



# Vinnies Vans

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CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

The Vinnies Vans programme is a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. It commenced operating as Loui's Vans in Hobart in 1992. The service started with 20 volunteers, operating two nights a week. Today, the service has grown to include a growing fleet of food vans across Tasmania, supported by a dedicated team of 350 volunteers on a nightly\* basis. In Northern Tasmania, the service is known as Vinnies Vans – servicing the needs of the North from Launceston to George Town and surrounds, and along the Northwest Coast. Cumulatively, Vinnies food vans serve around 20,000 people in crisis and need every year.

Vinnies Vans service the needs of people who are in need, isolated, or at risk. They offer:

- Food, including hot drinks, soup, sandwiches, bakery items, fruit;
- Blankets and clothing;
- Information about other services; and
- Support, hope, and companionship.

Vinnies volunteers assist in all aspects of Vinnies Vans operations, from food and soup preparation to delivering the services on the streets in many communities.

Vinnies volunteers contribute to the St Vincent de Paul Society and their communities by donating their time, energy, and compassion to those who need it most. Without our volunteers' commitment and generosity of spirit, Vinnies would not be able to provide these critical services.

If you would like to volunteer on Vinnies Vans in your area, please call one of the numbers on the back of this brochure.

\*Please see schedule on reverse for current times and locations.

## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a 20-year old Italian student, Frederic Ozanam. Today, the Society operates in 153 countries and has over 800,000 members. Australia has over 60,000 members, dedicated to assisting people in need and combating social injustice. The Society started in Tasmania in 1899 when founders established a Conference in Launceston. From humble beginnings, the Society has grown to 25 Conferences within three Regional Councils across Tasmania. Each Conference undertakes a variety of good works aimed at assisting the most vulnerable people living in our communities.

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### DONATE TODAY

Please consider donating to Vinnies Vans. Every donation helps us to continue offering food services, comfort, and companionship to numerous people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Your donation and compassion will help to improve their lives. Simply scan the QR code to get started. Thank you.



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## Food, Information & Support



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# VINNIES VAN SCHEDULE

**THANK YOU TO OUR MANY BENEFACTORS,  
WHOSE GENEROUS DONATIONS ASSIST TO KEEP  
THE VANS OPERATING. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL  
TO OUR MANY SCHOOLS, SUPPORTERS AND  
BUSINESS, CORPORATE, AND GOVERNMENT  
PARTNERS, INCLUDING:**

Bonney Energy  
City of Launceston  
Hogs Breath Cafe Launceston  
House of Spuds  
Launceston Travel and Cruise Centre  
Loaves and Fishes Tasmania  
Maxima Employment Services  
Rotary Club of South Launceston  
Tasmanian Government  
TasNetworks  
Wiseguise Pizza  
Big Picture School  
Deloraine High School  
Glen Dhu Primary School  
Larmenier Catholic Primary  
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary  
Scotch Oakburn College  
St Anthony's Catholic Primary  
St Finn Barr's Catholic Primary  
St Patrick's College  
St Thomas More's Primary