us all.

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

CEO'S MESSAGE



As we finish the 2013/2014 financial year and look forward to the challenges ahead, it is evident that those in need in our community have rarely faced the challenges as we do today. The increasing costs of living, lack of affordable housing, impact of fiscal policy, increasing uncertainty in the employment market and more continue to see more people coming to the Society for help. This is where the Society makes its greatest contribution to our community – a contribution that continues to grow both in scale and impact.

Steeped in tradition, but grounded in our pragmatic approach to service delivery to those in need today, the Society continues to serve the poor and shape a more just and compassionate community. This simple platform has enabled the Society to add to its impact in the WA community over the past year:

- The commencement of Tom Fisher House as a part of the Street to Home program servicing the rough sleepers of Perth

- Our retail outcomes continue to grow and continue to provide half of the Society's income. Our retail stores in Midland, Armadale, Toodyay, Albany and Mandurah have all been relocated to enable us to provide better services to the local community, all with stunning success.
- Our flagship partnership with the Rotary Club of Perth with Passages continues to reaffirm its critical place in the WA homelessness services landscape, generating more interest and helping more street-present young people.
- More housing was received from the Department of Housing for young people we serve through Passages.
- Demand for and success of our children and youth camps continues to grow year on year.
- Partnerships with various Medicare Locals in the Partners in Recovery mental health program have been formed and embedded as part of our Vincentcare service.
- The CEO Sleepout for 2014 was another outstanding success, raising over \$1.2million and reinforcing the commitment from the WA business community in supporting the Society's efforts to halve homelessness.

The Perth Hills bushfires in early 2014 was devastating for all concerned. During this dark time, the true Vincentian spirit shone through with members, volunteers and staff from all parts of the Society all coming together to support the local community – a true example of our faith in action.

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In 2014/2015 the Society looks forward to further building on our services. Supporting our strengths in emergency relief, mental health and homelessness, the Society will seek to have a greater impact in the social and affordable housing issue, recognising it is one of the most significant issues faced by those we serve. We also look forward to commence our research work with ECU on breaking intergenerational welfare dependency – an important piece of work that will influence future service delivery and, hopefully, government policy.

Of course, our success is only a reflection of the dedication of our people and the support we get from our community. Every time I reflect on our work I first reflect on the unwavering commitment of all of our people to those we serve in the community, and our friends and partners who support us in touching the lives of many Western Australians in need. The support and passion of all inspires us.

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



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Volunteer



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**ABOUT THE
SOCIETY**

love respect justice



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.

He urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were unable to live a full life.

"Deal with those most urgent needs. Organise charity so that it is more efficient....teach reading and writing, educate with an aim of giving each the means of self support. Intervene with authorities to obtain reforms in structure....there is not charity without justice."



OUR WORK

People assisted through Home Visitations

Number of Home Visits/Interviews	29,448
Number of People Assisted	38,243

Demographic of People Assisted

Couple with Children	10.4%
Couple without Children	8.3%
Singles with Children	39.8%
Singles without Children	41.5%
New Assistance	43%
Repeat Assistance	57%

Types of Assistance Requested

Bedding	5.9%
Clothing	7.1%
Food	86.2%
Furniture	7.4%
Utility Bills	12.4%
Other	21.9%

Housing/Accommodation Arrangements

Boarding/Lodging	9.9%
Caravan Park	1.3%
Family/Friends	4.4%
Owner – with a mortgage	3.9%
Owner – without a mortgage	1.1%
Renter – private	31.7%
Renter – public	38.4%
Street	1.9%
Not specified	7.5%

Support Expenditure

Accommodation	\$300,138
Education	\$16,264
Food	\$1,195,562
Household Goods & Bedding	\$181,414
Medical	\$29,854
Other Assistance	\$229,933
Refugee Resettlement	\$502,000
Utility Bills	\$485,396
Youth	\$78,646

Emergency Relief Assistance

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'. Conference members meet regularly to provide mutual support, spiritual reflection and to discuss how best to respond to the people they assist. Conferences respond to calls from people in need in their local communities – they provide Emergency Relief Assistance through food, material aid, budget advice, utility bills, advocacy issues as well as friendship and support. The assistance is prompt and focused on both the short and long-term well-being of the recipient.

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 the Society'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 the Passages Resource Centres in Northbridge and Mandurah which provide immediate basic needs to young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years. Vincentcare provides transitional supported accommodation in both regional and metropolitan Western Australia and provides basic furniture and assistance to families and individuals who need accommodation.

Mental Health Services

Vincentcare works with people with a lived experience of severe and enduring mental illness many of whom have also had experiences of homelessness to rebuild their lives through a recovery based program. The three-tier accommodation services offer high support, shared houses and independent living options with support from a professional team of mental health and support staff. Vincentian Village offers high support to residents with 24 hour staff cover. Shared houses offer medium support to consumers with part-time visiting staff support. Vincentcare's independent units offer low support to individuals 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.

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.



OUR STATE IMPACT

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 supports newly arrived refugees, asylum seekers and migrants through material support, friendship, recreational activities and advocacy.

Social Justice Advocacy

The Society is committed to enriching the lives of people 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 in 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 development of programs and initiatives. Whilst recognising the great charitable works the Society's members undertake, there is a firm belief that charity must walk hand-in-hand with justice.

Vinnies Shops & Depot

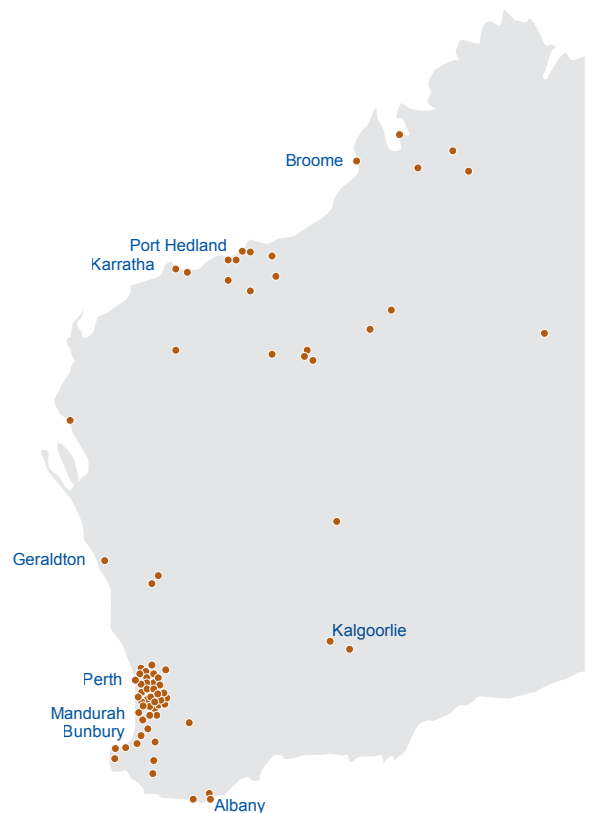
Vinnies Shops provide furniture, clothing and household goods to people who are in need and are being assisted by conference members. Our Vinnies Shops are also a valuable resource for people on low incomes, enabling them to buy quality clothing, furniture and other household items at an affordable price. 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 material donations and provides direct assistance to the community through the provision of material goods.

Vinnies Youth

Vinnies Youth is the name for the inspiring young people who volunteer for the St Vincent de Paul Society. 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. Vinnies Youth encompasses 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.

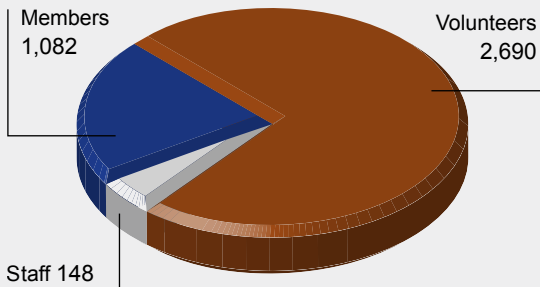
The Society's Work Across WA

Conferences & Emergency Relief Assistance	78
Remote Community Emergency Relief Assistance	40
Vinnies Shops & Depots	43
Homelessness Support & Accommodation	20
Special Works	9



OUR PEOPLE

Conferences	78
Members	1,082
Number of new Members	137
Young Adult & School Conferences	11
Youth Members & Volunteers	628
Shops & Depot	43
Shops & Depot Volunteers	1,978
Call Centre Volunteers	34
Other Volunteers	50
Full Time Staff	94
Part Time Staff	49
Casual Staff	5



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

Staff - across the Society work in roles that provide direct people in need services such as Vincentcare, Passages, the Depots, our Shops, Financial Counselling and our Youth Programs. Staff also provide operational support services such as Member and Volunteer Support, Finance, Human Resources, Information Communication & Technology, Public Relations & Fundraising and Corporate Services.

