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ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

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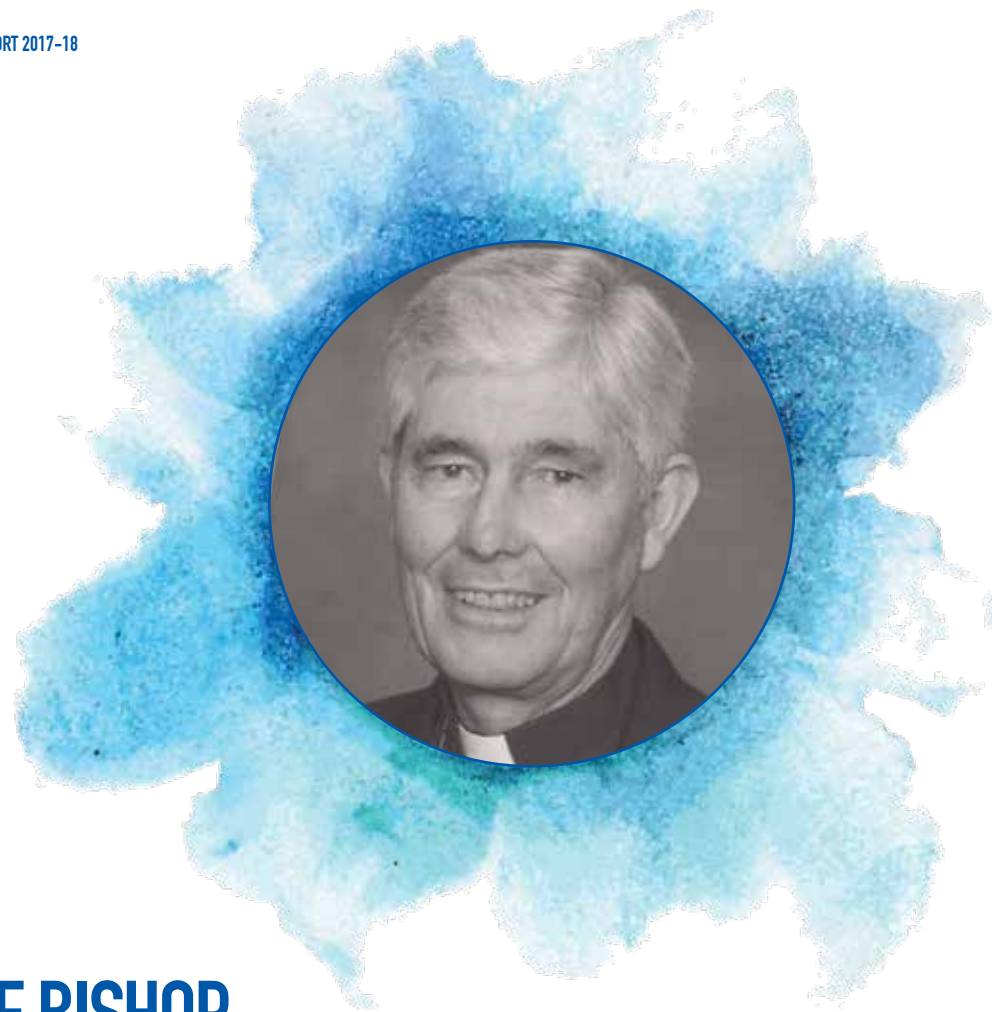
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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

OVER THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY AMAZED AT HOW QUICKLY A PERSON, OR A FAMILY, CAN GO FROM BEING COMFORTABLY IN THEIR HOME, TO BEING OUT ON THE STREET.

A man who is self-employed and has a mortgage needs to maintain good health. One such man, who also had a young family, was struck down with an illness that stopped him working altogether. He lost the business and was unable to manage the mortgage on the home.

The family went to live with one of the in-laws. Over a short period of time, this arrangement ignited arguments with the in-laws, which resulted in this gentleman leaving the house and living on the street. It all happened very quickly and, in a way, no one was to blame. The brutal truth is that this man and his family did nothing wrong but he finished up on the street.

We all could have walked past this man making our own judgements about him and why he was in that situation. Whatever our judgements might be, they would not have helped this man and his family in even the slightest way.

What he needed was someone to help him get a house where he could get his family back together and be a proper father again.

It was the St Vincent de Paul Society that became the agency that took seriously the demand of Jesus Christ 'to love one another'. They were able to get this man back with his family and enabled him and his family to live with the dignity they deserved.

As St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop said, *"Don't see a problem without doing something about it."*

It is easy for us to speculate, and even pontificate, about the situations of people in need. Often our judgements can be quite harsh or at least dismissive.

Quite clearly the ethos of the St Vincent de Paul Society is driven by the attitude of Jesus and His imperative to love.

Love by its very nature is unconditional. People in need are often not only poor and disadvantaged, but are very vulnerable to manipulation and abuse.

It is imperative that the Catholic Church model the love of Jesus in everything we do.

Whatever about our own individual commitment to the poor, we rejoice that the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society do model for us this unconditional love that Jesus demands of us.

Whilst not all of us will be able to engage in the corporal works of mercy, we can all support the members of the Society so that they can continue to bring solace and dignity to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

I thank the St Vincent de Paul Society members for their wonderful work in this diocese and indeed across the whole Church.

God bless,
The Most Reverend Eugene Hurley
Bishop of Darwin



MESSAGE FROM THE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR TO THE SOCIETY, SISTER LUCY KERT FDCC OF THE CANOSSIAN DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY, REFLECTS ON GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION.

Jean Vanier, was a Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian, and humanitarian. Back in 1964, he founded the l'Arche communities for people with developmental disabilities and those who assist them. He wrote that the elements of celebration that bring us in "communion with God and each other" are "prayer, thanksgiving, and good food". As a communal experience of joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the fact of being together and give thanks for the gifts we have been given. For Vanier, a celebration "is a sign of heaven. It symbolises our deepest aspiration – an experience of total communion." (Community and Growth, 1989)

Being a Vincentian Society in the Northern Territory, we have much to be thankful for this year. The National Council offered us the opportunity to engage in a program of Formation and Renewal for members and volunteers. It was encouraging to be part of the

response. Our sincere thanks to Cathryn Moore, National Youth and Formation Vice-President on National Council, and team for organising the eight sessions from February to November.

We were introduced to the Vincentian charism, virtues, values and prayer; we delved into The Rule, the internationality of the Society and its structure and our place in it; we met with the National Youth Team and heard their stories and struggles while they listened to ours and renewed our hope for the future of the Society in the Territory; we learnt much about leadership and accountability and the importance of collaboration, transparency and trust. We now look forward to the recruitment process and how we might be enriched spiritually – so foundational to being faithful to the charism and vision of Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

In this, the Church's Year of Youth, open new horizons for spreading joy: young people, faith and vocational discernment we are grateful for the contribution made by our younger members to the spreading of joy through the movie night, the Community Gathering, Fr Rob Galea's concert and the many contributions of time, sparkle, and laughter in the various activities and services of the Society. We thank you sincerely for keeping the older members young at heart!

It has been a vibrant year! The inevitable difficulties and struggles of life have also been woven into the fabric of this year's tapestry, making it more beautiful as we recognise God's grace and goodness inspiring us, sustaining us, healing us, and calling us always onwards to love and serve our companions with courage and joy. It is for them that the Society exists!

