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TASMANIA  
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# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

SERVING WITH  
COURAGE AND HOPE



## OUR MISSION

**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL 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 SOCIETY ASPIRES TO BE RECOGNISED AS A CARING CATHOLIC CHARITY OFFERING 'A HAND UP' TO PEOPLE IN NEED. WE DO THIS BY RESPECTING THEIR DIGNITY, SHARING OUR HOPE, AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN DESTINY.**

## OUR ASPIRATION

**AN AUSTRALIA TRANSFORMED BY COMPASSION AND BUILT ON JUSTICE. THE SOCIETY ADVOCATES ON SEVERAL PRESSING SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.**

## OUR KEY VALUES

We have identified seven key values to which we are aligned. They are commitment, compassion, respect, integrity, empathy, advocacy, and courage. We are proud of the key values for which we stand.

### COMMITMENT

Loyalty in service to our mission, vision, and values.

### COMPASSION

Welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgement.

### RESPECT

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

### INTEGRITY

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

### EMPATHY

Establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship, and perception.

### ADVOCACY

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

### COURAGE

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

## OUR HISTORY

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a 20-year old Italian student, Frederic Ozanam. Frederic and his friends visited people in their homes offering friendship and support. This group became known as the 'first' Conference of the Society. The practice of visiting people in their homes, known as Home Visitation, remains the core activity of the Society's members. Today, 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 year the Society, with the support of Conference Members, undertakes a variety of good works, the most recognised being the traditional Vincentian home visits and the annual Sleepout to draw attention to homelessness.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL (1581 – 1660)

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

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# STATE PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT



**COREY MCGRATH**  
STATE PRESIDENT



**HEATHER KENT**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Was there ever a time when we didn't feel that the circumstances of our Companions were more challenging than in periods before? Likely not, but as the impacts stemming from a challenging post-Covid economic climate continue to take hold, the 2022/23 financial year has been one where the Society has faced a time of growing pressure.**

It doesn't just feel like the pressures have continued to grow as our community faces dramatic and enduring increases in the costs of simple daily life, the statistics prove that we are serving more individuals and families across Tasmania than ever before. The impacts of escalating cost-of-living pressures not only fill the news, the service of our Vincentian members, our staff and volunteers enable us to see the faces and touches the lives behind those "numbers". Over the past year, we have been called to assist many individuals and families who have never sought help before and, for too many, the nature of their challenges is at a level heightened above what we have witnessed previously.

That said, and in line with our focus upon spiritual reflection, this has also been a time when we have paused to give thanks – to the sound basis established by our founding members and to the predecessors from over a century who have worked hard to build strength into the service we provide. While it is certainly a time when we call on our members, staff and volunteers to respond to increased need, it is also when we witness the selflessness and dedication of working in the service of others. It is when we follow the footsteps of our Founders.

**The Rule tells us that:**

*We adapt to a changing world, faithful to the spirit of our founders, the Society constantly strives for renewal, adapting to changing world conditions. It seeks to be ever aware of the changes that occur in human society and the new types of poverty that may be identified or anticipated. It gives priority to the poorest of the poor and to those who are most rejected by society.*

As we reflect on the past 12 months, it is so very evident that we are working together to deliver Good Works and meet the demand for our services from Companions who have increasingly more complex needs. Our annual gathering of members, staff and volunteers for Founders' Day in September 2022, attracting the highest number of participants yet seen, serves as a testimony to the values and commitment to purpose shown across the Society during a time of challenge.

While the number of Vincentian members in Tasmania continues to stay strong, we have marked a second year of working with the support of our regional Case Coordinators who are there to provide a firm framework to our emergency relief program. Yet again, this evidences a growing ethos of working together as one family, recognising members as our core, but the benefits of a cohesive approach to our work across Tasmania.

In response to the need for more social housing, we were excited to commence construction of the Rosalie Court development in Smithton during December 2022, working toward construction of 28 units in partnership with Centacare Evolve Housing, through a funding agreement with the Tasmanian Government's Community Housing Growth Program. Providing a suitable, stable and secure home to those on the social housing waiting list in Circular Head, we're excited to see these new homes come to fruition early in 2024.

During the past financial year, we have also worked with our partner, Amelie Housing, a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society at a national level, to begin planning for further social housing to support women over 55 years of age in Southern Tasmania. It was in the final week of June 2023 that we learned of the success of this proposal in its first phase, garnering the full amount of support available for this project from Homes Tasmania. Our work is now focused on completing the call for further funding support to enable this exciting development to occur.



Connected to this development is the acquisition of a new site in Mill Lane, Glenorchy, where over the coming year we will consolidate a number of our works. Immediately adjacent to Tas Textiles and next to the Guildford Young Campus of senior year students, this site affords the chance to begin delivering emergency relief in an area of high need, while also providing a new home for our Southern Regional Office team. St Vincent Industries will also relocate to this site, while our retail store will complete the picture as a vibrant new home for the Society in the northern suburbs of Hobart.

The Mill Lane development is assisted through the generous support of a bequest made to further the work of the Society in supporting the homeless and disadvantaged and over the course of the past year we have also been humbled by the generosity of many new donors, some of whom have made significant gifts during this time of economic challenge. We have been particularly inspired by the generosity of the community and CEOs who gave enormous support to a revitalised CEO Sleepout campaign in June 2023, helping us to reach an aspirational target as we returned to a stadium-based event, but extended this from a Launceston base to also embrace Hobart's senior leaders who were eager to join us.

Our network of retail stores also continues to be a major contributor to the community, offering low-cost products that are increasingly in demand. These stores, which are fundamentally driven by a valuable network of volunteers, also support the Society as a key fundraising avenue, enabling us to continue to deliver services to those who are vulnerable across the state. Recognising the significance of these stores in communities large and small, in late 2022 we completed an independent review of all retail locations, opening the way to re-establish stores in both Smithton and Devonport.

Of course none of these developments in response to our purpose can be achieved by individuals alone and in writing this opening article to the Annual Report together, as State President and CEO, we hope to evidence the importance of working closely and collaboratively. Over the past year we have seen many changes across the leadership team and of course there are many to thank for their service, several of whom have simply moved on to new roles that serve our community.

Former State President, Mark Gaetani, completed his full tenure earlier in 2023, but shortly after was appointed as the new National President. We are proud to know that the voice of a Tasmanian is loud in the thinking of our Society's new directions at a national level. After acting in the role of CEO for many months, we are also indebted to Dr Les Baxter for his work and note the value that he continues to bring to the role of Chief Operating Officer for the Society in Tasmania.

Each of our three Regional Presidents, John Moore (South), Vyvyan Allchin (North) and Anne Rowe (North West), all concluded their terms in the past 12 months, but we note the smooth and successful transition to new representatives, Louise Wilson (South), Rosie Caelli (North) and Karen Maynard (North West) who have joined State Council in recent times.

Recognising that a new State President brings an opportunity for fresh appointments into State Council, we also acknowledge Belinda Chapman for her service as Spiritual Advisor, together with Samuel Johnstone as the Youth Representative. Father Chathura Silva was welcomed to Council in March, while we look forward to the appointment of a new Youth Representative soon.

Supporting State Council, there are several representatives who also need to be acknowledged for their work on Committees, including Matt Carter who joined the Finance and Investment Management Committee and Chris Smith who was appointed to the Governance and Risk Management Committee.

Fergal Fleming picked up the baton from Vin Hindmarsh in supporting the Vincentian Refugee Network Committee and our thanks continue to be extended to Vyvyan Allchin who continues his role upon the State Overseas Partnership Development Committee. The nature of these contributions truly evidences the breadth of service that is provided in support of our broader community – locally, nationally and internationally.

In closing, we would like to express our thanks to all members of the State Council and senior management team for their support and unwavering dedication to the work of the Society. From those who lead the community and youth service work throughout the regions to those who guide our Special Works, we see the Vincentian spirit in all that they do as they continue to demonstrate a deep understanding of their work and its origins in our Founders.

We take this chance to reflect on a year when our Vincentian family has leaned in, working together to serve others through an increasingly challenging time of need. But despite these challenges, there is much more Good Works in the future to be excited about.



**Corey McGrath**  
State President



**Heather Kent**  
Chief Executive Officer

# SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

It was a privilege to have joined the State Council of St Vincent de Paul Society Tasmania in March 2023 as Spiritual Advisor, and to witness the wonderful work of our members, volunteers and staff. I feel fortunate to have taken on the role following the dedicated service of my predecessor, Belinda Chapman, who provided spiritual guidance and support over many years and to so many of our Vincentian members and staff. I thank Belinda for providing such a sound foundation upon which I can continue our work in service to the Society and its companions.

In working closely with the Society over recent months, I have discovered how deeply heartening it is to see the various types of support the Society provides to our companions, delivered with a pastoral presence and through the Vincentian spirit.

Every one of us has been entrusted with gifts to share. Reflecting on the life of Jesus, we see how He used His talents and gifts to love, by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, teaching and consoling the troubled. As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate his example by sharing our gifts and talents in ways that lessen suffering, promote justice, and bring hope to the world. Just as the loaves and fish were multiplied to feed the multitudes in the Gospel, our talents and gifts can have far-reaching effects when we offer them generously, with humility. Our gifts, no matter how small they may seem, can make a significant difference in the lives of others. There is a deep sense of joy and fulfillment that comes from sharing our talents. While I see our Vincentian members work with humility, I also have a sense of the meaning that their service provides.

As Vincentians, we can also at times grow weary and experience the darkness in our own lives, we may have times where we do not recognise our own gifts, and we need spiritual nourishment to sustain us in our work. As Vincentians, we are encouraged to seek nourishment through our conference spiritual reflection times and our own prayer life. I feel privileged to work closely with State Council members in adding that nourishment, guiding them in reflection and taking opportunities refresh and renew the spirituality that guides each member's work.