State Council:



State President
Robert Burns



Vice President
David Fitzgerald



Vice President
Terry Power



Vice President
Prof Michael Gillooly



Chief Executive Officer
Mark Fitzpatrick



State Treasurer
Gladys Demissie



Society Chaplain
Rev Father Nino
Vinciguerra



President
Fremantle Region
Ben Ziegelaar



President
Isolated Region
Dulcie Valenti



President Joondalup/
Wanneroo Region
Tom Loreck



President
Osborne Park Region
Stephanie Tenger



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Peel Region
Jim Mather



President
Perth Region
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Queens Park Region
Chris Leon



President
South West Region
Loellen Clark



President
Swan Region
George Walls



State Youth
Representative
Liam Staffari



State Youth
Representative
Keenan Klassen

We also acknowledge and thank the following State Councillors whose terms ended during 13/14



State President
Jeff Trew



Society Chaplain
Father David Halstead



Fremantle Region President
Ian Digney



Isolated Region President
Frances Grey



State Youth Representative
Jake Thresher

Advisory Committee & Board Chairpersons

Finance Committee	Gladys Demissie
Governance Committee	Prof Michael Gillooly
House Advisory Committee	Mark Fitzpatrick
Membership & 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 Centres Board	David Reed OAM
Youth & Young Adult Advisory Committee	Keenan Klassen & Liam Staltari
State Archivists	Tom Fisher OAM JP & Annette Ellis

Senior Management Team

Chief Executive Officer	Mark Fitzpatrick
Executive Manager, Business Services	Brian Niedzwiecki
State Retail Manager	Carl Prowse
Manager, Member & Volunteer Services	Rebecca Callaghan
Manager, Public Relations &	Lucinda Ardagh
Executive Manager, Vincentcare & Passages	Yvonne Pallier/Adele Stewart

VINNIES CEO

SLEEPOUT 2014

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS



HOW THE VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT SUPPORTS HOMELESSNESS IN WA:

- Passages Resource Centres – located in Northbridge and Peel and provide support, workshops, referrals and a safe and welcoming place for street present young people aged 12 to 25. The Northbridge service is a joint venture with the Rotary Club of Perth.
- Vincentcare - provides accommodation and support for individuals living with mental illness and/or experiencing homelessness while encouraging them to maintain their independence and life skills.
- Homelessness Fund - Accommodation support through emergency relief funding for people, many of whom are families, facing eviction to stay in their homes and/or the provision of funding for emergency accommodation needs for individuals and families without somewhere to stay.



Year	Event Raised	Top Fundraiser	
2010	\$475,000	Barry Felstead, Crown Perth	\$35,000
2011	\$615,000	Barry Felstead, Crown Perth	\$47,000
2012	\$822,000	Barry Felstead Crown Perth	\$65,000
2013	\$1.1 million	Dale Alcock, ABN Group	\$134,000
2014	\$1.25 million	Dale Alcock, ABN Group	\$149,000



SAVE THE DATE

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



2014 TOP FUNDRAISER: Dale Alcock Managing Director ABN Group - \$149,280.00

SPECIAL MENTIONS: Barry Felstead Chief Executive Officer Crown Perth - \$98,796.00 | Peter McBain Managing Director Brierty - \$86,701.00
 Graeme Prior CEO Hall & Prior Aged Care - \$54,336.00 | Brian Kelly Country Manager Kentz Pty Ltd - \$52,179.00
 Bob Bollen Managing Director Benz Industries WA Pty Ltd - \$48,550.00 | John Welborn Managing Director/ CEO Equatorial Resources Ltd - \$46,500.00
 Scott Criddle CEO Decmil - \$34,700.00 | Raymond Tan Director Tan and Tan Lawyers - \$33,436.00
 Steve Gostlow Managing Director Toxfree Solutions - \$32,570.00

CEO'S WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ALL 5 VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT 2010 - 2014: Barry Felstead, Crown | Bob Bollen, Benz Industries
 Raymond Tan, Tan and Tan Lawyers | Robert Manford, Compu-stor | Shane Ball, Swan Interiors

2014 PARTICIPANTS

Alastair Kleyn ♦	Director	Alita Constructions	Larissa Strk ♦♦♦	Partner	King & Wood Mallesons
Alec Blacklaw ♦♦	Director	McKinley Plowman	Lejo Ouwendyk ♦♦♦♦	Managing Director	Kennerlys
Amy Bailey ♦	CEO	The London Clinic	Lisa Bayakly ♦	Partner	KPMG
Anabelle May ♦	Executive Director	Personal Advocacy Service	Mark Whiteman ♦	CEO	Ray White WA
Angela Hartwig ♦	CEO	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)	Mark Keenan ♦	Director	Momentum Engineering
Ann O'Neill ♦♦	Director	angelhands Inc	Mark Wallace ♦	Executive Director	Blue Zoo
Anne Moore ♦	CEO	The Lucy Saw Centre	Mark Shaw ♦	Chief Executive Officer	Adventure World
Anne-Marie Archer ♦	Chief Executive Officer	Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation	Mark Fitzpatrick ♦♦♦	Chief Executive Officer	St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc
BangZhao Pan ♦	CEO	Ever Nature Pty Ltd	Martin Conway ♦	Managing Director	R1i Services
Barry Felstead ♦♦♦♦	Chief Executive Officer	Crown Perth	Mathew Clarke ♦♦	Managing Director	Bar 138 on barrack
Beth Cameron ♦♦	CEO	Leading Age Services Australia - WA	Matt Taylor MLA ♦♦	Member for Bateman	WA Parliament
Bob Bollen ♦♦♦♦	Managing Director	Benz Industries WA Pty Ltd	Michelle Rhodes ♦	Director	360 Environmental
Brad Cassidy ♦♦	Director	Leaf Bean Machine	Mike Young ♦♦♦	CEO and MD	Energy and Minerals Australia
Brendan Vaughan ♦	National Mining Manager	Watpac Civil and Mining	Miles Burke ♦	Managing Director	Bam Creative
Brian Kelly ♦♦♦	Country Manager	Kentz Pty Ltd	Murray McKinley ♦	Director	McKinley Plowman & Associates
Brian Briscoe ♦♦♦	Managing Director	Briscoe Search & Consulting	Neil Gomersall ♦	Sales Manager- Advertising and Events	Business News
Cadell Buss ♦♦♦	CEO	DJ Carmichael	Neil David ♦♦	Group Chief Executive Officer	Lionel Samson Sadleirs Group
Calum Laing ♦	Director/Financial Planner	Panoramic Financial Solutions	Nicole Haberley ♦♦	CEO	angelhands Inc
Chantal Roberts ♦	Executive Officer	Shelter WA	Nino Odorisio ♦♦	Partner	HopgoodGanim
Chris How ♦	Chief Executive Officer	The Bethania Group Inc	Peter Manifis ♦	Executive Chef/Owner InContro South Perth	InContro Restaurant South Perth
Christopher Galvin ♦♦♦	Director	Galvin Engineering Pty Ltd	Peter McBain ♦♦	Managing Director	Brierty
Cliff Weeks ♦♦	Director General	Department of Aboriginal Affairs	Phil Baker ♦	CEO	ECHO Community Services
Craig Comrie ♦♦♦♦	CEO	Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia	Phil Hinton ♦♦	Managing Director	PHC Projects
Dale Alcock ♦♦	Managing Director	ABN Group	Ray Glickman ♦♦♦	CEO	Amana Living
David Blythe ♦♦	Executive Director	Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	Raymond Tan ♦♦♦♦	Director	Tan and Tan Lawyers
David Buckingham ♦	CEO	iiNet	Rebecca Tolstoy ♦♦	CEO	Tolstoy Consulting
David Hall ♦	Director	SPH Architecture + Interiors	Richard Klimek ♦♦	Legal Practice Director	Klimek & Co Family Lawyers
David Mierowsky ♦♦	Managing Director	Fundi Software Pty Ltd	Richard Burt ♦♦♦	CEO	Racing & Wagering Western Australia
David Egerton-Warburton ♦♦♦	Managing Director	Master Group (Aust.) Pty Ltd	Richard Talbot ♦♦♦	CEO	Taris Engineering
Dean Mudford ♦	Development Director	Mirvac	Rita Carulli ♦	Regional Manager	Best and Less
Donna Cole ♦♦	Managing Director	LastSay Communications	Robert Manford ♦♦♦♦	Director	Compu-Stor
Emmanuel Lardis ♦	CEO	Logicus Training Solutions	Roy Mellon ♦	CEO	Proactiv Payroll Pty Ltd
Eric Jas ♦♦	Managing Director	Atteris Pty Ltd	Sara Dean ♦	Business Owner	Olive Projects
Evan Hewitt ♦	Franchise Partner	Grill'd Healthy Burgers Mt Lawley & Shafto Lane	Sarah Kolb ♦	Regional Manager	Best and Less
Frank Daly ♦♦♦	A/Chief Executive	South Metropolitan Health Service	Scott Criddle ♦	CEO	Decmil
Gabi Mills ♦	Managing Editor	Premium Publishers	Sean King ♦♦♦	Managing Director	SECO Projects Pty Ltd & PC Walls Pty Ltd
Garry Ellender ♦♦	CEO	Access Housing	Shane Ball ♦♦♦♦	Managing Director	Swan Group
Garth Davis ♦♦	Managing Director / CEO	Property Club / The Investors Club - Joondalup	Shane Maraldo ♦♦♦♦	General Manager	Ngarda Civil & Mining Pty Ltd
Graeme Prior ♦♦♦	CEO	Hall & Prior Aged Care	Sheng Shen ♦	CEO	Mozart Vienna Patisserie Pty Ltd
Greg Hart ♦	MD/CEO	Harts Financial Solutions	Simon Bennison ♦♦♦	CEO	Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC)
James McMahan ♦	Commissioner	Department of Corrective Services	Simon Thomas ♦	CEO	OTOC LIMITED
Jamie Penn ♦	Director	SPH Architecture + Interiors	Steve Thomas ♦	State Executive	Jardine LLOYD Thompson Australia Pty Ltd
Jan Stewart ♦♦♦	Chief Executive Officer	Lotterywest	Steve Joske ♦	Executive Director	Australian Red Cross
Jason Quilligan ♦♦♦	Director	JNK Express Pty Ltd	Steve Gostlow ♦♦	Managing Director	Toxfree Solutions
Jeff Leach ♦♦♦♦	Director	JJ Leach Group	Steven Farano ♦♦	Director	srf earthmoving/recycling
John Browleit ♦	Director	ANSON Management Consulting	Tamara Smith ♦	Director	360 Environmental
John Fogarty ♦	Executive Director Perth Southern Hospitals (inc CEO Murdoch Hospital)	St John of God Health Care	Timothy Crosland ♦	CEO	Rottnest Express
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FREMANTLE REGION