WHO WE ARE

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IS AN INTERNATIONAL, VOLUNTARY, CATHOLIC ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO TACKLING POVERTY AND DISADVANTAGE BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO ANYONE IN NEED.

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in France by a group of young men in 1833, the principal founder being Blessed Frederic Ozanam. This group of young people named the Society after St Vincent de Paul and desired to serve the poor living in Paris. Today the Society has more than 950,000 members in 150 countries.

The first Australian Conference was established in Melbourne in 1854. The first Northern Territory Conference, St Mary's Darwin, was launched in September 1949 and is still assisting Territorians today.

All members of the Society are volunteers and they are at the core of what the Society does. Those who belong to Conferences and visit the poor in their homes, or welcome them in our support centres, are called Vincentians. In addition to our Vincentians, we also have volunteer members and employees who dedicate their time to serving Territory communities, enabling the Society to carry out its good works.

Our Mission

The Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in

the poor with love, respect, justice, hope, and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Our Vision

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. We do this by respecting people's dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

Our stakeholders

At the core of our work are the Territorians we assist, our Vincentians, volunteer members, employees, and donors. These are the people who have enabled the Society's good works to continue over the years. Their commitment and compassion empowers them to gain insight into local community needs and issues. The generosity of our loyal donors is also vital, as without their support we could not provide the required levels of assistance to Territorians.

OUR HISTORY

1581

Vincent de Paul is born in France.

1660

Vincent de Paul passes away in Paris.

1737

Vincent de Paul is canonised.

1813

Frederic Ozanam is born in Milan.

1833

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is founded by Frederic Ozanam in Paris.

1945

The first record of Vincentian activity in the Northern Territory was a gathering of armed forces from Australia and England in the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea on July 22.

1949

The Northern Territory's first Conference, St Mary Star of the Sea, is established in Darwin on September 27.

1965

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Conference is established in an old Catholic Hall in Alice Springs.

The Good Shepherd Sisters acquire a site in Darwin, which will later become the Bakhita Centre, and open an orphanage run by the Canossian Sisters.

1967

The Society's Stuart Park Centre opens.

1978

The Society opens a men's overnight shelter in Stuart Park.

2011

Ted Collins Village is opened and named after Bishop Edmund "Ted" Collins who led the Catholic Church in the Territory for more than 20 years.



WHY WE HELP

13,717¹
TERRITORIANS
ARE HOMELESS

36%²
ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

88%³
ARE ABORIGINAL AND/OR
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

WHO WE HELP

IN 2017-18 WE HELPED
23,000
TERRITORIANS

273
PEOPLE PROVIDED SAFE,
SECURE, AND AFFORDABLE
ACCOMMODATION, WHICH
EQUATES TO
39,743
BED NIGHTS
DURING THE YEAR

HOW WE HELP

VISITATION
EMERGENCY RELIEF
HOUSING
CENTRES OF CHARITY
YOUTH PROGRAMS
OVERSEAS SUPPORT

HOW WE PROVIDE HELP

45
VINCENTIANS

269
VOLUNTEERS

24
EMPLOYEES

\$87,000
OF IN-KIND SUPPORT

\$176,000
OF EMERGENCY RELIEF

\$611,176
OF DIRECT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO
THOSE IN NEED

\$2,826,355
GOVERNMENT
FUNDING RECEIVED

HOW WE HELP

THE SOCIETY HELPS PEOPLE IN NEED BY GIVING THEM A HAND UP TO MAKE LIFE CHANGING DECISIONS. THE TYPE OF SUPPORT DELIVERED DIFFERS FROM REGION TO REGION, BUT OUR CONFERENCES REMAIN CENTRAL TO THE GOOD WORKS UNDERTAKEN IN EVERY COMMUNITY. VINCENTIANS ARE THE DRIVING FORCE THAT CONNECTS PEOPLE IN NEED TO OUR SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.

Centres of Charity

The Society is well known nationally for its Centres of Charity, which have become known to most Australians as "Vinnies". The centres sell quality donated furniture, clothing, and household goods at affordable prices.

Emergency Relief (ER)

We provide financial and material aid to people in immediate need or a referral to link people with specialist community services. This assistance is offered through home visitation by Vincentians or in our ER centres. Local Conferences make visits to homes, hospitals, and prisons to provide assistance to Territorians in need of support.

Housing and Homelessness

The role of the Society's housing program is to assist people to transition out of homelessness and into stable tenancies. The aim of the transitional housing program is for staff to support residents to achieve the goal of maintaining a tenancy. Our staff help people to identify their obstacles to permanent housing and make plans to overcome any impediments. The support provided ranges from assisting with life skills, to accessing medical services, and obtaining accommodation.

Aged Care Home Support

We help people stay in their homes for as long as possible with our range of home maintenance and transport services. These services improve the quality of life and independence of elderly people.

Drug and Alcohol

The six-month Transitional Aftercare Support program welcomes men and women, including their families, who are exiting an institutional setting such as hospital, prison or rehabilitation facility. This program caters for people needing support to re-integrate with the wider community.

Overseas

Our work extends beyond Australian shores through our Twinning Program, through which Territory Conferences assist Conferences throughout the Asia Pacific region to help their communities. We also offer the Assist-a-Student program, which provides funding for a scholarship to train and educate a student in one of our partner countries for one year.

SOURCES OF FUNDING

- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, Australian Government
- Department of Jobs and Small Business, Australian Government
- Department of Social Services, Australian Government
- Department of Health, Northern Territory Government
- Department of Housing and Community Development, Northern Territory Government
- Department of Trade, Business and Innovation, Northern Territory Government
- Department of Attorney General and Justice, Northern Territory Government
- Centres of Charity revenue
- Donations
- Bequests
- Other fundraising activities and events.

¹²³Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016 Census <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/2049.02016?OpenDocument>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IN BEGINNING THIS REPORT I AM DRAWN TO SOME IMPORTANT AND TIMELY QUOTES FROM THE RULE OF THE SOCIETY. OUR ASPIRATION IS "AN AUSTRALIA TRANSFORMED BY COMPASSION AND BUILT ON JUSTICE."

I ask myself if, during this year, we have been part of the transformation of this country through our works, words, and spirit. This annual report paints a rich picture of a diverse and challenging community where many races, lifestyles, beliefs, and hopes look for the compassion; commitment; respect; integrity; empathy; advocacy; and courage that is the very heart of the Territory's St Vincent de Paul Society.

In The Rule there are statements of our 'Purpose and Scope of Service', which set out five ways we are measured and how we can judge our service to the poor. In this report I'd like to reflect on one of these:

"Adaptation to a Changing World
– recognition that there are changing world conditions and we seek to always be aware of how there will be new types of poverty. We continue to be challenged to give priority to the poorest of the poor and to those who are most rejected in society."

The Strategic Plan 2019-2022 was created by Council and will focus on our work in order to meet the challenge of assisting the poorest of the poor. This plan, and its goals, will be formally launched at the Annual General Meeting and form the basis of our work for the next four years. The plan also focuses on transformation through compassion and justice so that the poorest of the poor have hope and know that they are at the heart of our work. The key areas of the plan are:

- Effective mission through strong governance
- Great experience through delivery as one Society
- Engaged membership
- Advocacy
- Empowering people to serve.