For it is in our own darkness and our trust in a loving God that we transform and have the courage to seek the 'newness' in our lives. It is our own darkness that we develop a spirit of compassion for others. The path to transformation often requires us to step outside our comfortable space and to confront our own fears. When we do this, we not only grow personally, but we influence all who we connect with. Transformation can also have the potential to influence entire communities. It takes courage to live transformed lives. This courage is not just a willingness to change, but a resolute commitment to breathe fresh life where it is needed.

As we reflect on our year and move into this next year, may we recognise the gifts that we bring to the Society and to those who seek our companionship, may we continue to seek spiritual nourishment, and have the courage to be transformed and renewed within ourselves, and our organisation.

**Father Chathura Silva**  
Spiritual Adviser

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Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you bring them.

BLESSED ROSALIE RENDU, 1833

# STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS



**COREY MCGRATH**  
STATE PRESIDENT



**KERSTI EVANS**  
TREASURER



**BRENDAN MCMANUS**  
SECRETARY



**ROSIE CAELLI**  
PRESIDENT -  
NORTHERN REGION



**LOUISE WILSON**  
PRESIDENT -  
SOUTHERN REGION



**KAREN MAYNARD**  
PRESIDENT -  
NORTH WEST REGION



**FATHER  
CHATHURA SILVA**  
SPIRITUAL ADVISER



**HEATHER KENT**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**DR LES BAXTER**  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



# STATISTICS



**\$1.4M**

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO  
TASMANIANS IN 2022-23.  
AN INCREASE FROM \$1M IN 21/22



**61%**

OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASSISTANCE  
WERE PROVIDED FOOD



**60%**

IN THE 25-49  
AGE GROUP  
OF THOSE  
WE ASSISTED

**24%**

IN THE 50-64  
AGE GROUP  
OF THOSE  
WE ASSISTED



**2,600**

REFERRALS WERE MADE  
TO OTHER SERVICES  
(INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)



**89%**

OF PEOPLE ASSISTED  
WERE RECEIVING A  
CENTRELINK BENEFIT



**34%**

OF THOSE WE  
ASSISTED  
WERE SINGLE

**31%**

WERE SOLE  
PARENTS WITH  
DEPENDENTS



**140% INCREASE**

ON 21/22 FOR SUPPORT IN  
ACCOMMODATION AND  
RENT SUPPORT EXPENSES



**64% INCREASE**

ON 21/22 FOR TRANSPORT  
SUPPORT EXPENSES



**25% INCREASE**

ON 21/22 FOR FOOD  
SUPPORT EXPENSES



# MISSION & MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is not about what we do, it is about how we do it. 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.'

As a Christian organisation, we aim to see others as *imago dei* – made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). We accept that all people have intrinsic worth, created and loved by God in grace. In doing so, we accept others in their wholeness, their brokenness and without judgement.

The Spiritual Reflection days for this year were based on the theme 'Present to Wholeness', reflecting on our own image of God and exploring how this image is reflected in the way we respond to and encounter our fellow human beings. The Feast Days for each of our Founders were celebrated as an online event to enable greater engagement from across the Society, followed by regional in-person gatherings.

Conference Presidents and representatives from all three regions gathered at the Hobart Botanical Gardens in July for our 'Annual President's Day'. The theme for the day was 'Called to Stewardship', with a focus on the spirituality of Blessed Rosalie Rendu. We reflected on our own call to care for the poor today and our corresponding call to care for the earth - *laudato si*' in a Vinnies context.

Following on from Annual President's Day, more than sixty Vincentians attended the Society's Annual Founders Day in September 2022 where the theme was 'Called to Respond'. It was an opportunity to gather and discover our call to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Annual Founders Day has become a popular annual event for all members of the Vincentian family. It is wonderful to see so many members, staff and volunteers come together to celebrate our story, past and present.

Other mission related events during the year included the celebration of the appointment of new State President Corey McGrath, with a commissioning mass celebrated in Hobart by Archbishop Julian Porteous. The annual Youth Induction Mass was also celebrated in Hobart, with seven schools represented.



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“Vincentians serve the poor cheerfully, listening to them and respecting their wishes, helping them to feel and recover their own dignity, for we are all created in God’s image. In the poor, they see the suffering Christ.”

THE RULE 1.8

Vincentian Family Orientation sessions continue to be held monthly in each region, for all new members, staff and volunteers. The session incorporates the Founding story, Mission, Vision, Values, Organisational Structure and an overview of our Good Works.

Staff across each of the three regions have been engaged in regular meetings in relation to Mission and Membership, ensuring connection to mission and membership related topics, particularly National initiatives.

Conferences have spent time reflecting on the National Membership Research Project findings and recommendations. Members have been encouraged to explore areas of opportunity for engaging new members and to consider whether current models will be sustainable into the future. As a result, some conferences have chosen to be flexible with meeting times and have incorporated the use of technology for online meetings. Members have also spent significant time reflecting on the Rule Review draft amendments and provided input into Part III of the Rule Review.

It is encouraging to see members participating in all types of Good Works, relative to their interests, gifts and talents. Members are engaged not only in the delivery of Emergency Relief through home visitation and assistance office appointments, but also in Vinnies Soup Van activities, Dining with Friends, bread collection, advocacy and pastoral/friendship visitations.

*Melissa White*

**Melissa White**  
State Mission and Membership - Manager





# VOLUNTEERS REPORT

The past year has been an exciting time in the volunteer space across the whole Society. Across many areas there has been an increased demand for volunteers to assist in keeping retail stores open and programs running as we flexed to meet the needs of our community. Our volunteers assist us in nearly every corner of the state, contributing to Dining with Friends, Loui's and Vinnies Vans, Retail Stores, Regional Hubs and offices, Youth Programs and many more pivotal roles and programs.

To coincide with National Volunteer Week in May, we launched our Statewide Volunteer Recruitment Campaign. This enabled us to highlight to the community the benefits of joining our mission and making a positive impact across our communities.

Our volunteers learn new skills, gain a deeper connection in the community and often report an uplift in both mental and physical health due to their participation within our Society. The sense of purpose and aligned values are echoed across the whole Society, making it a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone.

We have seen a considerable uplift in volunteers joining us in our mission, including corporate groups, school communities, new retirees and newly settled immigrants. Each new volunteer brings their own life experiences and attributes, which only adds to our diverse and inclusive culture.

In conjunction with the launch of our recruitment campaign, each region gave thanks to their volunteers with a local event to celebrate them during Volunteer Week. This provided our staff with an opportunity to personally

thank our volunteers and also provided scope for our volunteers to come together and be recognised for their achievements. Human connection is often why members of our community volunteer and these events allowed that connection to go further than their localised area. There were many smiles, laughs and in-depth conversations as we celebrated the vital role that volunteers play in our family. We look forward to putting special time aside each year to express our gratitude and recognise the selfless efforts of this amazing group of people.

As we move into the next year, the People and Culture Team is excited to further grow and revitalise our volunteer programs and participation. The Society simply would not be able to operate as we do without our volunteers. Every sandwich made, every item sorted or sold, every meal prepared, every listening ear is making an impact on those in our community experiencing hardship. The collective power of our 800 plus volunteers cannot go unnoticed. From the whole Society and the community you assist, we thank you and we cannot wait to see what the next year brings.

*Maree Cole*

**Maree Cole**  
Volunteer Engagement Coordinator





# FUNDRAISING & MARKETING REPORT

The 2022/23 financial year introduced an increasingly challenging environment for fundraising in Tasmania. The rising cost of living and broadening economic uncertainty are impacting the ability of many individuals and businesses to maintain a stable level of donor contributions. Concurrently, the same social and economic factors are forcing a rapid escalation in demand for the support services Vinnies provides across Tasmania, with an increasing number of Companions seeking assistance from our members with items of daily living.

In such a challenging environment, it is humbling to note the ongoing generosity from across the community that enables us to report on just a few of the outstanding outcomes achieved by our Vinnies team and supporters during a tough year!



**CEO SLEEPOUT**

**FUNDS RAISED: \$154,395**

**101% INCREASE ON 2022**

**This was a remarkable turnaround!** This year's participation and fundraising outcomes were reminiscent of the strong response received in earlier years of the initiative. This is in no small part due to the concerted efforts of key staff, significantly the determination to begin rebuilding relationships and to coordinate an engaging event that brought us closer

to the style of fundraising achieved at a national level. During a time when we were working without a Fundraising and Marketing Manager, there are several people to thank, but we particularly highlight the work of a stalwart in our team, Wendy Harper, not to mention the enthusiasm of our CEOs who came on board to be part of this rejuvenated event.

With simultaneous CEO Sleepouts at both ends of the state - UTAS Stadium, Launceston, and Blundstone Arena, Hobart - a total of 50 participants spent a long cold June night getting a small taste of what so many Tasmanians now experience on a daily basis. Recognising the scope to spend over twelve hours together, this also presented an opportunity for participants to learn more about the Society's expansive advocacy role and the nature of its support for vulnerable community members.

We are truly in awe of our amazing cohort of 2023 participants and those who donated to support them - no amount of thanks can accurately convey our gratitude for their commitment to supporting our work to end homelessness.

## SUPPORT

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of a caring and compassionate community - so often the support we're able to provide to community members is reliant on contributions from other not-for-profit organisations. Just one of these is Tassie Mums, an incredible Tasmanian NFP, committed to providing essential items to vulnerable children. Tassie



# FUNDRAISING & MARKETING REPORT

Mums supplies us with individualised packages specifically collated to suit babies and children from premature birth up to approximately 14 years of age. The packages are put together with the intention of 'kitting-out' a child for around 12 months - giving our Companion families peace of mind that, as the year progresses, they'll have the clothes on hand to keep up with growing kids.

There are many other organisations who go above and beyond to support Vinnies - in every instance we are truly grateful. It will be an ongoing focus of our team to ensure our supporters are appropriately acknowledged - we could not provide support to our Companions without the generosity of our community and corporate partners too!