Samuel's story

Samuel is a student in his thirties and has always been independent and able to support himself. When Samuel first met the St Vincent de Paul Society, he was really struggling to pay his rent, bills and buy food. Samuel had recently been employed as a subcontractor where he worked for three months but unfortunately was not paid for the work he completed.

Samuel was living in a shared house and no longer able to rely on friends to get him by. The St Vincent de Paul Society was able to step in and help with food parcels and vouchers as well as smartriders for travel. The conference members were also able to provide a month's rent so that Samuel would not be homeless over Christmas and the New Year period. This gave him time to find employment and get back on his feet.

The conference also provided advocacy support and put Samuel in touch with a legal aid agency for advice on his experience as a subcontractor. The end result was in the benefit of Samuel and he finally received payment for the work he had carried out.

Samuel is now happy in his new job, has a safe place to sleep and is able to concentrate again on his studies.



David's story

Recovering from surgery, David was in his late thirties and had found himself in a state of depression and needing friendship and support. He had been on a newstart allowance for a year while he was healing.

When David initially contacted the conference, he was provided with food vouchers and help with utility bills which provided some relief to the immediate pressures he was facing.

David was also looking for employment and had been offered driving positions but unfortunately was without a current licence. The conference members provided David with encouragement and advice regarding his licence and offered to help him get to places when they were able to do so.

When the conference last met with David, he had secured a job close to home and was utilising public transport. His state of mind had improved and he was very appreciative of the St Vincent de Paul Society's assistance during a difficult time in his life.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals mentioned.

Regional President

Ben Ziegelhaar

Number of Conferences

8

Conferences

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

Number of Members

147

Number of New Members

41

Number of Shops

4

Shops

High Street Fremantle Retro
 Hilton
 Myaree
 Willetton

Number of Home Visits

2,014

Number of People Assisted

2,761

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$115,164

ISOLATED REGION



Marissa's story

Marissa is a single parent of three young children. She was originally living in a caravan park with her former partner and first asked the St Vincent de Paul Society for help following a break in which her purse and prescription medication was taken.

The conference members were able to provide support with food parcels and vouchers, fuel cards, clothing from the local Vinnies Shop and medication.

When Marissa's partner moved out, the family moved into a women's refuge. During this time the conference continued to provide support to the young family as the majority of her sole parent allowance was spent on bills.

Marissa recently relocated her family due to escaping an abusive relationship and the conference sincerely wishes her well. They feel confident that Marissa will be able to call on the St Vincent de Paul Society again in her new area and receive help if she needs it with dignity and respect.



Delilah's story

Roughly four years ago, the St Vincent de Paul Society met Delilah, her husband and five young children aged 5, 6, 10, 12 and 15. Delilah is dealing with serious medical issues and the family has ongoing medical bills which places extended pressure on them.

Living in a caravan while on the public housing wait list, the family's living conditions are not sufficient. There is little room for seven people to live comfortably and the family is often cold. Throughout winter the family relied on a heater which directly increased their electricity bill and placed greater financial burden on the family. Aware of this, the conference was able to provide warm bedding and clothing.

When the family was behind in their rent, the conference was able to provide support to avoid the family being evicted. This was a big load of Delilah's mind who was extremely worried about her families' future. Additional support provided to the family includes food and fuel assistance as well as advice and referrals to help Delilah manage her day to day living expenses.

The conference will continue to support this family as costs of living continue to increase. They hope that Delilah and her family will soon have a solution to their housing situation and believes this will be the key to allowing the family to live comfortably and independently.

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Regional President

Dulcie Valenti

Number of Conferences

5

Conferences

Carnarvon - St Mary Star of the Sea

Geraldton - St Frances Xavier

Karratha - St Paul's

South Hedland - St John the Baptist

Roebourne - Daughters of Charity

Number of Members

39

Number of Shops

4

Shops

Geraldton

Karratha

South Hedland

Toodjay

Number of Home Visits

1,610

Number of Assisted Individuals

2,557

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$236,281

JOONDALUP / WANNEROO REGION



Grace's story

Grace first came into contact with the St Vincent de Paul Society in 2013 and was offered help with food hampers and vouchers as well as fuel vouchers. A single mother with a seven year old son, Grace is living in a homeswest house and receives a parenting payment.

The conference also provided a one off voucher for bedding and a mattress from the St Vincent de Paul Society Depot. Generally the family home is good condition and suitable for Grace and her son.

During the friendly visits, the conference members provided Grace with budget advice and recommended she talk with a financial counsellor. Grace gratefully accepted this support and arranged to have her utility bills directly debited out of her income.

Grace now manages to cover their utility bills and maintains expenses related to owning a vehicle. She is now looking to get back into meaningful employment.