These goals reflect our determination to meet future challenges. One of these

is the difficulty of distance. We want to create a stronger presence in smaller centres including Katherine, Tennant Creek, and Alice Springs and we will look for ways of supporting everyone in need.

The Society continues to reach out to small communities and to give those towns the reassurance that we will be investing in them through our Centres of Charity, housing, and pop-up shops. Recently the Society purchased the building where our Tennant Creek shop is located. This decision increases our assets and is an investment in the town, offering employment and training for volunteers.

In Katherine, Alice Springs, and Tennant Creek we are hopeful of forming Conferences that will support the work of the Society through visitation and fundraising for important projects in these communities. Conferences are the core of the Society and they build personal connections to families and individuals, offering the 'hand up' that can make all of the difference.

In February, Sr Meredith from South Australia and Gladys DeMissie from Western Australia were asked by National Council to visit the Territory and begin the process of reconciliation between the Alice Springs and Darwin Vincentians. There are often few opportunities to rebuild relationships when distance is such a big influence. The process was to offer former Vincentians, members of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, and friends of the Society the opportunity to share their feelings over the changes that had taken place and to reconcile their sense of loss.

It is the hope of Fr Raass and Council that we can build on the enthusiasm of the volunteers and begin a Conference.

Our Council grew to include a Youth Representative and Secretary. The appointment of a Vice President will

return Council to its full complement. Each Conference is represented and we make decisions together for the benefit of the poor.

Our challenges are many still. The number of Vincentians increased but not as much as we need. There are towns where there isn't a Conference and it is important to seek inventive ways to engage the entire community. We have large demand for support, which our resources do not meet. It is the responsibility of Council and the CEO to make difficult decisions so that our limited resources have the largest impact for people in need.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Society's National Council who listened to the Northern Territory when we found ourselves in a situation where we couldn't serve the community effectively. On behalf of the Society I would also thank the Queensland team for working side by side with us to support our growth in housing, retail, membership, and service to the poor. There were many challenges but the relationship has grown to be one of respect and gratitude for the immense changes that have happened, so much so we are now seeking our own CEO to commence in 2019.

I make special mention of the incredible work of Peter Maher who tackled each challenge with energy and compassion. His vision and determined enthusiasm set the stage for our sustainability and return to independence. We wish Peter all the best as he retires in 2019. To Edwina Wagland, we wish you all the best in your next role back in Queensland as Townsville's Executive Officer. You know us very well and have shown care and compassion in all that you have done.

I am proud of what the Society has achieved and the great work of our Council. Along with our hard working members, volunteers, employees, and companions we can reflect upon 2017-18 as a time of growth and look forward to the next 12 months.

Fay Gurr
President



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

THIS FINANCIAL YEAR HAS SOLIDIFIED THE CHANGES MADE WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE TERRITORY. THE SOCIETY IS SET UP FOR SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME. AS I PREPARE TO STEP DOWN FROM MY DUTIES NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, IT IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

A significant amount of time and effort was dedicated to improving the physical assets of the Society in order to realise their full potential. Buildings 2 and 3 at Bakhita were completely refurbished including a new roof on Building 2. New kitchens were added in Building 4. The grounds around Bakhita and Ted Collins Village were tidied up and new security measures installed.

Ozanam House received attention with upgrades including instant hot water, improved IT access, new washing machines, dryers, new tables, and seating. In addition to these housing upgrades, case management plans were developed for all tenants and people serviced by our housing and homeless centres.

In terms of retail operations, over the past two years four new shops were opened at Casuarina, Fanny Bay, Knuckey Street, and Coolalinga. Improvements were completed at the existing shops in Palmerston, Tennant Creek, Katherine, and Alice Springs.

The warehouse had air-conditioning installed to improve working conditions for volunteers and employees. Overall the standard of operations in the warehouse increased and enabled the Society to help even more Territorians. We hope the changes will also attract more volunteers to assist with our good works.

This financial year the Society purchased a new office and we expect to relocate operations before the end of 2018. The vehicle fleet was upgraded with nearly all cars less than 12 months old and in good condition to ensure team safety. These changes, amongst many others, all contributed to positive team morale.

The financial position of the Society improved significantly over the past two years, with a surplus of approximately \$900,000 achieved each year. This is in stark contrast to the significant overspend of previous years, which were as high as half a million dollars in one year. Even more heartening is that

this turnaround has occurred in the face of necessary but significant expenditure to improve facilities and equipment.

Improving Society governance was a focus this financial year and last. Governance training for Board Members was undertaken and a new strategic plan developed. Professional Board governance for meetings and record keeping is in place and proper financial record keeping and processes are well-established.

During the year we took on the management of 39 additional units of accommodation in Katherine on behalf of the Department of Housing. A new community support program was also established to assist the elderly with jobs around the house and transport services. The Emergency Relief program transitioned from employee to Vincentian management. This had the dual benefit of empowering our volunteers to manage this direct support service as well as creating capacity for employees to focus their efforts elsewhere.

The Memorandum of Understanding that appointed me as CEO of the Northern Territory is due to expire in June 2019. I am retiring as Group CEO for the Territory and Queensland at the end of 2018. I look forward to

supporting the Territory's transition to new senior management.

There are still many challenges and opportunities for the incoming CEO to tackle. I believe the expansion of the retail operations is important, particularly in smaller communities like Winnellie and Palmerston. The Territory should be able to support at least 20 shops and potentially a mobile service to reach remote communities on a regular basis. It will be critical to make an ongoing commitment to the maintenance and refurbishment of the Society's shops. Doing so guarantees a pleasant shopping experience for our customers and donors as well as suitable facilities for our volunteers.

The formation of strong relationships with government, non-profit, and for-profit organisations is also a chance to bring about social change and harness effective partnerships. Not only is it imperative that ongoing government programs are maintained, but new opportunities should also be sought. We are well positioned to assist with the delivery of long term housing for disadvantaged Territorians.

There is also a lot to be gained from focusing on our grassroots supporters. This would be a worthwhile investment for the Society in terms of bolstering the number of volunteers and Vincentians as well as its fundraising efforts. Engaging volunteers and growing the number of Vincentians is critical to the continuation, and any future expansion, of the Society's programs and services. It is only through the gifts of time and funds that we can provide a hand up to those Territorians who need it.

The progress of the past two years is testament to all those who were involved in the changes, including Vincentians, volunteers, and employees. It is only through hard work and collaboration that we were able to chart a new course for the Society in the Northern Territory. I feel confident the path we are on today is one, that if maintained, will make the organisation a sustainable source of support, hope, and comfort for generations of Territorians to come.

Peter Maher OAM
Group CEO

BLESSING BECAME HOMELESS IN 2015 WHEN SHE VISITED DARWIN AND STAYED LONGER THAN EXPECTED. SHE WAS AWAY FROM HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY BACK HOME AND REACHED OUT TO THE SOCIETY BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO RETURN TO COUNTRY BUT WASN'T SURE HOW.

The team at Ozanam House Hub helped Blessing write some goals, including seeing and caring for her daughter again as well as securing a job in her community. The team booked bus tickets for Blessing to go back and see her daughter and helped her make job enquiries.