Indeed, we've been overwhelmed by the generosity of many members of the civic community who have stepped forward to assist our fundraising during this time of widespread financial stress. In addition to the CEO Sleepout, our annual Christmas and Winer Appeals remain pillars of our fundraising activities and continue to draw deep and vital support.

To this end, we must thank The Examiner and ABC Tasmania for the amazing assistance they provide to the Society through their own appeal programs. To Tasmanian Independent Retailers (also a long-term Vinnies supporter) we extend a huge vote of thanks for launching a new angle to our Christmas fundraising activity - introducing in-store donations at IGA supermarket locations across Tasmania. We look forward to building on this initiative further in December 2023.

To all those who donate, no matter the amount, we are truly thankful. Across the Society, we hold a great sense of responsibility to our donor's trust and commitment to helping others in need - we take pride in ensuring every gift goes directly into our service work to support others. It is through the contributions of our longstanding friends, who

continue to consider the work of the Society in providing emergency relief to our Companions, that we can remain a reliable source of hope in the community. We know that many community members are content just quietly making gifts, expecting no thanks in return, but this is an opportunity to express our deep gratitude.

In addition to the incredible support provided by individuals and our corporate partners, the ongoing positive impact of grant funding into our work, is of tremendous benefit. The allocation of funds from many sources across the State (through trusts, foundations and community programs) who have selected the Society's works as a focus for their investment, is hugely significant to our ability to operate, expand and innovate. While we know that a few simple words cannot truly convey the deep impact of these grants, we can provide this assurance that funds are invested in programs designed to bring relief and to foster sustainable change.

Please take some time to review the information contained within our "Supporters Report". The Society is deeply grateful to all individuals, organisations and entities for the financial and in-kind donations given in support of our works.

While we will undoubtedly continue to face challenges in 2023/24, there is equal cause for optimism! Our Values and Mission resonate with the desire of so many Tasmanians, from all walks of life, for a safe, inclusive and equitable community. We look forward to continuing to build our relationship with our wonderful donors, fellow not-for-profit organisations, community, business and government partners to ensure that dream becomes a reality.

**Fundraising & Marketing Coordinator**

# SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

## BEQUESTS

Estate of Leslie B Durno  
Estate of Majorie M Fitzpatrick  
Estate of Trevor P Hart  
Estate of Lesley G Johnstone  
Estate of Donald Kellett  
Estate of Ronald W Lord  
Estate of Rosemary A Lynch  
Estate of Cheryl M Regan  
Estate of Paul Thompson  
Estate of M Trethewie

## DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

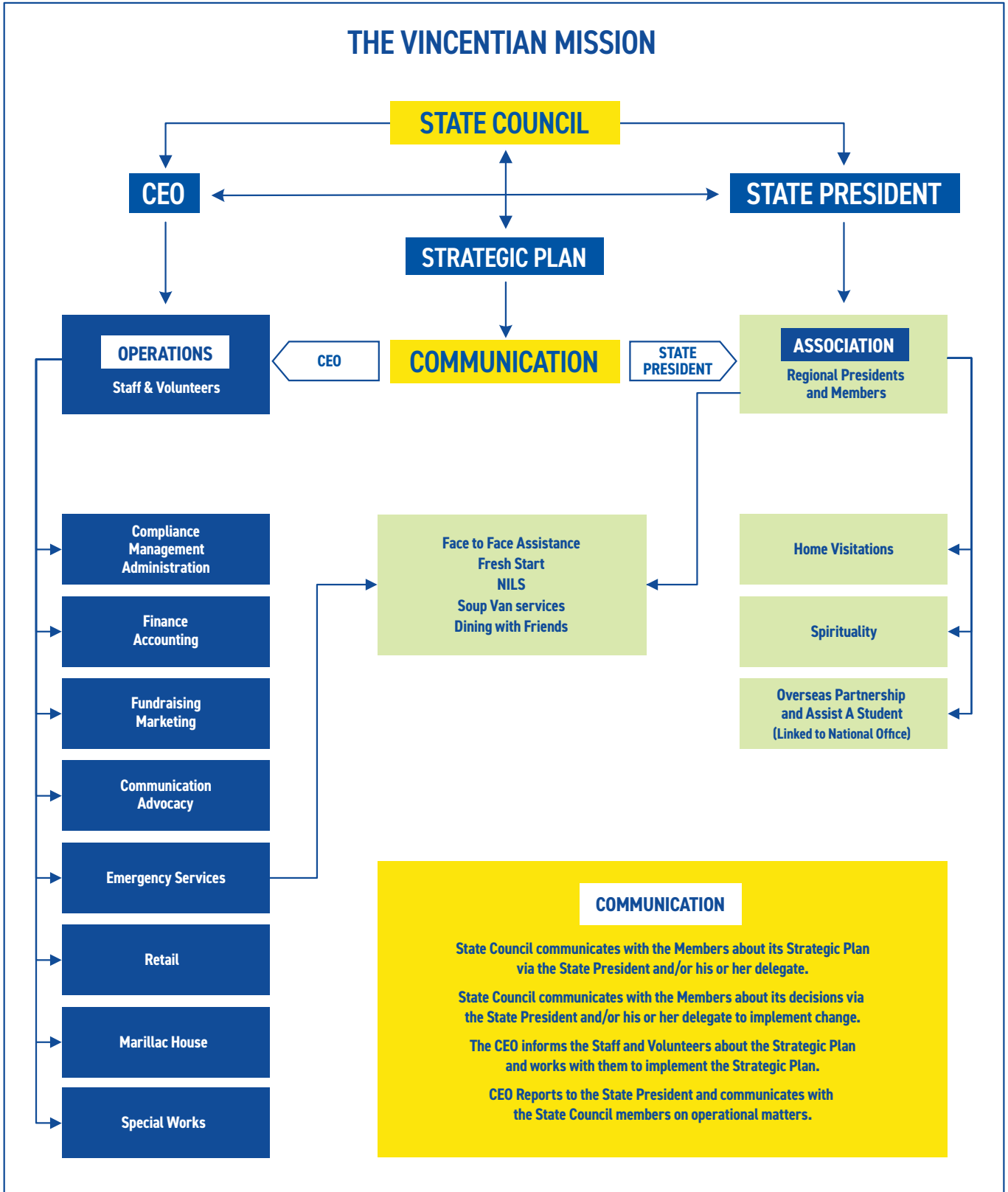
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Anvers Tasmania  
ARC Petbarn Foundation  
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Archdiocese of Hobart  
ARN media  
Asahi Lifestyle Beverages  
Australian Federal Government  
Backpack Beds For Homeless  
Banjos Lenah Valley  
Big Picture School, Launceston  
Blissenden Lawyers  
Blundstone Arena, Hobart  
Blythe & Watchorn  
Bold Lawyers  
Bonney Energy  
Breadd, Murray St Hobart  
Brighton Council  
Bunnings North Launceston  
Burnie High School

Calvary Healthcare  
Castrisius Law - Lawyers  
Catholic Parish of Launceston  
Catholic Women's Leagues throughout Tasmania  
Cecilia Kilkeary Foundation  
Chilli Radio  
City of Launceston  
Commonwealth Bank  
Costa Group  
Cottage Kitchen Bakehouse  
Cricket Tasmania  
CWA Launceston  
Dexion Storage Solutions & GM Rogers Invermay  
Dobson Mitchell Allport  
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Federal Group  
Findex  
Finlay Watchorn Lawyers  
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Freemasons Tasmania  
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Girl Guides  
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Glenorchy City Council  
Gorge Restaurant  
Guilford Young College  
Halifax Foundation  
Hobart Friendly Care Pharmacies and Hobart Friendly Care Foundation  
Hogs Breath Launceston  
House of Anvers Latrobe  
Ian Guest & Associates Lawyers  
James Crotty Barristers & Solicitors  
JGD Legal Lawyers  
Kalis Group

Kingborough Helping Hands  
LAFM Radio  
Larmenier Catholic Primary School  
Lions Club of Clarence  
Lions Club of West Tamar  
Loaves and Fishes  
Loui's Legends  
Mackillop Catholic College  
Maguire + Devine Architects  
Manu Bakery  
Marist Regional College  
McCain Foods, Smithton  
Mount Carmel College  
MyState Bank Community Foundation  
Nekon Pty Ltd  
Nine Network  
Oglivie Jennings Lawyers  
Olive Road  
OnTrack Tasmania  
Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitalier, Australia - Priory of Tasmania  
Pennicott Wilderness Journeys  
Peppers Silo Hotel  
Pigeon Hole Bakery  
Pura Milk  
Rae & Partners Lawyers  
Rapid Relief Tasmania  
Rod Glover Legal  
Rotary Club of Clarence  
Rotary Club of Glenorchy Inc  
Rotary Club of Hobart  
Rotary Club of Launceston  
Rotary Club of Moonah  
Rotary Club of Rosny  
Rotary Club of Salamanca  
Rotary Club of Sandy Bay  
Rotary Club of South Launceston  
Rotary Club of Sullivans Cove  
Rotary Club of Tamar Sunrise  
Rotary Club of West Tamar  
RW Earthmoving Pty Ltd  
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Sacred Heart College  
Saputo Dairy  
Scoth Oakburn College  
SecondBite  
Share the Dignity  
SKAL International - Tasmania  
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School  
St Finn Barrs Catholic Primary School  
St Mary's College  
St Michael's Collegiate School  
St Patrick's College Launceston  
St Thomas Mores Catholic Primary School  
St Virgil's College  
Tamar River Cruises  
TasGas  
Tasmanian Community Fund  
Tasmanian Independent Retailers (IGA)  
Tasmanian Jack Jumpers  
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# ST VINCENT DE PAUL TASMANIA ORGANISATION STRUCTURE





# OUR GOOD WORKS





# YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

## SOUTHERN REGION

### DINING WITH FRIENDS

Dining with Friends has had another great year of attendance at the Hobart and Bridgewater dinners, with Hobart averaging about 27 guests and Bridgewater averaging 70 guests per event.