Fran's story

Fran, 24 is originally from New Zealand and a single parent. Her boy aged five had been diagnosed with autism which made working and care arrangements difficult. Fran's only income is a child support payment as due to her citizenship she did not qualify for any additional financial help.

The conference regularly visited Fran in the rented home she shared with her mother. They provided assistance with food and bedding as well as transport vouchers to enable Grace to take her son to necessary appointments.

Most importantly to Fran, the St Vincent de Paul Society members listened to her story without judgment and offered valuable friendship.

Fran was very proactive and resourceful in working through her situation. With her positive outlook she was able to secure grants to enable her son to receive the special education he genuinely needed.

Throughout the time, Fran was in contact with the St Vincent de Paul Society it was her hope they she would be able to return to her home country with her son. Her main concern at the time was how to keep a five year old boy with autism occupied during the long flight.

She appreciated the support she received from the St Vincent de Paul Society but the members also took satisfaction in seeing Fran's hard earned efforts pay off.

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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

104

No of New Members

18

Number of Shops

3

Shops

Clarkson/Ocean Keys
Heathridge
Wanneroo

Number of Home Visits

1,427

Number of Assisted Individuals

2,247

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$143,260

OSBORNE PARK REGION



Ben and Natalie's story

Ben and Natalie are parents of four children ranging in age from ten years to a baby. The family lived in a private rental and were getting along fine until Ben was injured and could not work. This resulted in their only income – the family tax benefit being dissolved into paying the rent.

Unfortunately this resulted in great financial burden on the family and they found themselves in significant rental arrears. Over a brief period of a few months the St Vincent de Paul Society was able to provide support to the family while they got back on their feet.

The initial and major concern of the conference was the considerable rent arrears and to avoid eviction. Using funds allocated to the Society's Homeless Fund thought the support of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout the members were able to bring Ben and Natalie up to date with their rental payments.

Occasional support was given with food and clothing as well as friendship. The family have now moved closer to family for support while Ben heals from his injury and is able to work again.



Jodie's story

Jodie first contacted the St Vincent de Paul Society for help with food and bills while she was dealing with drug problems and violence issues.

Currently on a disability pension and living in a Homeswest property, Jodie had found herself behind in her rent and facing eviction. Through the Society's Homeless Fund, the conference was able to help Jodie remain in her home through a payment of \$500 and continue on her path to recovery.

The members also referred Jodie to the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) for assistance with excessive bills. Jodie has now setup voluntary deductions on her gas and electricity utility bills.

Jodie is a mother to daughters aged five and seven, both are currently living with their father. She has undergone drug rehabilitation programs and is currently dealing with her issues. Jodie is making great progress and trying to keep her life on track. Her girls are now able to visit and bring her great joy.

She was most grateful for the help she has received from the St Vincent de Paul Society believing it was inspiration for her to move forward.

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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 & Our Lady of Good Counsel
- 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

142

No of New Members

11

Number of Shops

5

Shops

- Girrawheen
- Innaloo
- Nollamara
- Osborne Park Shop & Depot
- Scarborough

Number of Home Visits

3,386

Number of Assisted Individuals

3,964

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$335,987



Lara's story

Lara is a single woman in her thirties living with severe mental illness. Three years ago Lara became unwell and was unable to continue working. Due to her inability to work, Lara had accumulated numerous debts and was in financial hardship.

When Lara visited her local St Vincent de Paul Society she was provided with food vouchers to ensure she was eating well. The conference also put her in touch with the Society's Financial Counsellor as her debts were a factor in helping her move forward and manage her mental illness. The Financial Counsellor offered a nonjudgmental approach as they went through all of Lara's debts, helping to consolidate and waive some of the debts.

On one particular visit to the office, Lara required the use of a fax machine to send off some important documents in relation to her finances and the conference members provided support and allowed her to use the office facilities.

During episodes in her health, Lara would often be unable to enter the office or meet new people. The conference were aware and supportive of this and would accommodate her needs and make her comfortable by making appointments with members, Lara had previously met and felt at ease with.

The St Vincent de Paul Society will continue to support Lara when she is unwell and dealing with setbacks in her mental and emotional wellbeing.



Tony's Story

Tony was known to the St Vincent de Paul Society for many years. He lived a difficult life and suffered with substance abuse issues and broken relationships. He was lonely and would regularly visit his local St Vincent de Paul Society centre for social company. The conference would also help with the one off food parcel and clothing voucher to ensure that Tony was looking after himself and felt confident in what he was wearing.

Tony felt comfortable at the centre and even after he moved out of the area, he kept up his regular visits a few times a week. Volunteers in the centre remember him fondly. On each visit Tony would be offered his standard coffee – white with two sugars and three biscuits on a separate plate.

His strong accent, made conversations challenging at times but the conference knew that Tony's visits were a part of a regular routine in his life and extremely important to his mental health and wellbeing. The volunteers developed a friendship with Tony and provided him with important support to help him live a positive life.

Sadly, Tony passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

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Regional President

Jim Mather

Number of Conferences

6

Conferences

- Kalgoorlie** - St Mary's
- 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

85

Number of New Members

12

Number of Shops

7

Shops

- Kalgoorlie
- Kwinana
- Mandurah
- Pinjarra
- Rockingham
- Rockingham Depot
- Waroona

Number of Home Visits

7,540

Number of Assisted Individuals

8,987

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$573,073

PERTH REGION



Russell's story

When Russell separated from his wife, he was given shared custody of his two young children. On a disability support pension, Russell is also unable to read and write and hoped his children would have an education and not follow in his path.

Upon hearing of his situation his local St Vincent de Paul Society conference arranged for two members to visit him and the children on the weekends when they were staying with him to assist with homework and educational support.

The conference also provided support with food parcels and vouchers and at Christmas time the members delivered a hamper and toys for the young girl and boy so they could experience a little joy at this special time of the year.

Russell became distressed after he became separated from his children for a few months when their mother moved them regionally. He was eventually granted permanent custody of the children and their outlook and quality of life has improved.

The conference has continued with the children's regular homework sessions throughout the year. After enrolling in year one this year and initially well behind his peers, Russell's eight year old son was happy to report to the members at the end of term two that he was being promoted to year two.



Janice's Story

When the St Vincent de Paul Society Call Centre was contacted about a single woman and two children who had a fire in their accommodation and had lost their possessions, the information was immediately passed on to the local conference.

Alternative accommodation arrangements had already been made for Janice and her family but they were in need of furniture and basic necessities. The conference placed an order with the St Vincent de Paul Society Depot for beds and bedding, wardrobes, a lounge suite, a kitchen table and chairs and a floor rug. The conference also provided crockery, cutlery and saucepans from their local Vinnies Shop.

Members visited the family and took with them food, toiletries and cleaning items. As the weather was cold, Janice was provided with a small fan heater to keep herself and the children warm and comfortable. Members also assisted Janice in hanging curtains to provide the family with privacy and safety.

Janice and her family have settled into their new home well and the conference continues to visit the family to monitor their well-being. This is a great example of many areas of the Society working together to help people in need.

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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

109

Number of New Members

9

Number of Shops

5

Shops

- Claremont
- Maylands
- North Perth
- William Street Northbridge Retro
- Wembley

Number of Home Visits

1,328

Number of Assisted Individuals

1,252

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$96,564

QUEENS PARK REGION



Rose's story

When Rose first contacted the St Vincent de Paul Society, she made a simple request for a chest of drawers. Upon being visited by two members from her local area, who spent time talking and learning about what was going on in her life, more information about Rose's situation became apparent.

A recent widow in her late eighties, Rose was not only dealing with the loss of her husband of many years but also the tragic passing of her daughter. Rose's teenage grandson was now living with her and this was the reason she needed the chest of drawers. She wanted to provide her grandson with adequate storage space and help him feel comfortable while he was also grieving.

Rose eventually told the members that she had been a former volunteer for the Vinnies Shops spending years giving back to her local community. Realising what Rose needed most was friendship and someone to confide in, the conference regularly call to see how she is going and continue to drop in to see her for a cup of tea.

As the sole carer of her teenage grandson, Rose has a massive responsibility at her stage in life but rarely asks for anything more. When the conference identifies she is in need of a little extra help, they offer food vouchers which Rose is always grateful.