A call to a community radio station revealed they were looking for someone to broadcast in the local language and English. Blessing is fluent in both, so she was invited for an interview. Blessing got the job and moved back home.

Blessing returned to Darwin a few months later for training and visited the team at Ozanam House Hub to thank everyone in person.

"I love my life now, I am able to look after my daughter. I play basketball with her after school. I just love what I am doing broadcasting in English and local language, it feels good. I was never confident before and was very quiet, but now, when I am on the microphone, I just talk because it helps the community. I am a mentor for other people in the community, especially my daughter, and I know by eating bush tucker and not drinking much I feel healthy. Thank you very much for all your support."

Please note names have been changed to protect privacy.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

AS WE CONTINUED OUR JOURNEY OF GROWTH THIS YEAR, I REFLECTED WITH PRIDE ON THE GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR TEAM.

Following the strategic direction of the Territory Council, the culture of our team deepened its understanding of how important our work is. With the words of St Vincent de Paul we have worked true to our mission: *"It is one thing to give charity. It is another thing entirely to give the sense of humanity, dignity and person-hood. If the person you care for, leaves your care feeling more of a person than before you came along, you have succeeded ONLY THEN."*
St Vincent de Paul, Patron Saint of the Society.

There has been strong focus on retail growth to raise surplus funds outside of grant funding. Closing the Malak Centre paved the way for new stores. Sales were down on the previous year, which can be attributed partly to the opening and closing of stores.

Consolidation and consistency in management with the appointment of a dedicated Retail Operations Manager saw improvements in customer service and volunteer management. A strong focus and commitment is expected from the retail team to improve future sales.

Warehouse Operations were streamlined. Production and distribution increased with effective logistics and management to support distribution to stores. Tennant Creek no longer runs out of stock, with regular deliveries being made from Darwin at a very minimal cost.

All Darwin housing properties had a very low vacancy rate this financial year, which was a core focus for our housing team. We worked hard to achieve well supported tenancy management.



This encompasses monitoring rental arrears, maintenance issues, neighbourhood disputes, behaviour, and correct support for tenants including strong connections with other support agencies. Ormonde House in Katherine had a higher vacancy rate than Darwin, however new support staff worked closely with other non-government organisations in the area to address this.

The "Same House Different Landlord" program adopted this year was very successful. We envisage continuing this program into the new financial year. Three of the four tenancies are ready to transition back to the Department of Housing, all with wraparound services in place.

Outcomes-focused evaluation and reporting on services is key to continued grant funding and operational planning for successful results. The introduction of a data collection system at Ozanam House has allowed us to understand trends in service use. This information was critical in reviewing the day-to-day operation of the centre.

We track how many meals we provide daily as well as how many people use the shower and washing facilities. Our support teams liaised daily with clients reporting on needs, which enabled

better service delivery and options for people in one place.

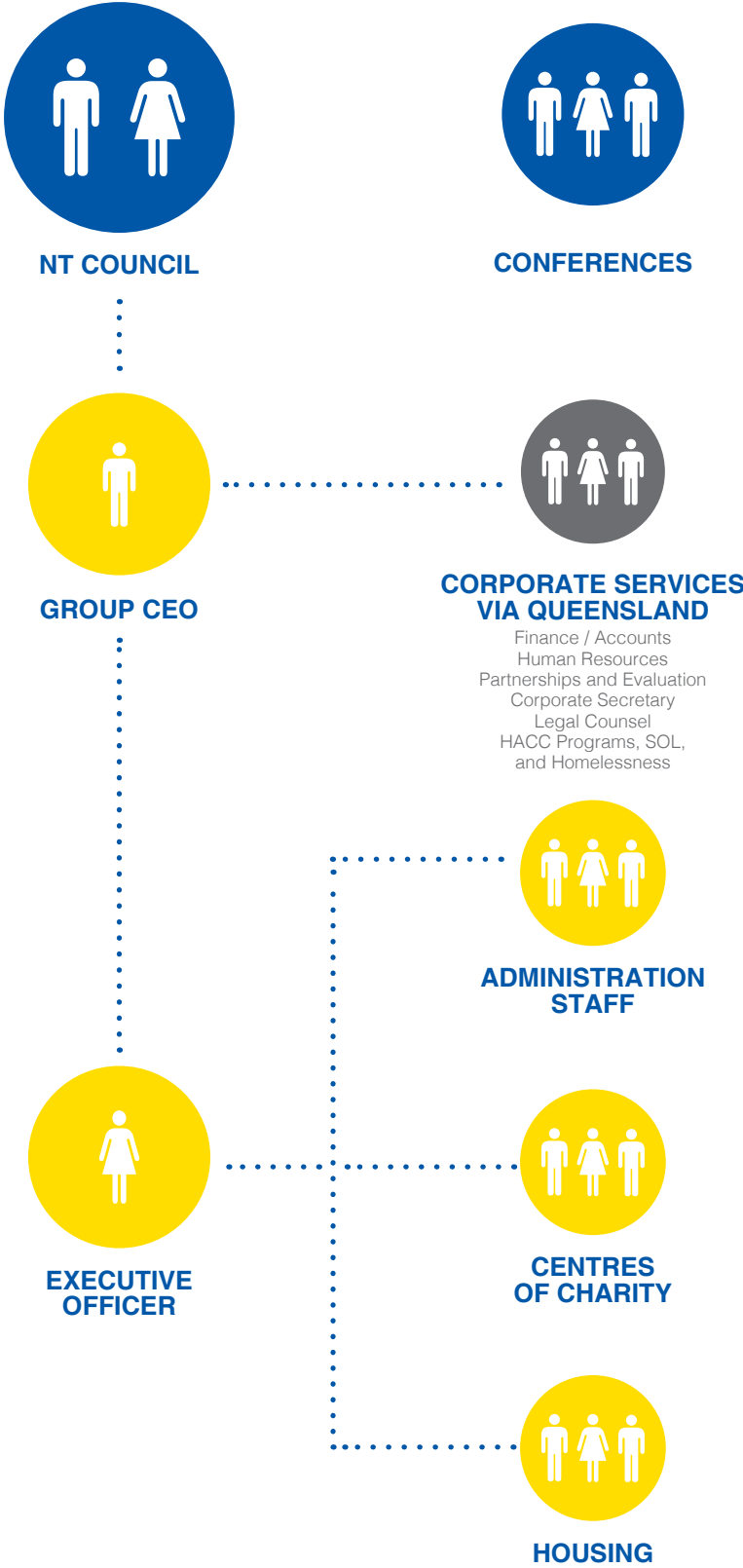
The Ozanam House Hub became a place people call their own, a safe place to rest and regather. Health services, legal services, and various Aboriginal organisations provide support through the Hub. This facility has become an example of a true "hand up". Case studies indicated health and hygiene of the people assisted improved, along with social and emotional wellbeing.

The Commonwealth Home Support programme is something true to our mission. The program empowers elderly people by providing assistance to live independently, ensuring they are kept safe in their own homes. This service grew dramatically in the last 12 months with over 300 people receiving services.

In December 2018 my time in the Territory will come to an end. It is with a heavy heart I will say farewell and with great pride and joy I will confidently watch the team continue to grow the Society and replicate the great results of the past two years.