In 2023 we have continued to provide our three-course dinners to all who can attend and have also worked to engage other local services. For example, in attending the Brighton Alive community services meetings, we have made connections with other local support services around Bridgewater and have invited them to share their work with guests, with the aim of increasing the collective knowledge of support services in the Bridgewater community.

We continue to maintain connections with local elected representatives in the Dining with Friends events, and greatly appreciate the support and donations received from Jen Butler MP, Brian Mitchell MP and Leigh Gray (Mayor of Brighton). We would also like to note with gratitude that we have continued to receive significant support from schools, both through donations of food as well as volunteer help at our events.

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of this program and each and every one is committed to developing menus, preparing delicious three-course meals, together with serving and packing up after each dinner. We thank them for their amazing contribution and note how meaningful this is to so many others.

### YOUTH

Through 2022/2023 we have worked to build new relationships with local schools and youth groups while also continuing to strengthen the current relationships we have established over the years. During Christmas of 2022 we experienced wonderful engagement in our Christmas Appeal and enjoyed school support at all three Dining with Friends Christmas events in the southern region.

This engagement has continued into 2023, with many school groups visiting our North Hobart retail store and Loui's Van kitchen to volunteer their time, while learning about how we operate our programs. Further, Sacred Heart College in New Town continues to cook meals for Loui's Van on a fortnightly basis, while other schools including St Michael's Collegiate, The Hutchins School and Dominic College have also made Vinnies part of their term program, engaging both in Loui's Van presentations and donating meals to our Emergency Relief program. We have attended inter-service events at various schools including Elizabeth College and Clarence High School and taken part in the interschool Just Leadership Days organised by the Catholic Education Office.

As the school year began in February, the Vinnies Youth team was thrilled to receive news of a large donation from the Holy Spirit conference – the donors of which hoped these funds would go towards supporting children and young people in schools that may need support with back-to-school costs. As a consequence of the generosity of these donors and the work





of the Holy Spirit Conference, we were able to distribute these funds to a number of families across southern Tasmania to purchase school uniforms. This was a fantastic initiative and we are very grateful for the significant and generous donation.

In March we held our Youth Induction Mass to welcome new students into the Mini Vinnies and Youth Conference groups of the Society. It was a joy to welcome students from St Aloysius College, St Virgil's College, Guilford Young College, St Mary's College, Dominic College, Corpus Christi Primary School and MacKillop Catholic College. The Mass was led by Father Bartha and Deacon Michael Hangan at St Therese's Church and it was so wonderful to have conference members attending and showing support to our new youth members.

During 2023 we also held three Buddy Days. These events have had good volunteer and participant engagement. This program is funded through the Mystate Foundation Grant Program and we are very grateful of its ongoing financial support to enable us to continue this program. In association with this, we are continuing our work to grow our youth mentor recruitment program further in 2023, with the aim of increasing the reach of the Buddy Program.

Mission & Membership together with Youth & Community teams are currently working to establish a Young Adult's Conference comprised of members aged 18 to 35 years who are committed to taking action and supporting young people in their community. This statewide group is now

meeting online to review our Buddy Day events, as well as exploring new ways to recruit new members. The group has six members at this time, and we hope to grow this number statewide during the year to come.

At the end of 2022 we had a fun trip with our Buddies to Hyperdrive Kart Racing, and in 2023 we have enjoyed activities like mini golf, a visit to the trampolining park and even a trip to Zoodoo. These activities facilitate relationship-building amongst participants and volunteers.

### LOUI'S VAN

This year Loui's Van assisted 11,665 people across southern Tasmania. This represented a 23 per cent increase from the previous year, with our Vans making 797 stops throughout this year.

Our soup vans continued to service many local communities in southern Tasmania and this year we received funding for two new vans to service the south of the state. These have been enthusiastically received by our volunteers and resulted in increased safety with a range of more contemporary features.

During the year we were approached by Risdon Vale and Goodwood Community Houses who identified an increase of need across these suburbs. Subsequently, our Wednesday run has added further stops in these areas. The stops have been very appreciated by those in attendance.



# YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

## SOUTHERN REGION

We have continued to enjoy significant support and interest from volunteers in our Loui's Van service. We have a team of committed daytime kitchen volunteers who prepare the kitchen and vans for the night time teams. We continue to have adequate volunteer numbers in our Van teams with more than 250 people volunteering.

We have also received donations and contributions from a range of organisations, community groups, schools and individuals that enable our vans to continually provide assistance to people doing it tough in our communities. As part of the collective community effort, Kingborough Helping Hands continues to operate our van in the Kingston area. We have also recently been able to add the staff from Tas Networks to our Loui's Van roster. Responding to requests, we are working out logistics and safe food handling solutions to enable provision of hot food on our vans over the coming year.

### EMERGENCY RELIEF

We have had another busy year in our Emergency Relief Program as our Vincentian members continue their dedicated and selfless service in responding to those in need as a consequence of the ongoing cost of living crisis. While recognising the leadership shown by John Moore as the Southern Regional President over an extended period of time, we also note that Louise Wilson was elected into the role early in 2023, bringing an energy that is of enormous value during this challenging time.

This year 1,860 families were assisted (an increase of 6 per cent), including 492 that had not received assistance previously. Along with an increase in assistance, we saw several worrying trends emerge in our Emergency Relief Program. We were saddened to observe an increase in the number of people presenting with family violence concerns, especially women over the age of 55. We also recorded a significant increase in requests for assistance with rental arrears in the Southern Region across the financial year. Our response in providing support with rental payments increased by 100 per cent, noting this figure would potentially have been higher if additional funds had been available.

We have also noticed an increase in the number of companions accessing our service who are experiencing complex physical and mental health concerns. There has been an 18 per cent increase in the number of people accessing our support who have lived experience of disability, together with a 35 per cent increase in the number of people seeking assistance for health and medical reasons.

To meet the requirements of companions who had complex needs, our Case Coordinator worked with our Vincentian members to provide assistance to 114 companions. Case Coordination assistance provides extensive additional support to companions, supporting members by working with companions to progress their situation and connect them with other services. We had several success stories from our





Case Coordination services including companions gaining employment, accessing mental health services and enrolling in Alcohol and Other Drug Services.

During the year we completed our first Pantry Satisfaction Survey with our companions which demonstrated that 86 per cent of companions were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with the quality of products offered in our community pantry. We have used the feedback provided by companions to seek out additional products for the community from various places, enabling us to better respond to companions' needs.

Our members and staff continue to provide high quality support to companions as evidenced by a recent comment from one companion which highlights the social, emotional and practical support provided during emergency relief appointments.

*"I have felt fobbed off by so many people and organisations. But you didn't just give me a list of places I could go to for help. You took your time to listen to me and help me organise everything with those places, which is what I needed at the time. I will always be thankful."*

### CENTRAL MEN'S SHED

The Central Men's Shed continues to be a productive workshop and place of companionship and camaraderie. During the year we received grant funding from the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association to purchase a new bandsaw and this has been an invaluable addition to the workshop. Through the Tasmanian Government Volunteer Grants, we also received funding for a defibrillator from Senator Andrew Wilkie. This is an important addition to increase the safety of all of our shed users who continue to gather with a vibrant and productive spirit. We are most grateful for these items which continue to make our Shed a safe and successful space.

During this year the Shed has introduced a Friday morning session, specifically providing a time for our female members to access the space. This has been well attended with some fantastic projects taking place.



# YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

## NORTHERN REGION

### VINNIES VAN

Vinnies Van in Launceston has continued to offer support to a growing number of companions facing homelessness and social isolation, not only by providing warm soup and sandwiches, but also providing companionship and referrals to specialised services.

Vinnies Van is currently supported by local schools and businesses that assist in making soup, together with donation drives, all supported by teams that volunteer regularly with the Van. We would like to thank St Patricks College, Scotch Oakburn College, Big Picture School, CWA Launceston and Hogs Breath Launceston for their ongoing support. This service is a vital part of the Society's work but could not occur without the generous support of our volunteers and food preparation teams. We would particularly like to call out a strong vote of thanks to St Patricks College's year nine students who produce soup regularly, making more than 1000 litres through 2022 alone.

### DINING WITH FRIENDS

The Northern Dining with Friends program has also continued to see growth in both Launceston and George Town. The George Town program continues to welcome between 60 to 70 companions each week who each enjoy a nutritious three course meal and companionship for the evening. Our Launceston Dining with Friends is currently operating monthly and welcomes about 20 individuals each night. Assisting us in providing this valuable service, we would like to acknowledge the businesses that have

supported the program across the past year including Cecilia Kilkeary Foundation, Calvary and the George Town Council.

### EMERGENCY RELIEF

Vincintian members and our Case Coordinator continue to provide emergency relief across North and North East Tasmania. In 2022 we saw an increase in the number of individuals and families requiring support with the ongoing cost of living, particularly seeking food relief and support in the face of the increasing cost of rent.

An increasing number of individuals and families have presented to the Society for support for the first time, including those who have nowhere else to turn when faced with circumstances that find them without a home and on the waitlist for social housing. The waitlist can vary from months to years and the situation of these individuals and families often finds them in need of complex care and assistance.

In addition to constantly working with companions to assist them along a pathway to independence, in 2022 we were able to provide about 300 individuals and families with Christmas hampers to help support them through the Christmas period.

### MINI VINNIES

Northern Mini Vinnies groups continue to build their knowledge around social justice issues and have assisted in undertaking multiple food and hygiene item donation drives throughout the past year. We would like to





acknowledge and thank the following Mini Vinnies schools for assisting us with the 2022 Vinnies Christmas Appeal, noting that they donated significantly to our Christmas hamper program in 2022 - St Thomas Mores, Sacred Heart, Larmenier, St Patricks College, St Anthonys and St Finn Barrs.