Louise's story

The St Vincent de Paul Society began helping forty year Louise this year after learning of her homelessness situation. Louise was living in her car and experiencing financial hardship.

Suffering from mental health issues and on a disability support pension, the conference was quick to respond. They provided food as well as petrol and phone vouchers which allowed Louise to keep in contact with doctors and well as the conference. They also provided assistance with important prescription medication and glasses.

Louise was also referred to the St Vincent de Paul Society's financial counselling service who provides support with outstanding debt and loans to help Louise manage her finances better and provide relief to stress that impacts on her mental health.

The conference members will continue to support Louise and hope that a solution to her homelessness will be found in the near future.

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Regional President

Chris Leon

Number of Conferences

12

Conferences

Armadale - St Francis Xavier
Bentley - Santa Clara
Canning Vale - St Emilee 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
Queens Park - St Joseph's
Riverton - Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Rivervale - St Augustine's
Thornlie - Sacred Heart

Number of Members

178

Number of New Members

28

Number of Shops

3

Shops

Armadale
 East Victoria Park
 Rivervale
 Gosnells – closed in October 2013

Number of Home Visits

4,441

Number of Assisted Individuals

6,074

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$494,979

SOUTH WEST REGION



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

146

No of New Members

5

Number of Shops

8

Shops

Albany Shop & Depot
 Bunbury Town
 Bunbury Shop & Depot
 Busselton Shop & Depot
 Collie
 Dunsborough
 Manjimup
 Margaret River

Number of Home Visits

3,902

Number of Assisted Individuals

5,073

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$315,249

Alex's story

The St Vincent de Paul Society was contacted by a concerned relative of a forty year man named Alex. The relative who was living in the eastern states also told the conference he had only recently reconnected with Alex after many years and was worried about the lack of family support Alex had over in Western Australia.

Realising the seriousness of the situation the conference was quick to arrange a visit with Alex. On meeting with him, the members found he was in an extremely depressed mental state and very hungry. Alex was grateful the members had brought a food parcel with them. He also presented an eviction notice for the following week as he was behind in his rent by a small amount. Alex informed the conference members that his support payments has ceased as he had not maintained his regular appointments. The next day the conference assisted Alex in getting into contact with Centrelink and sorting out his financial situation.

It was Alex's wish to return home to the eastern states to be with his family and believed this would help his outlook. The conference felt the same and assisted Alex in making the arrangements for him to do so.

Phoebe's story

Phoebe and her husband contacted the St Vincent de Paul Society when they felt they had nowhere else to turn. Always able to support their family which included two children aged five and three years, Phoebe's savings had been chewed up by an ongoing health problem which required surgery.

Surviving on the family benefit and a salary from employment, the families income was been fully expended on day to day living. The conference initially helped Phoebe by listening to her and offering her friendship and advice on ways to improve her situation.

To help with her immediate needs the conference provided food and fuel vouchers as well as assistance with some outstanding domestic bills. This helped provide Phoebe with some relief so she could focus on her dealing with her health problems.

When the conference last saw Phoebe she informed them that her surgery had been successful and her rehabilitation was progressing well. She was thankful for the help she received in her time of need and is positive that life is getting back on track for her family.

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Alana's story

It was when the St Vincent de Paul Society local conference first met Alana did they learn of the magnitude of the difficult situation she was in. A single mother of two girls aged thirteen and two; Alana had recently spent time in a refuge after having to leave her private residence due to domestic violence.

She was now living in Homeswest Housing with her daughters but was in severe financial difficulty with her previous rental that she had shared with her former partner as it was her name that was on the lease. Alana was unable to cancel the lease agreement.

The conference members helped put Alana in contact with the Society own financial counselling resource to help provide advice and referrals to alleviate some of Alana's financial strain.

As Alana had only recently moved into her new place and had little personal belongings from her time in the refuge, the conference helped with food and basic furniture and bedding needs. To help Alana with her new start in life, the Society also assisted with part payments on utility and phone accounts from her previous rental.

Thanks to the support offered by the St Vincent de Paul Society and the generosity of the community, Alana and her family have adapted to the changes in their life are now coping well. The members will still continue to keep in contact with Alana and provide her with friendship.



Kristina and Mark's story

Parents of two boys aged 8 and 11 years, Kristina and Mark hadn't always had a smooth life with one of their sons diagnosed with autism and requiring a great deal of his parents attention but they had always managed their finances well until they discovered they were expecting another child, a little girl.

As the couple adjusted to the change and newest addition to their family, they remained committed to giving their children the best they could but needed a little help in the short term.

A phone call to the St Vincent de Paul Society Call Centre was the answer they were after. Grateful at the prompt response to the call.

At first, Kristina and Mark were embarrassed that they were struggling and unable to get through their tough times alone. But the conference was quick to make them feel comfortable and hopeful that with a little help now, things will improve in the future.

Kristina and Mark spoke of the increases in their utility bills and how this had impacted on their budget. The conference was able to step in and offer some relief with their power and gas accounts. Kristina also spoke about having to purchase newborn items after a number of years since having her second son and was provided with a voucher to their local Vinnies Shop to purchase good quality clothing for their baby.

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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

132

No of New Members

13

Number of Shops

4

Shops

- Belmont
- Bassendean
- Midland
- Morley

Number of Home Visits

3,800

Number of Assisted Individuals

5,328

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$391,377



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VINNIES YOUTH



Jess' story

Jess became involved in Vinnies Youth as a volunteer after hearing about the camp program and the need for volunteers.

"I started with Vinnies after a friend contacted me on Facebook asking me to help out on a camp - they didn't have enough leaders to take the kids they were hoping to take on camp, so I went on my first camp in January 2013. Since then I have got involved in camp planning committees and have been lucky enough to be a First Aid Officer on two camps. I volunteer at the Homework Centre and then Street Appeal, Christmas Appeal and now I am on the State Youth Young Adult Advisory Committee."

Jess is on a wonderful Vincentian journey and is taking on greater leadership roles in Vinnies. During the Homework Centre, Jess is not only supporting children with the school work but is also planning and running enrichment activities such as creative art to engage the children during the sessions.

From her experience volunteering with Vinnies Youth, Jess has gained a greater knowledge of the St Vincent de Paul Society's work and is continually applying this in her wider involvement with the Society. Jess continues to be involved in Vinnies Youth programs but is also volunteering in the Metro Call Centre taking calls from people in the community in need of emergency support and friendship as well as through fundraising and awareness raising initiatives.



Catherine's story

Catherine is a single mother of two young daughters. After coming to the St Vincent de Paul Society initially for support with food and utility bills, the children were offered the opportunity to access Vinnies Youth camps and Catherine provided with some much needed respite.

Recently Vinnies Youth received a note of thanks from Catherine and her daughters.

"I would like to say thank you to all at Vinnies. I love the camps and I love all the leaders. I have made real friendships over the years and I hope to one day become a leader myself as I have seen and experienced all the good things they have taught people." Sonia aged 14.

"I love Vinnies camps. I have a lot of friends and I can be myself. The leaders are so much fun....I want to be one when I'm older because they help people. Vinnies camps are not only about having fun but being accepted and loved by others. To me being around people who care and love me is the most important thing." Danika aged 12.

"As you can see my children love the camps and I cannot be more grateful for Vinnies to let them experience such joy and happiness. My girls have grown up to become loving, vivacious, courageous wonderful little women through the help of camp journeys. I pray the camps can continue doing such a wonderful job." Catherine, mother to Sonia and Danika.

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Vinnies Youth run a variety of recreational opportunities and education support programs that target the needs of disadvantaged young people aged 8 - 15 years. Volunteers are integral to Vinnies Youth and events are organised throughout the year aimed specifically at supporting volunteers on their journey with the St Vincent de Paul Society.