Edwina Wagland
Executive Officer

OUR STRUCTURE



OUR PEOPLE

PEOPLE ARE AT THE CORE OF OUR GOOD WORKS AND THE MANNER IN WHICH WE OPERATE. OUR SUCCESSES ARE THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THIS PERSON FIRST PRINCIPLE APPLIES NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE WE ASSIST BUT TO OUR VALUED VINCENTIANS, VOLUNTEER MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES.

We are predominantly a volunteer run organisation with 45 Vincentians and 269 volunteers supported by 24 employees.

Our Vincentians

Vincentians are the backbone of the Society, operating through local Conferences at the grassroots. This ground level approach to assisting those in need enables the Society to understand and effectively address local need.

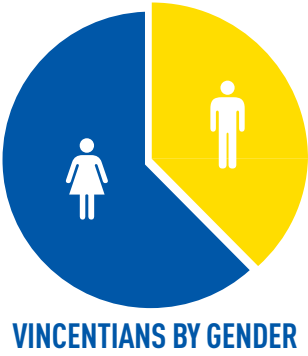
Our volunteer members

The Society's volunteer members help make the numerous good works we undertake everyday a reality. These

people, who give freely of their time and expertise, enable us to offer a hand up to those in need. Volunteers work across the Territory in our Centres of Charity, warehouses, tutoring programs, support centres, and in many other capacities to help make a difference.

Our employees

Employees play an integral part in our operations, providing much needed support to Vincentians and volunteers in performing the good works of the Society. Employees are engaged through a transparent, merit-based process that acknowledges the expertise, attributes, and skills relevant to role requirements.



Recruitment

During 2018 we experienced 20% growth in the number of employees. Our efforts to better service the needs of local communities through additional programs and Centres of Charity was at the heart of this growth.

The Society committed to keep employee numbers to a minimum while ensuring streamlined operations and effective delivery of services.

Workplace Health and Safety

Following the appointment of a workplace health and safety representative, the Society's commitment to zero harm continued. In total 42 incidents were reported and investigated during the financial year, which signifies a positive shift toward building a reporting culture and safety conscious workforce. Rehabilitation and return to work saw significant process improvements,

resulting in a 100% return to work rate following injury.

Monthly toolbox talks continued with a focus on upskilling and raising awareness around safe practices and wellbeing in the workplace.

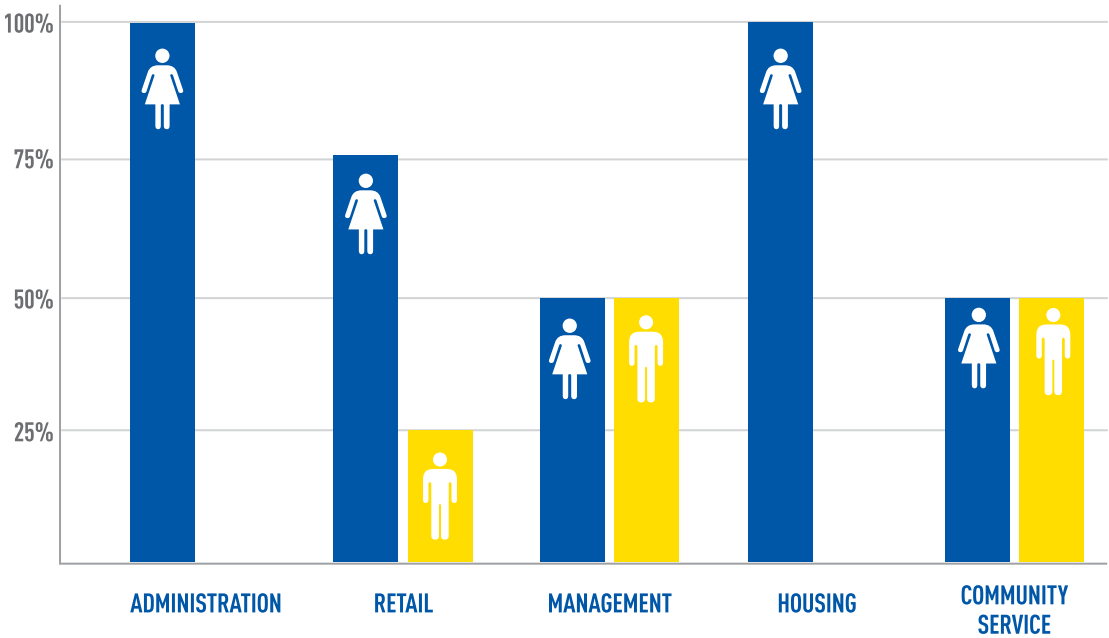
Creating safe communities

The Society is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all Vincentians, volunteers, employees and the people who we assist. Our screening policy ensures we can meet that expectation as well as provide oversight and opportunities for those otherwise marginalised by a criminal record.

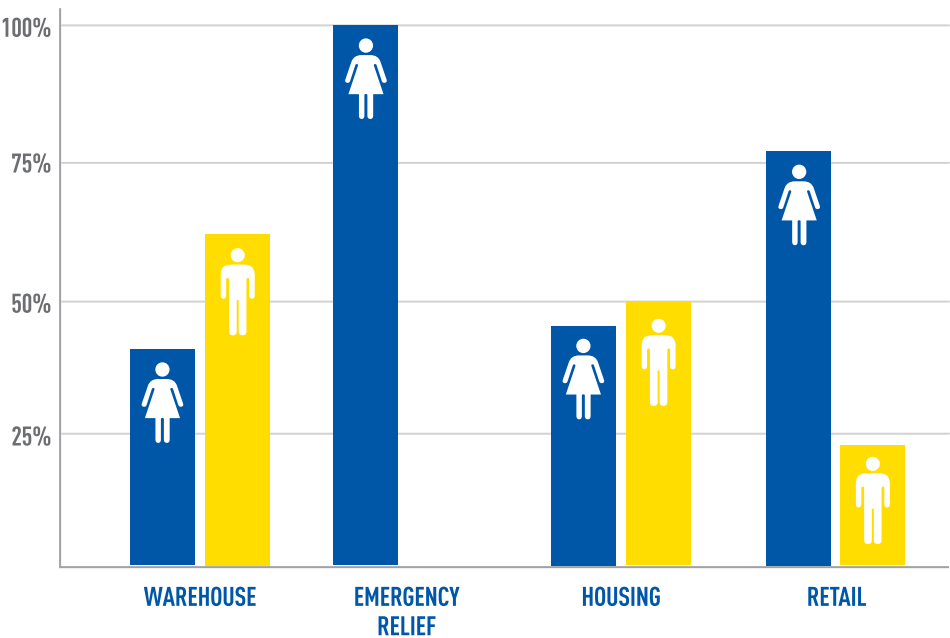
During the year 309 national police history screening checks were conducted to ensure individuals undertaking our good works contributed positively to the mission and ethos of the Society.



EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION BY GENDER



VOLUNTEER CLASSIFICATION BY GENDER



OUR GOVERNANCE

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (NT) INC IS PART OF A WORLDWIDE ORGANISATION OPERATING IN 150 COUNTRIES. OUR OPERATIONAL GUIDE IS “THE RULE”, A DOCUMENT LARGELY UNCHANGED FROM WHEN IT WAS WRITTEN IN 1835, AND UPON WHOSE PRINCIPLES THE ORGANISATION AND ITS MEMBERS ARE GUIDED.