### YOUTH HUB

The Vinnies Youth Hub has continued to operate fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons with a regular group of eager children attending each session. The sessions are aimed at providing a range of activities focussing on mindfulness, self-confidence and resilience building activities. There were two Buddy Days held throughout 2022 and both provided invaluable support for the children attending, with opportunities to develop friendships and meet new mentors offering foundations for the future.

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

In 2022 the Society again collaborated with service providers to bring the Launceston City Community Christmas to life. The Launceston City Community Christmas is an event that enables community members to come together and enjoy a free Christmas lunch, offering a high point to what may otherwise be a time of loneliness. The Society has been proud to collaborate with so many organisations and volunteers involved with the event for seven years as it prepares to step into the alternating leadership role in 2023.

In 2022, more than 350 community members attended the event. We would like to acknowledge our ongoing sponsors Tasmanian Independent Retailers, City of Launceston, TasGas, Rotary Club of Tamar Sunrise and the Saints Supporters Group. The event would of course not be able to come to life each year without the team of dedicated volunteers.

### SHOWER AND LAUNDRY SERVICE

In March 2023 we were able to commence providing a shower and laundry service at the former YMCA site in Kings Meadows. The service is aimed at not only providing shower and laundry facilities to individuals currently experiencing homeless, the location also provides a safe space where our companions are able to enjoy the company of volunteers and others attending. We would like to acknowledge and thank Freemasons Tasmania Board of Benevolence and the City of Launceston for their ongoing support with this program.



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## YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

**NORTH  
WEST  
REGION**

Sadly, the need for critical support continues to grow across North-Western communities. Our Vincentian members and team are responding to an unprecedented number of calls for assistance - with Conference members in East Devonport, Devonport, Ulverstone, Burnie, Wynyard, Smithton, King Island and Queenstown all committed to giving a hand-up to those experiencing hardship.

Working with members, our Case Coordinators based at the Burnie Regional Office work tirelessly to provide assistance to our Companions across the region, focusing on building independence and nurturing dignity during times of vulnerability. With distance often being a challenge to face-to-face interactions, we sometimes need to be innovative by using communication methods which not only maintain our personal approach, but also help to ensure that appropriate, holistic support can reach those who need it regardless of their location.

### DINING WITH FRIENDS AND VINNIES VANS

Our teams of dedicated volunteers continue to support the much-valued Dining with Friends and Vinnies Van programs, with both initiatives continuing to provide nourishment and social connection for vulnerable community members, many of whom experience social isolation.

Backed up with great support from schools, including Burnie High School, which regularly make soup as part of their curricular activities, volunteers operate the Vans to provide nightly sustenance to people experiencing homelessness and/or food vulnerability in the Smithton, Wynyard, Somerset and Burnie areas. Along with warming, hearty and healthy meals, the Vans also distribute additional items providing dignity and comfort, including donated hygiene products, blankets and hand knitted beanies.

The service provided by the Vans and our Dining With Friends meals could not be possible without the support of many community members and corporate partners, however, in particular, it is important to recognise the generosity of Loaves and Fishes in providing weekly supply of fresh ingredients.





**COMMUNITY AND YOUTH**

Our community and youth team continues to build relationships and connect with the community - linking our services, programs and Hubs to not only those we assist, but also to advocate for change on issues impacting many North West coast communities.

As part of Anti-Poverty Week 2022, our team raised awareness of homelessness by delivering an event on the Burnie foreshore. Situating a 'couch' on the beach to give eye-catching attention to the situation of a couch-surfer, the circumstances of an increasing number of community members who are without the security of stable and safe shelter was given thought-provoking prominence.

Through Olive Road grant funding and the support of New Mornings Ulverstone, we also provided a memorable Buddy Day experience for young and old. A trip to Wings Wildlife Park in June (rescheduled due to the devastating floods of early 2023) bonded children from West Ulverstone Primary School with mature community members, honorary "Grandparents", for a beautiful day of fun surrounded by nature and furry (and scaly) friends. It was a truly joyful experience, one that will be fondly remembered by all involved.

We are grateful to all our supporters, volunteers and Vincintian family members on the North West Coast and for the trust our Companions place in us.







# RETAIL REPORT

## SOUTHERN REGION

Activity in retail stores across the Southern Region has responded to a wave of new customers visiting our shops, many of whom were seeking quality items at a moderate price as we all face the increased cost of living.

We know that these new arrivals into our Vinnies stores are searching for a more savvy shopping experience and we have continued to work hard in responding to increasing expectations. While a review of retail trends across the various centres in southern Tasmania did lead to a pragmatic decision to close the Midway Point store, we were buoyed by the excitement of opening our second retro store in South Hobart.

We are always looking for ways to improve what we do – it is important for us to consistently provide an outstanding shopping experience for our customers. We try hard to make sure our stores are clean, organised and welcoming in order to create a positive shopping environment for everyone – shoppers and volunteer team members are all equally valued.

During Volunteer Week In 2023, we ran our first Devonshire tea event (with an amazing turnout of approximately 100 attendees) where volunteers from our retail shops were joined by others from a variety of sectors across the Society. This event was a great opportunity for us to recognise and thank our dedicated volunteers for all the hard work they do on a regular basis, and to foster the new and existing friendships across our wider community.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our shop teams, volunteers and donors for their unwavering commitment and support over the past year. We look forward to working together again to achieve even greater success in the future.





# RETAIL REPORT

## NORTHERN REGION

This year has been an exciting one with our northern retail efforts exceeding expectations. The dedication, innovation and collaboration displayed by our shop teams was commendable, despite facing numerous retail challenges including the steady decline of volunteer numbers which is being experienced across all organisations nationwide. Inflation pressures have also impacted general retail customer behaviour. Most notably, this has had a positive impact on our sales as the public opts for cost-effective pre-loved clothing and homeware purchases.

Decreased volunteer numbers mean that each team member has needed to work much harder this year. Much of our work includes manual handling, involving lifting and organising bags and boxes of donations, sorting through hundreds of kilos of clothing and homewares. We are hands-on in cleaning and preparing donations and maintaining a respectable shop and sorting space. Throughout this work and during the challenges, our shop teams continue to band together with a stellar attitude, getting the job done week after week.

Inflation pressures have resulted in a higher number of customers either shopping with Vinnies for the first time or more often. A positive result of this consumer change is the increased awareness of our Vinnies retail chain and also our assistance offerings, allowing us to raise more funds while creating a touchpoint for those seeking help or on the borderline of seeking help.

The drive to consistently improve fundraising efforts while improving the overall retail customer experience is the key component of the success enjoyed by Vinnies' northern retail team. Our team members are fully aware of their critical role in raising vital funds to assist our local community. Because of their awareness of and dedication to this ever-growing fundraising need, our shop teams are always looking for the next new idea or concept to enhance shop sales and grow our incredibly supportive customer and donor base. To them, we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation.



## RETAIL REPORT

## NORTH WEST REGION

What a remarkable year for the Vinnies North West retail team, characterised by commendable efforts and outstanding achievements. The retail team members have achieved impressive results through their hardworking fundraising activities, attracting an increasing number of customers who appreciate the excellent selection of items and the team's commitment to delivering quality products at competitive prices.

Despite declining volunteer numbers that are being experienced everywhere, our dedicated team has willingly taken on additional responsibilities and hours. Volunteers truly are the heart and soul of our organisation. In Volunteer Week during May, we recognised their invaluable contributions with a celebratory event involving tokens of appreciation, engaging games and well-deserved awards.

To address the impact of inflation and the growing number of individuals facing hardship, we also introduced food donation tubs into our stores. The response from the community has been heart-warming with generous contributions pouring in from schools and social organisations. This initiative has raised significant awareness and enabled us to extend essential support through our emergency relief programs. We really hope that this initiative can continue to attract community support in times to come, acknowledging that the need for assistance continues to grow.

Recognising such a sound base of generosity, we are excited to be able to introduce new stores. Over final weeks of the financial year, the North West teams also placed considerable effort into preparing to reopen the Smithton store while also planning to open a bright new Devonport store in July.

Vinnies' retail activity across the North West has seen remarkable progress throughout the year and we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our community and volunteers. As we move forward, our commitment to serving those in need remains our priority and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact we will continue to create together.



# STATE OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIP REPORT

The Overseas Partnerships Program is coordinated on behalf of the Society in Australia by our National Council. The Program is delivered through partnerships with local conferences or councils and those in the Asia Pacific Region.

Support can be in a number of ways ranging from Twinning, Special Projects or the Assist A Student Program.

Twinning is the supportive one-on-one partnership between local conferences or councils with an equivalent Vincentian group in an overseas partner country. Twinned councils or conferences share spirituality through prayer, solidarity through letters and financial resources through a basic quarterly monetary contribution and optional grant at Christmas and Easter time.

Tasmanian conferences are twinned with 22 overseas conferences, two Regional Councils are linked with Central Councils and the State Council supports the National Council of Thailand.

Overseas conferences and councils can request funding for Community or Special Projects, which local conferences or councils can choose to support. Community Projects could be to support families through the provision of livestock, seed for gardens or small enterprises. Recently contributions have been made to support a large building project in India, as well as a cow project for a conference in Chandanappally, India.

The Assist A Student Program provides the opportunity for those in our community to support the educational needs of a student in one of our partner countries for a year. Local Vincentians select recipients, from all levels of education, for the program.







# OUR SPECIAL WORKS



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Each Special Works has its own purpose with services spanning accommodation for the homeless, disability employment, food security, and more.

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# ST VINCENT INDUSTRIES

St Vincent Industries (SVI) had another exciting year providing training and employment to more than 40 NDIS participants. We have utilised our new and existing partnerships to provide the best working experience possible to our staff and participants, while remaining the leading supplier of cleaning rags in southern Tasmania.