State Youth & Young Adult Advisory Committee

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Provides financial support and corporate volunteering

Adams Coachlines

Provides transportation to enable young people to participate in activities

Catholic Youth Ministry

Assist with the formation of volunteers

Catholic Education Office

Assists with promotion in high schools and primary schools

Programs

Kids Camps
Teen Camps
Homework Centres
Formation Camps
School Sleepouts
School Fundraising & Advocacy
Activities

Statistics

Vinnies Youth Members - 628
Volunteer Hours - 19,347
Young Adult Conferences - 1
High School Conferences - 10
Mini Vinnies Groups - 6
Number of Children (8-15) who attended Camp - 157
Number of Children attending Homework Centre each week - 14

Passages Resource Centres located in Northbridge and Mandurah are a resource service for marginalised and street present young people between the ages of 12-25 years. Passages provides access to practical services, advice, workshops and referrals to support young people out of homelessness. Passages has established relationships with key support agencies who assist young people on site with a range of needs and issues including medical, financial, legal and employment.

Joint venture partner:



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Programs & Services

Breakfast Club, showers and laundry facilities, Healthy Cooking Program, phone and computer access, clothing, garden and art workshops, transport vouchers, food and kitchen facilities, friendship.

Visiting Support Agencies YouthLink, Centrelink Community Team, Mission Australia Drug & Alcohol Service (DAYS), Western Australia Substance Users Association (WASUA), Street Doctor, Partner in Recovery, Mobile Clinical Outreach Team (MCOT), Perth Central and East Metro Medicare Local (PEMML), Youth Futures WA, Community Youth Training Service (CYTS), Police Liaison Officer, Street Law, Allens Linklaters, Street Connect Bridging the Gap, Fairbridge Village, Peel Mental Health – CAMHS, Peel Youth Medical Health, Peel Legal Service, Wanslea Family Services, Youth Reach South, Peel Youth Services, Palmerston Association, South Metro Education Region, Reconnect – Mission Australia, West Aus Crisis.

Accommodation Program

Passages provides transitional accommodation for young people aged 16-25 years within seven metro properties. The program involves engagement in case management, life skills, independent living and planning towards own tenancy.

Interagency Partnerships

RUAH Community Services, YES Housing, Horizon House, Mercy Care, Best Beginnings, DCPFS, The Rise Network and Perth Homecare Services.

Passages Highlights

- Vinnies CEO Sleepout
- Passages Race Day
- Home is Where the Heart is
- Hepatitis Week
- Network Gatherings
- Homeless Persons Week
- Perth Registry Week
- Stories from the Street – The Good Life Program
- Mandurah Duck Race
- Alcoa – Month of Service

Michael's story

Michael is a 20 year old man who had been experiencing homelessness for some time when he began to visit Passages. Following regular visits to the service, Youth Workers identified that Michael was ready to work towards his goal of moving from the streets to a private rental but needed assistance with substance use.

Following a referral from Passages to services that could assist with his substance use, Michael accepted that he required help to work through the issues. Initially the first steps were difficult and Michael needed support and positive reinforcement from Passages but after a short period of time Passages workers saw a change in his behaviour.

When an opportunity arose in one of the Passages transitional accommodation sites, Michael moved into a shared house with the support of the Passages Accommodation Worker. Michael engages positively in the accommodation program and is well on the way to achieving his goals. He will soon begin planning to transition to a private rental.

Northbridge Corporate & Community Supporters: Rotary Club of Perth, Rotary Club of Mill Point, Torre Butchers, City of Vincent, John XXIII College, Scared Heart College Sorrento, Vinnies Clothing & Furniture Depot and Shops, Water Corporation, Grill'd Shafto Lane, Ulysses Club of Perth, Chandler Macleod, Grace Methodist Church, Pharmacy 777, Department of Transport



Kate's story

Kate had been street present with her mid teens and had been in contact Passages regularly. At age 20 with the help of Passages and other agencies Kate was able to get her own unit.

Having fulfilled her accommodation goal, Kate then turned her attention to getting back into employment and become financially independent. Kate used the computer and phone facilities at Passages to start her search for available jobs and with the support of the Passages staff she was able to write a professional resume and cover letters.

The team at Passages took time to get to know Kate and built a trusting and supportive relationship which helped her to explore issues, set longer term goals and take small steps to achieving them.

After a couple of months, Kate was eventually offered a full time position with a catering company. Kate was overjoyed and proud as the role was in the field she is interested in perusing a career in. Kate desires to eventually obtain a chef's apprenticeship and having a trade behind her to support herself long term.

Kate was also encouraged by Passages staff to engage in counselling to work through difficult issues in a safe and supportive way. Kate was initially hesitant but it was a step forward for Kate after sharing that she had a bad experience with counselling in the past.

The future is looking very bright and successful for Kate. Through making positive choices and with the assistance of Passages, she is well and truly on the right track.

Graham's story

At 22 years of age, Passages met Graham who had been sleeping in his car and was experiencing a range of health related issues. Graham was extremely frustrated with applying for numerous rental properties and continually being declined.

Passages began working alongside Graham to build a supportive relationship and empower him to address the challenges he faced. Graham was provided with referrals to services to assist with his physical, emotional and mental health.

Graham utilised the basic needs facilities offered as Passages such as kitchen, bathroom and laundry as well as the computer and phone services.

The Passages workers also sat down with Graham to look at his goals and develop a plan to reach them. This included looking at appropriate rental properties in the local area and assisting Graham with application letters and phone etiquette while constantly providing positive reinforcement if he was unsuccessful in his applications.

Recently Graham received a great boost to his confidence with a local business owner offering a six month employment contact which was happily accepted. This opportunity has allowed Graham to access the private rental market.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals mentioned.

Northbridge Statistics

Individual Clients: 1,613
 Access Visits: 6,044
 New Clients: 322
 Successful Referrals: 2,286
 Resources Used: 16,384

Age Breakdown

12-15yrs: 12%
 16-18yrs: 33%
 19-22yrs: 30%
 22-25yrs: 25%

Primary Homelessness: 50%
Secondary Homelessness: 30%
Tertiary Homelessness: 20%

Peel Statistics

Individual Clients: 834
 Access Visits: 2,419
 New Clients: 211
 Successful Referrals: 1,125
 Resources Used: 5,998

Age Breakdown

12-15yrs: 3%
 16-18yrs: 37%
 19-21yrs: 38%
 22-25yrs: 22%

Primary Homelessness: 21%
Secondary Homelessness: 66%
Tertiary Homelessness: 13%

Peel Corporate & Community Supporters: Woodside Energy & Gas, Rotary Club of Mandurah City, Rotary Club of Mandurah, Rotary Club of Mandurah District, Alcoa, Pindan, Javier Resources Recruitment Company, Chervon, Calvary Youth Services, Peel Community Kitchen, Foodbank WA, Eyes Wide Open – Peel Youth Services

VINCENTCARE

Vincentcare provides accommodation to 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.

Vincentcare & Homelessness Advisory Board

John Lazberger
Jim Mather
Brian Bull
Karen Vernon
Donna Cole
Tracy Wilson
Alysha Cabassi
John Meahan
Adele Stewart
Mark Fitzpatrick

Highlights

- Vinnies CEO Sleepout
- Second to None Fashion Event
- Residents camping trip to Fairbridge
- Formation of a consumer committee
- Opening of a interim Tom Fisher House
- Drumbeat performance for staff and support agencies
- Care Coordination Program completion

Corporate & Community Supporters

- Aranmore Catholic College
- HD Streetwise
- Department of Housing
- Department of Child Protection & Family Services
- Western Australian Association for Mental Health
- Mental Health Commission
- Council of Official Visitors
- Lotterywest
- Coles- Second Bite
- The Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Mental Health Disabilities & Child Protection
- CASS Mental Health Team from Swan



Ellen's story

Ellen has been living at Vincentcare for three years. She struggles with voices and depression and is of a high suicide risk.

As part of Ellen's case management with a Vincentcare Accommodation Support Worker, it was identified that Ellen would like to travel to England to visit family. She felt this would benefit her mental health by reconnecting with family she has become isolated from as a result of her illness.

The Accommodation Support Worker embraced this goal with Ellen – seeing her medication and treatment regime as challenges to be addressed, not barriers.

Together took small achievable steps. They first set up a social media page so Ellen could contact with her family and sought permission from her doctor to travel. Together they worked on getting Ellen to take responsibility of administering her own medication.

Ellen's confidence and self esteem began to grow as achievements started to happen. Ellen began improving her fitness and physical health and took on organising her own travel arrangements including flights.