Legal structure

The full name of the Northern Territory Society is “St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Inc”. Our Australian Business Number (ABN) is 11 300 386 527 and we are incorporated under the *NT Associations Act 2015*.

The Society is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) and holds the appropriate Deductible Gift Recipient endorsement. Insurance is held through Catholic Church Insurance.

The Society, being a Public Benevolent Institution, is endorsed to access the following charity tax concessions:

- Income tax exemption from 1 July 2000 under Subdivision 50-B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*
- GST Concessions from 1 July 2005 under Division 176 of *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*
- FBT Exemption from 1 July 2005 under section 123C of the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986*.

The Society has three categories of membership:

- Conference Members (also called Vincentians), join together in the form of a committee called a Conference. Members seek to live out their faith and volunteer their time. They provide expertise to the Society and support the delivery of its good works. Conferences may be established within a parish, town, suburb, school, workplace or social group.
- Associate members live out their faith in action but do not attend Conference meetings.

- Volunteer members are those who respect the ethos and mission of the Society and volunteer in any of the its works or programs.

The Society has established procedures for registration as a member. Any person registered as a Conference Member has voting rights in relation to the affairs of the Society.

Conferences

Conferences report bi-monthly to the Territory Council and meet on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. All bank accounts relating to the Conferences are managed by their respective Treasurer and report to Council. Conference Presidents and the Council President are elected for a term not exceeding four years. Presidents appoint all other office bearers in the Conference/Council. All Conference Member and volunteer positions are unpaid.

Current Conferences operating in the Northern Territory include:

- St Mary's Conference Darwin
- St Paul's Conference Darwin
- Mary MacKillop Conference Darwin
- Holy Family Conference Darwin
- Holy Spirit Conference Darwin.

Territory Council

The Territory Council is ultimately responsible for the oversight and review of the management, administration, and overall governance of the Society, including:

- Meeting the Society's objectives
- The protection of members' interests

- Upholding the values of the St Vincent de Paul Society and adhering to the high moral standards and ethical behaviour
- Authorising policies and overseeing the strategic direction of the Society
- Establishing management goals and monitoring their achievement
- Approving major capital expenditure, the undertaking of major financial commitments and the annual budget
- Approving the annual report and financial statements
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations
- Monitoring the risk management strategy
- Providing a linkage between subsidiary Councils and Conferences to the National Council.

The composition of the Territory Council is determined using the following principles:

- The President of each Conference is a member of the Territory Council
- The Territory President is elected by the Territory Council for a period not exceeding four years
- The Territory President has the right to appoint Society Conference Members to the Council including, if the President so wishes, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, a Youth Representative, and a Spiritual Advisor.

The Territory Council President is the Society's representative on the National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. The Territory Council meets at least once every quarter and is currently composed of nine members and a non-voting ex-officio member, being the Spiritual Advisor.

The Territory Council delegates management of the Society's resources

to the executive team under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, to deliver the strategic direction and goals determined by Council.

A financial audit is conducted by an independent auditor chosen through a select tender process.

Council attendance

Council Member	Meetings entitled to attend	Meetings attended
Jade Garrard	3	3
John Tobin	4	4
Damian Legg	4	4
Fay Gurr	4	4
Jocelyn Cull-Finch	4	3
Kathryn Pettersen	4	4
Cedric Francis	4	4
Sr Lucy Kert	4	4
Angela Martinez	3	3
Justin Dezylyva	1	1

Other committees

A joint committee was formed with Queensland's St Vincent de Paul Society. A Work Health and Safety (WHS) representative from the Territory attends quarterly meetings in Queensland. All WHS policy and procedures implemented in Queensland are replicated in the Northern Territory. The WHS representative reports to Executive Officer.

Child protection policy and Ochre Card

The Society is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children. All staff, volunteers, and members of the Society complete a current “Working with Children” check through SafeNT. The information is updated in our database to ensure renewals are tracked.

Work, Health and Safety vision

The Society is committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of its employees, volunteers, and the community by:

- increasing awareness of workplace safety
- providing a safe place and safe systems of work
- eliminating or reducing hazards that could result in injury or ill health.

Notifiable incidents

There were no notifiable incidents to NT WorkSafe during the 2017-18 financial year.

TERRITORY COUNCIL MEMBERS



FAY GURR PRESIDENT

Fay lived most of her life in New South Wales. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Teaching, Masters in Education, and a Diploma of Religious Education. She has held various positions including Pastoral Care Coordinator, Deputy Principal, and Principal. In the 17 years she was a Principal she learnt greatly from the charism of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the Sisters of Charity. She believes each brought her leadership and personal spiritual journey to a greater depth of service of the poor, hospitality and the love of learning and of God. Fay was appointed to the role of President in September 2016.



JADE GARRARD TREASURER

Jade came to Darwin in 2006 from the Philippines. She has a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and is a professional member of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. In her 15 years as an Accountant, she has worked in various industries and held management roles. She started with the Society in August 2006 during the formation of the Vinnies Youth group. Jade is a member of the St Mary's Conference and was appointed to the role of Treasurer in October 2017. She hopes to contribute with her skills, experience and time to the Society's missions and goals.



JUSTIN DEZYLVA SECRETARY

Justin first joined the Society in 2007 as a youth member and the very first President of the Mary MacKillop Conference. Born, raised, and educated in Darwin as an electrical/instrument engineer, Justin has travelled 25 countries around the world, worked in heavy industry such as oil and gas. Justin loves to play the guitar, drink wines, enjoys conversations and connections with any and every person, and enjoys his spiritual life and journey with Jesus Christ with roots stemming from the Catholic Church environment.



CEDRIC FRANCIS HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Cedric Francis was born in India, the first of eight children. He migrated to Darwin in September 1985. He worked for Telstra Corporation as a Technician quickly rising in the ranks he was sub-contracted to Defence where he was the Regional Defence Telecommunications Manager for NT and the Kimberley. Cedric retired in September 2015. He volunteers for Darwin Badminton Club as the President, does Emergency Relief as a volunteer for the Society, and is the President of the Holy Spirit Conference.



DAMIAN LEGG ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Damian first joined the Society in Roma, Queensland not long after finishing Year 12 and was an active member until leaving for studies in Sydney. He renewed his membership of the Society in Darwin in 2000 for about 5 years with the SOS Food Van, then took another break before joining his parish Conference in 2013. Damian joined the Territory Council as Vice President of Centres in 2015, and became President of the St Paul's Conference in 2016. Damian is a public servant with the Northern Territory Government and is married to Tracey who is a great source of support.



JOHN TOBIN HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

John was born in southern Queensland but has lived in Darwin since 1981. He is President of the Holy Family Conference, which meets in Karama where he has lived since 1983. Before coming to the Territory, John worked in primary industries in Queensland and Papua New Guinea. He joined the Society in 2013 after retiring from full time employment with the public service, where he worked in a wide range of senior roles. John worked for the Society at Ozanam House in Brisbane when he was a university student in the early 1970s.