As an NDIS employment provider, SVI places great importance on providing training opportunities to both our supported employees and support staff. This year we partnered with St Michael's Training to provide short courses in first aid, manual handling and food handling/cookery.

This training was very successful, with 27 supported employees gaining their first aid certificate, noting that this is a skill that can be used not only at work but also outside the workplace. The food handling/cookery course was also well received by our employees as this was a practical course that introduced many of them to cooking for the first time.

The SVI support team comprises Executive Manager Daniel Teague and Office Manager Angela Crombie, who also provides direct support to employees in our workplace in Vinnies Shop. Mark Ewing has the dual roles of Training Coordinator and WHS Officer, while Brett Blackburn-Candlin is a supervisor, along with David Blackwood and Bee Denning.

Chris Eldridge is our Rag Van salesperson and driver who is accompanied on his sales run each day by supported employees. This is another way we provide a range of job and training opportunities to our NDIS participants.

Our relationship with TasTAFE also continues to provide placement for people with disability from their training programs, as well as students who are working towards Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability).

In the past year we provided placements for 12 students which has proven to be very successful with one of our past placements now working at Tas Textiles as a support worker.

Work opportunities in the Vinnies Retro Shop in North Hobart have been expanded and there is now a roster of 15 employees. A staff member works with them on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm adding variety and building skills into their working lives.

SVI has close relationships with many schools around Hobart including St Michael's Collegiate, St Marys and Hobart College. During the year, several groups of students from St Michael's Collegiate visited SVI and have been working an ongoing project looking at "Fast Fashion", textile waste and the recycling process.

The social aspect of SVI is very important to all our employees, with the team involved in several activities. The SVI team was excited to be involved in the St Valentine's Day competition and even more excited when we were announced as the winners.

The team put in a lot of effort making hearts and arrows out of cardboard and decorating them with recycled buttons as well as dressing up in recycled clothing. Bee Denning made use of her fine arts degree dressing up our rag bales to make a stunning backdrop for our photographs.

The team at SVI looks forward to continuing our Good Works with St Vincent de Paul to provide new opportunities for training and inclusion for the whole team.

**Daniel Teague**  
Executive Manager





# VINCENT INDUSTRIES



Vincent Industries (VI) in Wynyard provides meaningful and supported employment to 31 people living with disability on the North West coast. Our supported employees are provided with the assistance required to reach their full potential through the guidance and leadership of our five support staff and a leading hand.

Employees have opportunities to develop further vocational skills and training through programs developed with our Launceston-based registered training organisation, St Michael's. In addition, a former member of the SVI committee of management is volunteering her time to deliver a tailored training program, 'Learning for Life', which teaches spelling, maths and budget skills.

Our core business continues to focus on the sorting of product which is then either cut and utilised as rags for cleaning cloths, supplied locally or packaged ready for export. Across the state, we have customers in Launceston, all along the North West coast and stretching down the west coast. We would like to acknowledge their loyalty and patience. We would also like to acknowledge the support of the broader Society team, working with us as we continue to offer meaningful employment to disadvantaged people in our community.

Staff are enjoying the opportunity to manage the Wynyard Vinnies Shop which has been invaluable in many ways, delivering variety to our activities and building new skills. Sales have improved each year due to the commitment, shop presentation and customer service skills of our loyal team of volunteers.

The window displays are always outstanding and we are lucky to have such talented and creative people volunteering. Where possible, and

especially when important events are planned, the volunteers happily join in celebrations with VI and mingle easily with all employees.

The packing of Christmas hampers for the Society is a task enjoyed immensely by our supported employees. This activity is noted in their employment assistance planning meetings as a workplace goal.

While we had a support person leave us after 12 years' service, we are delighted to note that two new support staff joined the team in March 2023. Both were initially welcomed into our workplace as students on placement from TAFE, studying a Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability). We recognise this as a valuable opportunity which enables us to recruit new team members who are a natural fit for our workplace. That said, securing ideal skills to fill our vacant warehouse role, one that requires both a forklift and truck licence, has proved a challenge.

The average age of our supported employees is 47 years, and the average length of service for all employees is now 18 years. During the past year, we celebrated two supported employees reaching 25 years of service and it was a privilege to present two gold watches and have a milestone birthday celebration for both of these men. With this in mind, we do note that our supported employee numbers are now beginning to reduce, predominantly due to health reasons, and in the last financial year we have seen one person retire having turned 70 years in July.

This is a reminder that we need to encourage people, especially younger people living with disability, to give employment a try.

**Nellie McKenna**  
Executive Manager



## TAS TEXTILES

Tas Textiles, located in Glenorchy, is a special work of the Society and an NDIS participant workplace that has been producing knitwear in Tasmania since 1946. Our mission is to be renowned as Tasmania's premier knitwear designer and maker, and to enable people with intellectual, cognitive and developmental disabilities to experience meaningful employment in a supportive environment.

Tas Textiles' wide range of knitwear products are sold Australia-wide and are manufactured using the highest quality Australian wool and wool blends. All Tas Textiles knitwear proudly carries the Australian Made logo and is made with pride by a team of dedicated and highly skilled people. We have a focus on excellence, as Tas Textiles Quality Assurance Systems are internationally certified to ISO 9001-2016 standards.

Currently we have 29 staff, with the addition of two new support staff and one new supported employee during the year. This year saw the completion of our two-year 26Ten literacy and numeracy program delivered by Registered Training Organisation Work and Training. The flexibility of this program, which was delivered onsite, encouraged and supported employees to increase their literacy and numeracy skills by focusing on work related tasks.

The foundation work initiated by this program has been taken up by our Support Worker Sarabjot (Jot) Singh. The continued mentorship from Work and Training's Meagan Newton guarantees the delivery of literacy and numeracy support into the future for employees at Tas Textiles. At the time of writing Jot was undertaking studies focused on the Tutor of Literacy and Numeracy Skill Set with TasTAFE, while also being an active member of the 26Ten Ambassador Program.

With the purchase of two Shima Seiki accessory knitting machines last year, our Knitting Technician, Carl Millward, undertook two days of intensive training with specialist technicians from Melbourne. As a result of Carl's training, we now have beautifully soft merino scarves and snoods to complement our range of quality knitwear, with other items now also being developed.

Our life skills program continues to provide support and training opportunities related to banking, shopping, budgeting, menu planning, basic cookery skills, health and wellbeing. Our walking group is currently training to participate in the 2024 Relay for Life and at our Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea in May, we raised \$302.85.

Easter saw the newest member of the Envirowoolly family welcomed - Sir Leslie the Quoll. He has proved to be very popular with our customers and takes the ever-expanding family to 13.

Our calendar for 2022-23 saw some major events that brought excitement to the team. In September 2022, the Society rededicated Tas Textiles in a ceremony that recognised the high level of social independence that has been offered to employees through the dignity of employment in a supportive and inclusive environment for more than 75 years. The International Day of People with Disability was also celebrated in December with a barbecue and games luncheon.

In January two of our Tas Textiles Team, Catherine and Elizabeth Holmes, achieved the fantastic milestone of 30 years of continuous service and we celebrated their wonderful achievement at a morning tea with past and present staff, family and friends.





Our partnership with the Federal Group continues to provide us with a platform to showcase three of our iconic Envirowoollys at Macq1, Henry Jones and Saffire. Guests are encouraged to take home one of the “furry locals” which in turn provides much need financial assistance to three very worthy charities in Tasmania.

A highlight of our year was attending the Federal Group Partner Awards held Wrest Point in October. This glittering event celebrates the valued relationships between the Federal Group, its partners and suppliers. We were delighted to receive two of the three major awards, including best new supplier and best collaboration partner. It was wonderful for the team at Tas Textiles to be recognised for its hard work, commitment and dedication to excellence.

Tas Textiles endeavours to be like a family to all its employees, many of whom have proudly worked for the business for decades. We are committed to our mission, continually striving for excellence, and look forward to both the challenges and opportunities that the future will bring.

**Linda Goram-Aitken**  
Business Manager







## BETHLEHEM HOUSE

In acknowledging the work of Executive Manager Ian Robertson, who moved to a new opportunity at the end of 2022, Stephen Shreeve commenced as the new Executive Manager at Bethlehem House in January, with a new Operations Manager, Don McCrae, commencing soon after.

Both Stephen and Don have enjoyed a very busy start to their time with Bethlehem House, maximising all the good work of years prior, while also reviewing operations and making some changes to better respond to changing environments. Major themes over this new phase are collaboration and teamwork. We have reinforced the importance of living the Society's values across the entire operation, embracing the benefit of this focus across all staff and resident interactions. This has been refreshing and has given us a new focus and impetus towards further improvement in the quality of our service. During this time, we have also reviewed and refined our Case Management model, enabling us to more clearly document and articulate this for all to easily understand.

During these past 12 months, we have redefined the Support Worker role to become increasingly more engaged with residents and their case management activities and we are already seeing improved interactions and outcomes for our men. We have also implemented House toolbox meetings which is a great forum for our men to have input into the running of their House. In addition, we have appointed House advocates who help welcome and settle in new residents. In combination, these shifts have helped build a community environment where residents not only respect each other but show some care for the wellbeing of all.

Reflecting on the time as we came through the restrictions of a post-Covid environment, we have certainly moved back to normal life in the House which has been a liberating experience for our men. They are now free to engage in a broad array of external adventures - a far cry from the days of lockdowns and restricted interactions, plus uncertainty across recent times.

It is interesting to note that across our total crew of paid team members we now have nearly 30 per cent female staff. Observing that (perhaps unsurprisingly) our men engage equally as well with the case management and support worker roles when they are delivered by women compared to men, and while gearing up to move into our new home in Harrington Street, we are certainly open to further shifting the gender balance across our broad team of staff.