They put a plan in place for Ellen's to manage her mental health during the four week holiday. This included budgeting for accommodation in case Ellen needed respite from her family during her stay as well as indentifying professional support she could access while away.

Ellen recently returned from her successful trip to England and has been enjoying sharing the story of her time away.



Alistair's story

Vincentcare met Alistair two years ago; he struggles with depression, anxiety and can find everyday tasks daunting resulting in low mood, panic attacks and extreme angst.

To support recovery at Vincentcare, consumers are encouraged to participate in Care Coordination which involved activities such as living skills, social skills and recreation. The aim of the program is to support participants with coping strategies, develop new ways of communicating and skills and to build an ability to adapt to different situations all while having fun with other participants in similar circumstances.

Through the program, Alistair gained greater independence and coping mechanisms and needed less intensive supportive from staff. He was able to manage his symptoms and work on goals he wanted to achieve in particular employment.

Alistair had not worked for a long period of time however is now working one day a week in an administration role with a local supportive company. He is also working two days a week in a gardening role which he thoroughly enjoys and is a valued member of the team. Additionally he ticked off another goal by linking into an Art class in the community.

When it was identified that Alistair was ready to transition from high support to shared accommodation, he initially did not believe he could do it. Today, Alistair is thriving living in Vincentcare shared housing and his confidence and well-being have definitely improved.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals mentioned.

CLOTHING AND FURNITURE DEPOT



Val's story

Val has been a volunteer for the Clothing & Furniture Depot in Osborne Park since 1991. Starting as a clothing sorter originally doing three days week, Val would sometimes work as many as five when required.

Other roles Val undertook as part of her voluntary work at the Depot included preparing emergency assistance vouchers for people in need and packing kitchenware and linen relevant to the number of people in the particular family.

After a few years, Val took on a fourth day and began working in the Vinnies Shop adjacent to the Depot. She became the Volunteer in Charge and mainly worked on the till and helped rotate seasonal stock.

About twelve years ago, Val moved to Rockingham and found the distance and traffic too much to travel every day. She reduced her volunteering to two days within the Shop and would stay with a friend who lived locally to the Depot on those days. Sadly when her friend passed away Val decided to cut down to one day per week and now travels religiously every Wednesday – from Rockingham to Osborne Park and back again at the end of a full day's work.

Val says she loves coming to Vinnies Osborne Park – and enjoys the friendships she has developed over the years – not only with all the other wonderful Wednesday volunteers – but also some of the regular customers.



Cecilia's story

Cecilia wanted to volunteer for the St Vincent de Paul Society as a way of giving back for all the help she and her husband received when they first arrived in Australia in 1987.

Twelve years ago, Cecilia started volunteering one day per fortnight for the Vinnies Shop attached to the Osborne Park Depot. Shortly after she increased to one day per week.

The relationship has been mutually beneficial as well as helping Vinnies a bonus for Cecilia is that volunteering has helped her to improve her English. Another big plus for Cecilia was the friendships she developed, this being particularly important especially from being so far from her homeland of Chile. Volunteering has given her a stronger sense of belonging in a new country which has become her home.

When Cecilia started volunteering in the Shop she was sorting and hanging out clothing and now operates the cash register and serves customers at the counter. She says she is now so familiar with all the needs she has become a Jack of All Trades – collecting trolleys of stock from the warehouse or ordering more stock and furniture when she sees the stocks are running low or giving assistance to customers who look like they need help.

Cecilia says that as a volunteer, she feels good to be able to give back and volunteering for the St Vincent de Paul Society is a very special and positive way for her to put her Christian faith into practice.

The Clothing & Furniture Depot is located in Osborne Park and is the main receipt and distribution point for material donations. Donations are used for emergency support to people in need or sold for a wide range of uses including through the Vinnies Shops.

Statistics

Welfare Distributed from the Depot - \$507,868
 Number of Welfare Deliveries - 2,158
 Clothing Sorted - 656,120kg
 Collection Bins Collections - 5,044 (metro)
 Domestic Collections - 7,368
 Volunteer Hours - 12,817
 Rubbish Tip Fees - \$81,383

The Depot Assisted

Halls Creek Catholic Church
 Jidi Jidi Community
 Shopfront Maylands
 St Vincent Palotti Op Shop Broome
 Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
 Life without Barriers
 Centrecare
 Australian Red Cross
 MercyCare

Suppliers

Kambos Osborne Park
 Furniture Bazaar Bentley
 Fantastic Furniture Osborne Park
 Merco Trading
 Nukleen
 Statewide Cleaning Cloths

Relationships

Department of Corrective Services
 Australian Red Cross
 Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
 Department of Social Services

Corporate & Community Supporters

Tara Uniforms
 Wongan Hills Catholic Ladies Group
 Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Orana Catholic Primary
 RAC
 Jean Duff
 Ibis Hotel
 Esperance Shoe Store
 Crown Perth
 Beyond Bank
 Black & Veatch
 Caroline Curtains
 Craigie Catholic Primary School
 Emmanuel Catholic College
 Loreto Primary School
 Stirling Women's Refuge
 Spotless
 Abbey Beach Resort
 Williams Tailor Manufacturing

VINNIES SHOPS

Vinnies Shops are the most visible face of the St Vincent de Paul Society – located throughout Western Australia funds raised through the Shops help support the Society's programs and services which assist people in need.

They provide a wide range of clothing, books, collectables, Manchester, bric-a-brac and furniture (furniture not available in all shops) that assists with emergency relief support through Home Visitation and provide a well priced shopping alternative to the community. Vinnies Shops rely on donated goods from the general public.



Carol's story

Carol is in her early 60's who became a volunteer at the Vinnies Shop in Scarborough several years ago after retiring from work following a hip operation. She was finding retirement life boring as she had always lived a very active lifestyle and says 'there's only so much you can clean'.

One day she walked past the Vinnies Shop and noticed a sign to volunteer so she did that very day and has never looked back. Carol enjoys coming into the Shop and socialising with the other volunteers. She also loves meeting customers and getting to know the familiar faces. She says it becomes a great community.

"I've been with Vinnies for over seven years and every shift seems to be different. You get to meet wonderful people and know that the proceeds made go back into the local community to help others. I seem to end up shopping and spending when I'm in the shop but I know it goes towards something larger".

Carol is one of a large volunteer force who helps out in the Vinnies Shops sorting and pricing stock, helping customers find items for purchase and running the cash register.



Myrna's story

Myrna has been a volunteer at the Vinnies Mandurah Shop for over 30 years. She became involved after having her first child and wanted to be a part of something.

Over the time Myrna has been involved in a number of Shop relocation projects and seen a lot of changes in this time. She remembers the original building when she first started volunteering "a tiny little house with a shed out the back for sorting on Pinjarra Road."

Myrna continues to be a Tuesday volunteer and understands the importance of the Vinnies Shops and that they need to adapt to meet the greater needs of people in the community.

"I have loved and still love every minute of the time I give. I enjoy the people who shop here and most of all I love the people I work with. This is a very rewarding way for me to give something back to the community and feel like I am contributing to something very worthwhile".

State Centres Board

David Reed
Bob Burns
Lisa Pappas
Ray Della-Polina
Vernon Butterly
Anthony Smith
Frank Brown
Carl Prowse

Number of Shops

43

Retail Sales

\$8,053,169

Number of Upgrades/Relocations

8

Welfare Value

Metropolitan \$83,266
Regional \$47,029

Number Assisted

Metropolitan 1,741
Regional 483

Number of Volunteers

1,513

Volunteer Hours

480,287

Highlights

Perth Fashion Festival

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SUPPORT



Kamil's story

Kamil aged 28 is originally from Iran. He came to Australia, leaving behind his family due to being under threat for his Christian religious beliefs.

When the St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers first met Kamil he was dealing with significant dental problems and medical issues. Kamil's dental problems cause him great anxiety and the committee is currently working collaboratively with other agencies to arrange treatment and care.

Kamil is currently living in low standard backpackers. And after he pays for his accommodation Kamil is left with very little additional income for basic food and health necessities. Of his \$500 fortnightly income, \$320 is spent on his accommodation. Kamil is hoping to secure shared accommodation in the near future.