JOCelyn CULL-FINCH ST MARY'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Jocelyn first came to the Territory with her family in 2011. She has been a member of the Society for three years and became President of the St Mary's Conference in 2016. Jocelyn's background is in law and commerce, with her most recent position being with the Office of the Information Commissioner. She has also worked in other agencies within the Northern Territory Government. One of her key goals for the St Mary's Conference, and the wider Northern Territory, is to increase membership and help inject vibrancy into the Society.



KATHRYN PETTERSEN MARY MACKILLOP CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Having always had a familiarity with the Vinnies stores and the help the Society gave to those in need, Kathryn began her Vincentian journey through her high school Conference. With can drives, Christmas hampers, and special lunch days, the Conference was able to bring awareness to their school community of the social justice needs of the wider community. Kathryn formally joined the Society two years ago after the creation of the Mary MacKillop Youth Conference. Kathryn in the current President of the Conference, and has been attending the National Youth Team meetings under the title of Acting Youth Representative for the NT.



SISTER LUCY KERT SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Sr Lucy first came into contact with the Society in the mid-1970s. As the parish worker in Brighton, Brisbane, she was invited to accompany the newly formed Young Adults Conference as their Spiritual Advisor. She was not much older than the young adults themselves. They learnt to pray and reflect on the Gospels together, and went bush for times of bonding and formation, visited weekly the elderly at the Eventide Home and served the homeless their evening meal in the city centre on a monthly basis. Coming to Darwin, Sr Lucy was again invited to firstly be the Spiritual Advisor to St Paul's Conference, Rapid Creek, and later to join the Stuart Park ER on invitation by Gerry McCormack. Eventually this led to her appointment of Spiritual Advisor to the Territory Council.

Sr Lucy loves supporting the good work done by the Society members and volunteers. She says it is a reminder that by our very Christian vocation we are called to serve the poorest as Jesus did. Like St Vincent de Paul, whose particular charism of love for the poor first inspired Blessed Frederic Ozanam, we too are called to consider them as our "masters".



ANGELA MARTINEZ YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

Angela has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications and a Diploma in Training Development Management and is studying to complete her Certificate IV in Youth Ministry. She has been an active volunteer since her teens, helping pack relief goods and leading fundraising causes. Born and raised in the Philippines, Angela arrived in Darwin in 2009 and immediately looked for ways to volunteer. She started serving at Mass through music then joined the Society in 2014 and became Twinning Coordinator for the Holy Spirit Conference. Angela later became part of the first Vintertainers singing group. Aside from her full-time job, Angela is very passionate about her various roles in the faith formation of youth and young adults of the Darwin diocese. She is involved in prison ministry, is a foster care co-educator, a youth group leader and one of the founding members of the NT Catholic Young Adults Committee.

PALMERSTON

DARWIN

KATHERINE

TENNANT CREEK

ALICE SPRINGS

CONFERENCE REPORTS

HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE

The Holy Family Conference is a small and enthusiastic group with seven members. Our Conference Member Sister Rose Glennen advised that she would be leaving Darwin in the second half of 2018. Her presence and spiritual guidance will be sorely missed.

The Conference had a rewarding year that included weekly meetings with spiritual reflection. We also conducted over 50 home visitations.

This year we purchased and delivered furniture and whitegoods to people in need as well as sorted and packed

donations at the warehouse. Our Conference was also involved in the provision of Emergency Relief from our meeting rooms in Stuart Park and Palmerston.

For Christmas we packed and delivered hampers and gifts to around 50 households.

Our members were inspired by the very positive response of people to the limited amounts of assistance we provided.

This year the Conference refined its process of follow up visits and phone calls. This resulted in closer

relationships and better alignment of the support we are able to provide. Together with other Conferences, Holy Family Conference Members extended home visitation and support services to Palmerston suburbs.

Our Conference volunteers collected bread from Northlakes bakery several times each week and delivered this to our accommodation and meal programs at the Bakhita centre and Ozanam House Hub.

HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE REPORT

Our Conference continued along the same path as previous years but it was more turbulent due to the ill health of some members. Home visitations occurred but not to the same level of the other Conferences. We assisted on some calls coming from the Palmerston area, many of which were requests for furniture.

Towards the end of 2017 a lot of time and effort went into preparing and delivering hampers as well as presents for people in our Conference area. The Holy Spirit parishioners were very generous with their donations. Another positive outcome this year was having extra volunteers to help out, whether it was with packing or delivery and sometimes both. Thanks again to Chris Best for being the co-ordinator of this exercise.

On the first and third Saturdays of each month, the Vintertainers continued to visit the Tiwi Aged Care facility to provide an hour of musical entertainment. We took it as a positive

sign that more people attended and joined in the singing. From their comments it seems they are enjoying the relaxation. Thanks again to the group who have not missed a day in providing this service to the residents. In addition, the Vintertainers also led the singing at the Vinnies Christmas gathering.

Some Conference Members were part of the Emergency Relief team that volunteered at Palmerston and Darwin.

During the first half of 2018, the National Council organised several people to lead training programs in Darwin under the guidance of Cathryn Moore. When available, Conference Members attended these sessions. Thanks to the National Council, particularly Cathryn and the various presenters, for these valuable sessions.

During the Dry Season we had two extra Conference Members, Leo and Helen Woodman from Broken Hill. Thanks to them both for their valuable input during our meetings and on home visits.

Thanks to the work of Vijay and Venetia Daniels there were piety goods on display for sale after the Saturday 6pm Mass. A parish volunteer does much the same thing after the Sunday morning Mass.

Vijay and Venetia were also in charge of refreshments after Mass. The children certainly enjoyed this aspect but there were many adults who also partook! Two parish volunteers were on the Saturday hospital roster to visit patients and give Holy Communion to those who ask for it. As the need arose we had notices in the Parish bulletin. The local Parish Priest was very keen to see us succeed.

Thanks to all members, volunteers, and their families for all the Vincentian work that was completed during the financial year.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE

The Conference made a commitment this financial year to improve its follow up of people we have assisted. We endeavoured a few months down the track to make a telephone call to see how they were getting along. Very few people asked for further assistance. We hope took this as a sign that many were able to get on with their lives under their own steam.

As well as visiting those who sought the Society's assistance, two Conference Members also volunteered for Emergency Relief duties and in our Centres of Charity throughout

the year. New members joined our Conference and we had the assistance of volunteers, both old and new, to support us in providing material aid to those in need.

Our Conference celebrated a number of milestones during the year, Sr Lucy Kert celebrated 50 years of professed life, Br Ted Merritt turned 90, and Magak Mathiang was married to Abul in Cairo.

We were also fortunate to participate in a number of the formation and renewal workshops held during the year. This provided access to resources to learn about facets of the Society, such as our spirituality and history, and share them

with members from interstate and to reflect on our work and the Society today.

At Christmas time Conference Members visited about 64 homes to deliver hampers and gifts to 197 people, including 93 children. St Paul's Catholic Parish and St Paul's Catholic Primary School were very generous in their support of the Christmas Appeal.

St Paul's Conference continued to be well supported by St Paul's Catholic Parish and appreciated the assistance of the Society's employees and volunteers.

ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

As a Conference we strived to walk in unity with each other and to develop community, friendship, and support with fellow members to support our service to others. We also aimed to operate effectively as a Conference and help people to the best of our ability.