The Nature Immersion Program developed by three of our residents over the course of this year demonstrates that this is an ideal opportunity for our men to demonstrate both innovation and capability. We've witnessed the growth of this program as testimony to the fact that each resident involved could be skilled enough to do this as a profession. Working together, these residents have designed an overnight camping and nature exploration trip at the Mount Field camping area and surrounding environment. Each adventure includes short bushwalks, platypus spotting and glow worm explorations, together with bushcraft, music and cooking activities. We have equipment funded by a generous community donation and this, together with items from Food Bank, mean that the cost of the trip is relatively low. That said, the positive impact on our men is amazing and so we now plan to run these trips monthly.



In building the resilience of our residents, it should be noted that an alcohol and drug counselling service that was initiated as part of a Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) grant has been a standout success. Our men have all actively engaged with the counsellors who at times are working on complex life issues associated with alcohol and other drug addictions. The wholistic 'all person' approach is a key to the success of the counselling and we applaud Holyoake and its staff who work at Bethlehem House for their professionalism and success in this area.

Through the TCF grant funding, we also engaged an external provider to provide a range of classes at our premises and this has been very therapeutic for our men, some of which we never thought would want to participate in such an activity. We now have some uniquely crafted items around the House that provide a reminder of the workshop and skills gained.

Other activities we undertook under the grant funding include literacy lessons and job readiness activities, together with library connection programs. Additional opportunities were designed to add stimulation, build confidence and teamwork and these included activities as diverse as paintball, fishing, go-kart racing, bushwalking and painting. All of these will help to prepare our men for independence and address the ever-present challenges of boredom and inactivity from a period of homelessness.

Following impacts of Covid at the commencement of the grant funding period, the TCF extended the timeframe for this program to the end of June 2023 and we are grateful for its understanding. The long-term aspiration of this program was to build lasting life-skills, confidence and

self-esteem and this has certainly been achieved for many hundreds of men. In addition, the intention was for Bethlehem House to continue activities beyond the grant expiry if self-funding opportunities allowed this. We are pleased to pursue several avenues to enable this to occur and continue to explore additional funding programs through grants and philanthropic donations.

As the 2022/23 year drew to a close, we were excited to note that our new building in Harrington Street was nearing completion and (at the time of writing) we expect to be moved in by mid to late November 2023. This facility, funded by Homes Tasmania, adopts state of the art innovative architecture with excellent design, including a secure area for those residents experiencing increased vulnerability.

In addition, we are working with a possible benefactor to provide substantial funding towards an employability program designed to assess and prepare our men for employment. We have engaged six different service providers who have a range of tools to teach, coach, train and prepare our men for work. This promises to be a highly valuable program and we are excited about the prospect of success for our men as we know that employment is a key gateway out of homelessness and poverty.

We would like to thank all our supporters including Rotary clubs, Lions clubs, corporate organisations, private individuals and schools. We could not deliver such quality services that make an impact for so many men without your support.

**Stephen Shreeve**  
Executive Manager





# CAPE COUNTRY

Cape Country Accommodation is a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society located in North West Tasmania.

The first of the units were built in 1993 with the last of the residences being constructed in around 2006. The site in Cotton Street, Wynyard, offers a comfortable and affordable village-style community, featuring 12 independent units along with a house which has been utilised for shared accommodation, together with an attached independent unit. All units have been designed for adults living with a disability and they also enjoy a peaceful lifestyle amongst gardens at the end of a cul-de-sac with no passing traffic.

Each of the tenants in these independent units has a residential lease with the Society which allows them to be a part of our little community for as long as they wish. We find that tenant numbers are very stable and those that do move on from their tenancy usually do so as their level of required support changes and they find that they are no longer able to live as independently as they once did.

The tenants take great pride in their units and surrounding areas. The Society, as landlord, is responsible for maintenance on the buildings as required and also upkeep of the grounds. Together, we focus on creating an environment that provides scope for enjoyable quality of life and the long-term tenancies certainly testify that this is a community that is valued.

As the majority of tenants have access to individual NDIS packages that are separate to the Society, most have personal support plans in place that see external support workers visiting them in their homes to coordinate activities or provide personal support as required. That said, a large number of the tenants are also employed by Vincent Industries in Wynyard, which is also a Special Work of the Society.

The main house, which was damaged by fire in January 2022, has been made safe and secure while the process to replace the buildings is underway. This incident has given the Society the opportunity to review options for a replacement property as well as identify any opportunities to increase the number of people that could be supported onsite with accommodation.

We look forward to moving ahead with these plans in the coming financial year.





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Lovely place and lovely staff.  
Could not ask for more.

- TERRANCE (KING ISLAND)

# MARILLAC HOUSE

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Health is the most  
precious treasure of Life

- LOUISE DE MARILLAC

Across the financial year Marillac House has provided supportive accommodation to 1,105 people who have had to travel to Launceston for medical purposes. Our guests travel from all around the state, as well as some from interstate and overseas.

The people who have stayed within Marillac House have been referred directly from local and regional hospitals, surgeries, the Eye Hospital & Institute and allied health services. The data below shows the breakdown of areas from where all our guests have travelled during the reporting period.

Marillac House has a very small team of staff and dedicated volunteers that has helped to provide this service as a 'Good Works' of the Society now for almost 16 years. Some of our guests' testimonials listed below are reflective of the care and support that the Marillac House team has helped to deliver to those who stay with us.

Often, we see people in times of sadness, despair and fearing the unknown of treatment and surgery outcomes. But to balance this, we have had the privilege to experience the joys of successful treatment outcomes and at times, the birth of new life, as some expectant mothers from remote areas of Tasmania stay close to medical assistance prior to giving birth.

Our service is slowly recovering from the impacts that Covid had on the health service, as well as the number of people feeling more confident to travel and stay away from home, without the same level of fear that they had during that difficult period.

**TOTAL REFERRALS RECEIVED - 696**  
**INCLUDING 223 NEW REFERRALS**

**1,105 PEOPLE ACCOMMODATED**  
**IN TOTAL FOR THE YEAR**

Areas Visited From:

**5 - SOUTH**

**8 - OVERSEAS**

**15 - WEST COAST**

**16 - INTERSTATE**

**39 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL**

**115 - EAST COAST**

**161 - NORTH WEST COAST**

**290 - KING AND FLINDERS ISLANDS**

\*All data is collected from client booking details

## DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

During the past year, funds were raised to assist the upgrades of two bathrooms at Marillac House and we were fortunate to receive strong community support for this project by way of donations and goods in kind. The room 12 bathroom was completed in March 2023, with the next bathroom expected to be upgraded in August 2023.



# OUR FINANCIAL REPORT





St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TASMANIA) INC**

ABN: 41 003 138 898

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE STATE COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

In the opinion of the State Council of St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc:

- i. The financial statements set out on page 1-24 present a true and fair view of the financial position of the St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc. as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note1 to the financial statements and the requirement of the *Associations Incorporated Act (Tas) 1964* ; and
- ii. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- iii. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*

Signed in accordance with subsection 60-15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* .

State President

Treasurer

Dated: 7th November 2023



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TAS) INC**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

INCOME	2023 \$	2022 \$
Appeals, Donations & Bequests	1,533,500	1,346,399
Grants	4,777,182	4,173,347
Sale of goods	7,900,006	6,931,485
Investment Income	457,540	615,506
Realised/Unrealised financial investments revenues	793,646	(1,913,154)
Contribution/Fees for service	1,247,474	1,227,039
Other Income	96,390	40,511
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>16,805,738</b>	<b>12,421,133</b>

EXPENDITURE	2023 \$	2022 \$
Advertising	153,831	333,375
Assistance	1,754,629	1,291,497
Cost of Goods Sold	562,073	606,889
Depreciation	543,395	594,586
Depreciation - ROU	1,092,164	1,087,916
Interest expense	168,347	172,088
Transport Costs	192,383	174,331
Personnel Costs	9,790,216	9,768,728
Property Costs	1,013,871	940,695
Other expenses	1,351,255	1,268,745
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>16,622,164</b>	<b>16,238,850</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>183,574</b>	<b>(3,817,717)</b>

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TAS) INC**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30TH JUNE 2023**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>\$</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	6,218,091	6,330,177
Trade and other receivables	402,543	473,523
Inventories	602,680	541,334
Other assets	858,943	219,099
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>8,082,257</b>	<b>7,564,133</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Financial assets	10,253,674	13,154,066
Property, plant and equipment	21,231,907	16,290,015
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>31,485,581</b>	<b>29,444,081</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>39,567,838</b>	<b>37,008,214</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	4,020,212	2,285,775
Lease liabilities	943,706	875,981
Loans and borrowings	100,000	-
Provisions	1,304,820	1,160,890
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,368,738</b>	<b>4,322,646</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Loans and borrowings	-	100,000
Lease liabilities	4,570,755	4,149,766
Provisions	187,556	178,587
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,758,311</b>	<b>4,428,353</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>11,127,049</b>	<b>8,750,999</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>28,440,789</b>	<b>28,257,215</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Reserves	4,554,516	4,485,516
Accumulated Funds	23,886,273	23,771,699
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>28,440,789</b>	<b>28,257,215</b>