The committee has assisted Kamil with multi riders and food vouchers. He continues to deal with his physical and emotional health issues. The Refugee & Migrant Committee will provide ongoing support and friendship as Kamil establishes himself in Australia.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals mentioned.



Welcoming people to Western Australia

Throughout the year, the Refugee & Migrant Committee work in collaboration with other service providers to organise and run a variety of social outings for asylum seekers and newly arrived refugees. Generously supported by the community through volunteering and in kind donations, the activities aim to introduce newly arrived individuals to aspects of Western Australia, provide recreation and learning as well as offer respite and relief from pressures involved in relocating to a new place.

In May and October each year, the committee hosts 100 newly arrived refugees at Carine Open Space for a picnic lunch. The picnics are a great way for the families to meet with other people in similar circumstances and share experiences of their past life and new beginnings in Australia. The children enjoy the games, music and sporting activities, with many keen sports fans putting their ball skills on display.

During the school holidays a number of other activities and projects are run by the committee including a visit to the iconic Fremantle Prison – an opportunity many would not be able to experience otherwise and visits to Caversham Wildlife Park to learn and interact with Australian fauna and animals.

The Refugee & Migrant Support program welcomes and assists individuals with settling into the new home in Western Australia.

Support provided includes the provision of household goods, emergency clothing, assistance at Christmas and advocacy. The program is carried out by the Refugee & Migrant Committee that arranges activities to help make the transition into a new life a happy and comfortable one. The committee works in collaboration with other agencies to best assist the needs of newly arrived people.

Refugee & Migrant Committee

Frank Pelusey
Br Geoff Seaman
Ray Lane
John Kelsall
Matthew Cavanough

Number of Volunteer Hours

2,800

Number of People assisted by Committee

1,922

Countries of Origin

Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Central African Republic

Programs & Support Provided

Emergency Relief
Provisions for new mums
Advocacy
Christmas Hampers
Recreational & cultural outings
Social Inclusion programs
Sporting activities
Welcome to WA picnics

Partnerships and Agencies Worked With:

Centrecare, MercyCare, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre, Sacred Heart College, Chisholm Catholic College, Our Lady of Grace, United Way, Perth Zoo, Halal Foodbank - Muslim, Youth WA, City of Stirling, Edmund Rice Centre

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

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 which provide an income to support families and the wider 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.

Overseas Partnerships & Development Committee

Annette Ellis
 Alberta Janes
 Jan Ridge
 Ken Adam
 Robert Potts
 Dulcie Valenti
 Brian Walters
 Bruce Phillips
 Jim Mather
 Moira Hudson-Smith
 Tim Foley
 Mike Goodwin

Assist a Student Program

\$20,381

Number of Twins

120

Twinned Countries

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

Total Twinning

\$38,320

Projects Supported

Secondhand Clothes Shop Project,
 Peace Family Workshop Project,
 Goat Bank Project, Medical/Dental
 Clinic Renovation Project, Buffalo
 Project and Latrine Project

Total Project Funding

\$9,880

Twinning Quarterly Payments

\$71,370

Twinning Christmas Grants

\$11,870

Twinning Easter Grants

\$10,020

Sekkakudy, India

The St Vincent de Paul Society believes education is the key to breaking the poverty cycle. Members of the City Beach Conference chose to support education as part of their twinning project during the 2013/2014 financial year.

A total of \$1,895 was raised through conference fundraising activities and personal support to 22 children in India. The grant was presented at a function in Sekkakudy with the children and their families overwhelmed with happiness and very grateful for the assistance.

The funds will help with current education and well as further vocational and college fees. It will also provide the students with necessary learning tools which will improve their self-esteem and provide opportunities that will benefit their communities in the future.

The conference hopes to continue with a similar education assistance project.



Pathanamthitta Kerala, India

The Bateman Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Western Australia and their twinned conference in India were recently able to put their joint efforts into action by helping with the construction of 15 homes in Pathanamthitta Kerala. These homes had remained unfinished due to a shortage in money.

The construction assisted people from many backgrounds including the elderly, young families and people living with disabilities. Members from the overseas conference also regularly visited the site to examine the progress of the work being carried out. The Bateman Conference received correspondence from their twin advising how they had utilised the funds provided to them for the expenses related to completing the construction. A great result for many impoverished families in the area.

Punalur Kerala, India

Punalur Kerala is located in the south of India. The Bateman Conference helped provide support to another of their twinned conferences in the Asia Pacific Region through the funding of a Goat Bank. The project saw 15 female goats distributed to disadvantaged families in the town to assist with food and a financial income. The Goat Bank project will provide ongoing support to the community with any kids born given to other struggling families. This is a great example of the reach of this particular project.

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 equal 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 including -:

1. Affordable Housing and Housing Stress.
This issue has become worse by 2013/14. 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. 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. 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:

- The governments Rental Assistance and the impact of increased rental prices in Perth.
- 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

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STATEMENT BY STATE COUNCIL

The State Council has determined that St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the State Council the financial statements as set out on pages 5 to 19 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:

1. comply with the Australian Accounting Standards applicable to St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc;
2. gives a true and fair view of the financial position of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc as at 30 June 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
3. 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 is signed for and on behalf of the State Council by:



Gladys Demissie
State Treasurer



Terry Power
Vice President

Dated 2 October 2014

FINANCIALS

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue		
Operating Activities:		
Grants	1,251,155	842,029
Sale of goods	8,023,439	7,569,310
Client contributions	1,015,800	946,716
Fundraising	5,176,786	4,124,548
Other Revenue	2,234,071	1,968,465
Total revenue from operating activities	17,701,251	15,451,068
Non Operating Activities:		
Bequests including asset contributed	1,633,343	223,132
Capital and non-current grants	32,702	19,793
Interest	295,077	303,051
Net Gain on Sale of Property plant and equipment	363,590	43,662
Total Revenue from non operating activities	2,324,712	589,638
Total Revenue	20,025,963	16,040,706
	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Expenditure		
Centres of charity	7,035,039	6,394,267
Management and administration	994,167	807,099
Fundraising costs	509,957	429,941
Public Relations and Communication	830,741	872,910
People in need services	4,807,183	4,970,851
Homeless and mental health services	3,546,720	2,646,480
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	17,723,807	16,121,548
Total comprehensive income for year	2,302,156	-80,842

**Statement of Financial Position
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,686,443	9,195,031
Trade and Other Receivables	721,580	907,308
Inventories	189,935	121,289
Total Current Assets	12,597,958	10,223,628
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	10,243,745	10,187,211
Total Non-Current Assets	10,243,745	10,187,211
Total Assets	22,841,703	20,410,839
	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,343,328	1,280,117
Borrowings	151	0
Provisions	1,539,619	1,341,777
Total current liabilities	2,883,098	2,621,894
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions	630,403	762,899
Total non-current liabilities	630,403	762,899
Total liabilities	3,513,501	3,384,793
Net Assets	19,328,202	17,026,046
Capital Funds		
Capital fundraising reserve	2,380,707	2,380,707
Asset revaluation reserve	1,948,746	1,977,176
Accumulated Funds	14,998,749	12,668,163
Total Capital Funds	19,328,202	17,026,046



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Mermaid Marine | McDonald's Australia | Talk Group | Esperance Shoe Centre
 Forrest Family Foundation | University of Notre Dame

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 - \$1,131,967
- Christmas Appeal - \$1,638,313
- Vinnies CEO Sleepout - \$1,258,277
- Passages Race Day - \$107,539
- Street Appeal - \$85,325
- Spirit Newsletter Appeal - \$242,949
- Bequests - \$437,423
- General Appeal - \$59,916

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 (print, online, radio and television) 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 such 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 from diverse backgrounds and experiences and bring a great depth of understanding, expertise and commitment to their service and involvement in the Society. To find out more on becoming a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society please phone (08) 9475 5400.

Volunteer Your Time

If you are interested in sharing your skills to help 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 people in need. 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

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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. If your organisation is looking to deepen its commitment to investing in communities, we invite you to work with us to identify opportunities to make a difference. To find out more please call our Public Relations & Fundraising Department on (08) 9475 5400.

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