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TAS) INC**  
**SPECIAL WORKS FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**SEGMENT INCOME STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023	ST VINCENT DE PAUL (TASMANIA) INC \$	BETHLEHEM HOUSE \$	ST VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	TASTEX KNITWEAR \$	VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	2023 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Grants	926,342	1,824,683	663,684	440,143	922,330	4,777,182
Sale of goods	6,442,020	-	312,423	854,535	291,028	7,900,006
Contribution/Fees for service	320,719	914,670	-	12,085	-	1,247,474
Fundraising	1,492,016	41,389	-	-	95	1,533,500
Changes in fair value of Financial Assets	337,126	456,520	-	-	-	793,646
Other Income	159,987	359,720	1,478	15	32,730	553,930
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>9,678,210</b>	<b>3,596,982</b>	<b>977,585</b>	<b>1,306,778</b>	<b>1,246,183</b>	<b>16,805,738</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Cost of Goods Sold	111,475	-	59,452	324,458	66,688	562,073
Personnel Costs	5,472,889	2,052,451	677,260	947,216	640,400	9,790,216
Property Costs	680,780	202,981	33,114	46,731	50,269	1,013,875
Transport Costs	157,560	8,973	11,303	3,633	10,914	192,383
Depreciation	1,493,851	47,498	56,115	24,942	13,153	1,635,559
Material Assistance Provided	1,391,032	363,597	-	-	-	1,754,629
Other Operating Expenses	1,383,189	112,037	44,344	74,412	59,447	1,673,429
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,690,776</b>	<b>2,787,537</b>	<b>881,588</b>	<b>1,421,392</b>	<b>840,871</b>	<b>16,622,164</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>(1,012,566)</b>	<b>809,445</b>	<b>95,997</b>	<b>(114,614)</b>	<b>405,312</b>	<b>183,574</b>

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TAS) INC**  
**SPECIAL WORKS FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**SEGMENT INCOME STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022	ST VINCENT DE PAUL (TASMANIA) INC \$	BETHLEHEM HOUSE \$	ST VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	TASTEX KNITWEAR \$	VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	2022 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Grants	437,041	2,276,700	503,663	271,674	684,270	4,173,348
Sale of goods	5,615,053	-	287,226	766,391	262,815	6,931,485
Contribution/Fees for service	316,913	897,791	-	12,336	-	1,227,040
Fundraising	1,265,168	81,198	-	-	33	1,346,399
Changes in fair value of Financial Assets	(760,056)	(1,153,098)	-	-	-	(1,913,154)
Other Income	240,750	374,012	13,659	69	27,526	656,016
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>7,114,869</b>	<b>2,476,603</b>	<b>804,548</b>	<b>1,050,470</b>	<b>974,644</b>	<b>12,421,134</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Cost of Goods Sold	136,577	-	47,285	376,582	46,445	606,889
Personnel Costs	4,701,420	2,899,622	666,427	858,655	642,604	9,768,728
Property Costs	651,266	171,430	30,072	42,759	45,169	940,696
Transport Costs	130,001	17,677	11,112	3,284	12,257	174,331
Depreciation	1,535,368	51,111	59,261	23,791	12,971	1,682,502
Material Assistance Provided	998,603	292,894	-	-	-	1,291,497
Other Operating Expenses	1,327,909	234,016	37,243	115,156	59,884	1,774,208
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,481,144</b>	<b>3,666,750</b>	<b>851,400</b>	<b>1,420,227</b>	<b>819,330</b>	<b>16,238,851</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>(2,366,275)</b>	<b>(1,190,147)</b>	<b>(46,852)</b>	<b>(369,757)</b>	<b>155,314</b>	<b>(3,817,717)</b>



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TAS) INC**  
**SPECIAL WORKS FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**SEGMENT BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023	ST VINCENT DE PAUL (TASMANIA) INC \$	BETHLEHEM HOUSE \$	ST VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	TASTEX KNITWEAR \$	VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	2023 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,121,099	2,212,422	1,130,836	266,212	1,487,522	6,218,091
Trade and other receivables	91,707	7,109	115,171	116,243	72,313	402,543
Inventories	57,504	-	30,210	504,707	10,259	602,680
Other assets	838,532	19,933	-	-	478	858,943
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2,108,842</b>	<b>2,239,464</b>	<b>1,276,217</b>	<b>887,162</b>	<b>1,570,572</b>	<b>8,082,257</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Financial assets	6,874,960	3,378,714	-	-	-	10,253,674
Property, plant and equipment	20,246,719	157,812	468,869	70,600	287,907	21,231,907
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>27,121,679</b>	<b>3,536,526</b>	<b>468,869</b>	<b>70,600</b>	<b>287,907</b>	<b>31,485,581</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>29,230,521</b>	<b>5,775,990</b>	<b>1,745,086</b>	<b>957,762</b>	<b>1,858,479</b>	<b>39,567,838</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Trade and other payables	3,040,137	838,386	36,131	72,601	32,957	4,020,212
Lease liabilities	943,706	-	-	-	-	943,706
Loans and borrowings	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Provisions	756,889	198,522	97,697	173,030	78,682	1,304,820
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,840,732</b>	<b>1,036,908</b>	<b>133,828</b>	<b>245,631</b>	<b>111,639</b>	<b>6,368,738</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Lease liabilities	4,570,755	-	-	-	-	4,570,755
Provisions	86,612	34,375	23,744	16,669	26,156	187,556
Inter-entity Borrowings	4,027,990	(4,027,990)				-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,685,357</b>	<b>(3,993,615)</b>	<b>23,744</b>	<b>16,669</b>	<b>26,156</b>	<b>4,758,311</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>13,526,089</b>	<b>(2,956,707)</b>	<b>157,572</b>	<b>262,300</b>	<b>137,795</b>	<b>11,127,049</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>15,704,432</b>	<b>8,732,697</b>	<b>1,587,514</b>	<b>695,462</b>	<b>1,720,684</b>	<b>28,440,789</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>						
Reserves	69,000	4,485,516	-	-	-	4,554,516
Accumulated Funds	15,635,432	4,247,181	1,587,514	695,462	1,720,684	23,886,273
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>15,704,432</b>	<b>8,732,697</b>	<b>1,587,514</b>	<b>695,462</b>	<b>1,720,684</b>	<b>28,440,789</b>

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**SPECIAL WORKS FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**SEGMENT BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 30 JUNE 2022	ST VINCENT DE PAUL (TASMANIA) INC \$	BETHLEHEM HOUSE \$	ST VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	TASTEX KNITWEAR \$	VINCENT INDUSTRIES \$	2022 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	670,476	2,972,491	1,127,029	413,678	1,146,503	6,330,177
Trade and other receivables	214,992	13,422	59,284	78,416	107,409	473,523
Inventories	43,466	-	24,773	466,983	6,112	541,334
Other assets	205,419	13,680	-	-	-	219,099
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,134,353</b>	<b>2,999,593</b>	<b>1,211,086</b>	<b>959,077</b>	<b>1,260,024</b>	<b>7,564,133</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Financial assets	6,537,834	6,616,232	-	-	-	13,154,066
Property, plant and equipment	15,208,702	197,678	520,305	70,542	292,788	16,290,015
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>21,746,536</b>	<b>6,813,910</b>	<b>520,305</b>	<b>70,542</b>	<b>292,788</b>	<b>29,444,081</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>22,880,889</b>	<b>9,813,503</b>	<b>1,731,391</b>	<b>1,029,619</b>	<b>1,552,812</b>	<b>37,008,214</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Trade and other payables	769,667	1,364,954	37,222	83,853	30,079	2,285,775
Lease liabilities	875,981	-	-	-	-	875,981
Provisions	646,875	205,428	88,352	140,684	79,551	1,160,890
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,292,523</b>	<b>1,570,382</b>	<b>125,574</b>	<b>224,537</b>	<b>109,630</b>	<b>4,322,646</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Loans and borrowings	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Lease liabilities	4,124,180	25,586	-	-	-	4,149,766
Provisions	86,292	45,584	16,498	10,589	19,624	178,587
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,310,472</b>	<b>71,170</b>	<b>16,498</b>	<b>10,589</b>	<b>19,624</b>	<b>4,428,353</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,602,995</b>	<b>1,641,552</b>	<b>142,072</b>	<b>235,126</b>	<b>129,254</b>	<b>8,750,999</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>16,277,894</b>	<b>8,171,951</b>	<b>1,589,319</b>	<b>794,493</b>	<b>1,423,558</b>	<b>28,257,215</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>						
Reserves	-	4,485,516	-	-	-	4,485,516
Accumulated Funds	16,277,894	3,686,435	1,589,319	794,493	1,423,558	23,771,699
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>16,277,894</b>	<b>8,171,951</b>	<b>1,589,319</b>	<b>794,493</b>	<b>1,423,558</b>	<b>28,257,215</b>

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS



## COMPANION

A person who receives assistance from the Society.

## CONFERENCE

A group of Vincentian Members who come together to fulfil the Mission of the Society in accordance with The Rule.

## LAY CATHOLIC

Ordinary members of the Catholic Church who are neither clergy nor recipients of Holy Orders or vowed to life in a religious order or congregation.

## REGIONAL COUNCIL

Coordinating body for a group of Conferences within a geographic area.

## SPECIAL WORK

A facility or service created where the need cannot be addressed within the normal scope of a Conference or Council's activity.

## STATE COUNCIL

The Society's highest governing body in the State.

## THE RULE

The governing document of the St Vincent de Paul Society internationally and is written for members and volunteers.

## VINCENTIAN MEMBER OR MEMBER

A person who is part of a Conference who may or may not also volunteer with other activities of the Society.

## VINNIES SHOP

Retail outlets that assist with our fundraising efforts but also sells and distributes quality second-hand items to people in need and the general public.

## VOLUNTEER

A person who donates their time to the Society and is not a member of a Conference.



# LEND A HAND TO VINNIES

The St Vincent de Paul Society appreciates the support of all of our donors, volunteers, and members. We are always looking for additional support in the form of donations and volunteers to help us to deliver services, compassion, and hope to vulnerable people in need. If this sounds like you, please contact Vinnies. We would love to hear from you.

## CORPORATE COLLABORATION

Allows your business to join with us to provide support in whatever way you can.

## DONATE

Consider making a donation to one of our Appeals or Special Works.

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We are always in need of your good quality pre-loved items for one of our Vinnies Shops.

## GIFTS IN A WILL

Ensure your legacy lives on through the assistance you can provide by leaving a bequest in your Will.

## JOIN US

Become a member of a Conference and assist people in need in your community.

## VOLUNTEER

As little as a few hours per week of your time and skills at one of our Shops or Programs will make a real difference in someone's life.

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