The major highlight for our Conference in 2018 was taking on the Territory's Emergency Relief function as a 'special work' of the Society. We enjoyed getting to know our outstanding volunteers. With their invaluable knowledge and

feedback we worked hard to enhance governance and reporting functions, update policies and procedures as well as revamp key services in this area.

Our Conference was also heavily involved in fundraising activities. In July Conference representatives helped with the Nightcliff Markets carpark fundraising. It was our first venture into this area and one we were pleased to assist with. During the same period, St Mary's supported the very successful movie night that was organised by St Paul's Conference. The event was thoroughly enjoyed and was seen as an

important team building and unification event for the wider Society.

In August, St Mary's organised the Mindil Market carpark donation event. This activity was held over three evenings and a great success. We were very happy to receive considerable support from the other Conferences as well as our family and friends. Other activities for the financial year included home visitations and public announcements in support of fundraising and membership drives at the Cathedral.

MARY MACKILLOP YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Conference had a very positive year of growth and spiritual development. We gained a new member, bringing our total membership to five, and appointed Justina Fernandes to the role of Vice-President and Secretary of the Conference. The appointment of Angela Martinez as Youth Representative was a welcome source of support and encouragement to the Conference. As a small Conference, we continued to face multiple challenges but we thrived on the understanding of the Society that 'no work of charity is foreign'.

Key achievements for the year included the care pack project, a community

sleepout, and a planning day. In 2017 the Conference envisioned and started the 'Care pack' project supporting the Royal Darwin Hospital. Every Catholic school in Darwin and Palmerston was invited to participate in this project.

With the support of St Paul's Catholic Primary School, the Conference provided over 40 care packs and 200 cards to the patients of the hospital. The Conference also actively supported fundraising efforts for the community sleepout. The team raised \$685 and supported other Conferences in their fundraising efforts.

The National Youth Team meetings held during the year were an incredible opportunity for young Vincentians from around Australia to share and discuss

ideas and opportunities. In October, Justina Fernandes represented the Territory at the National Youth Team meeting in Perth. This year Angela Martinez, our Youth Representative, attended the meeting in Darwin in May along with Kathryn Pettersen and Justina Fernandes.

The Conference also attended the formation and renewal sessions delivered by the National Mission and Advisory Team and reported their experience to be positive, engaging, and valuable in deepening their understanding of the Society and its works.

CONFERENCE	VINCENTIANS	VOLUNTEERS	HOME VISITS	INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED
HOLY FAMILY	7	7	51	90
HOLY SPIRIT	11	14	58	102
ST PAUL'S	9	5	68	105
ST MARY'S	9	5	6	32
MARY MACKILLOP	5	0	-	-



ST MARY'S EMERGENCY RELIEF SPECIAL WORKS

THE ST MARY'S CONFERENCE TOOK ON THE EMERGENCY RELIEF (ER) FUNCTION AS A 'SPECIAL WORK' OF THE SOCIETY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS SPECIAL WORK WAS UNDERTAKEN TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF ER AT COUNCIL LEVEL AS WELL AS ENHANCE GOVERNANCE AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.

The Conference continued the conversation within the Society as to what ER may look like into the future and ways to fine tune its financial operation.

Based on volunteer feedback and review, a number of changes were earmarked to be implemented. The suggested actions included:

- Tabling ER reports at Council meetings to highlight achievements and overall activities
- Regular volunteer meetings to discuss operations and consider any challenges or opportunities
- Updating the 'toolkit' and related guidelines and procedures
- Updating delegations of authority
- Food 'parcels' replaced by food

vouchers (with allocation limit guidelines)

- Introducing personal hygiene items e.g. nappies, wipes, feminine hygiene products, toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap
- Reviewing the bond assistance process.

Fridges and mattresses were in frequent demand from people requiring assistance. In response, the team purchased stock in bulk and stored the items in the warehouse ready for dispatch as required.

Conference Members also reviewed hours of operations across the centres with the volunteer team. Consequently changes were made to the hours of Stuart Park and Palmerston with Casuarina to be finalised.

Thanks to process changes, volunteers have indicated they are able to spend more time with people listening to their specific needs. Sometimes the opportunity to listen to people is impeded by the number of visitors to the ER during its opening hours. It has been noted that the ER centres are particularly busy following public holiday closures. We continued to work on improving processes and the overall experience for those in need of an emergency hand up.

The ER function of the Society would not happen without the outstanding volunteers who consistently demonstrated their ongoing commitment to the assistance of those in need this year. There is an ever present need for Society members and our local parishes to support our volunteer recruitment efforts. The more volunteers we have the more assistance we can extend to those in need within our community.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANKS MUST GO TO ALL OF THE SOCIETY'S VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS, SPONSORS, AND DONORS FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY COMMUNITY. EACH GIFT OF SUPPORT, WHETHER IT WAS TIME, MONEY OR EFFORT, WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS LISTED.

CHRISTMAS

- St Paul's Catholic Primary School
- St Paul's Catholic Parish
- St Francis of Assisi Primary School
- Coles, Casuarina Village
- Woolworths, Nightcliff
- Chris Best - Volunteer Coordinator
- Nungalinya College
- Rotary Club of Litchfield
- Asia United - Christmas lunch at Ozanam House
- Inpex
- Compass Group
- Holy Spirit Parish
- Holy Family Parish
- St Mary's Parish
- Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

GENERAL SUPPORTERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND DONORS

- Catholic Diocese of Darwin and Bishop Eugene Hurley
- Our Spiritual Advisor Sister Lucy Kert
- Volunteering SA&NT
- Member for Fong Lim Jeffrey Collins MP
- Damian Legg for production of the Society newsletter
- Barkley work camp participants and employees
- Department of Correctional Services and its prison and Sentenced to a Job

program participants and employees

Dr Jeffrey Colwell

Mr Dennis Bree

All Conference Members who volunteered at the Centres of Charity, warehouse, and Emergency Relief centres, as well as undertook visitations, worked on committees, and provided other support

Doubletree by Hilton and staff

All our wonderful volunteers

Ward Keller Lawyers

C@R Constructions

Bowden & McCormack Lawyers

Darwin Harbour Fishing Charters – Dan Thurling

Cahill Transport - Schweppes

Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM MP.

FUNDRAISING

- Nightcliff Markets
- Mindil Markets.



TREASURER'S REPORT

THE SOCIETY HAS DELIVERED A SURPLUS RETURN FOR TWO YEARS CONSECUTIVELY, WITH THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR HAVING A NET SURPLUS OF JUST OVER A MILLION DOLLARS.

This is a 69% increase from the previous financial year. This increase is attributed the growth in revenue as can be seen in the 5 year Financial Performance Trending graph below and is mainly related to the expansion of government grants for the Commonwealth Home Support Programs. Key operational matters during the year that drove growth included the opening of four new stores and the renewal of five year government housing contracts.



The Society's revenue came from community and supporting services. The sources of revenue graph shows growth by \$1.2 million, which was mainly from community services in the area of community care and health. Supporting services provided a modest rise and a stable income stream. Most of the revenues earned by the Society came from grant funding, which made up 50% of total revenue and continued to be the major source of revenue with 75% related to recurring funding arrangements.

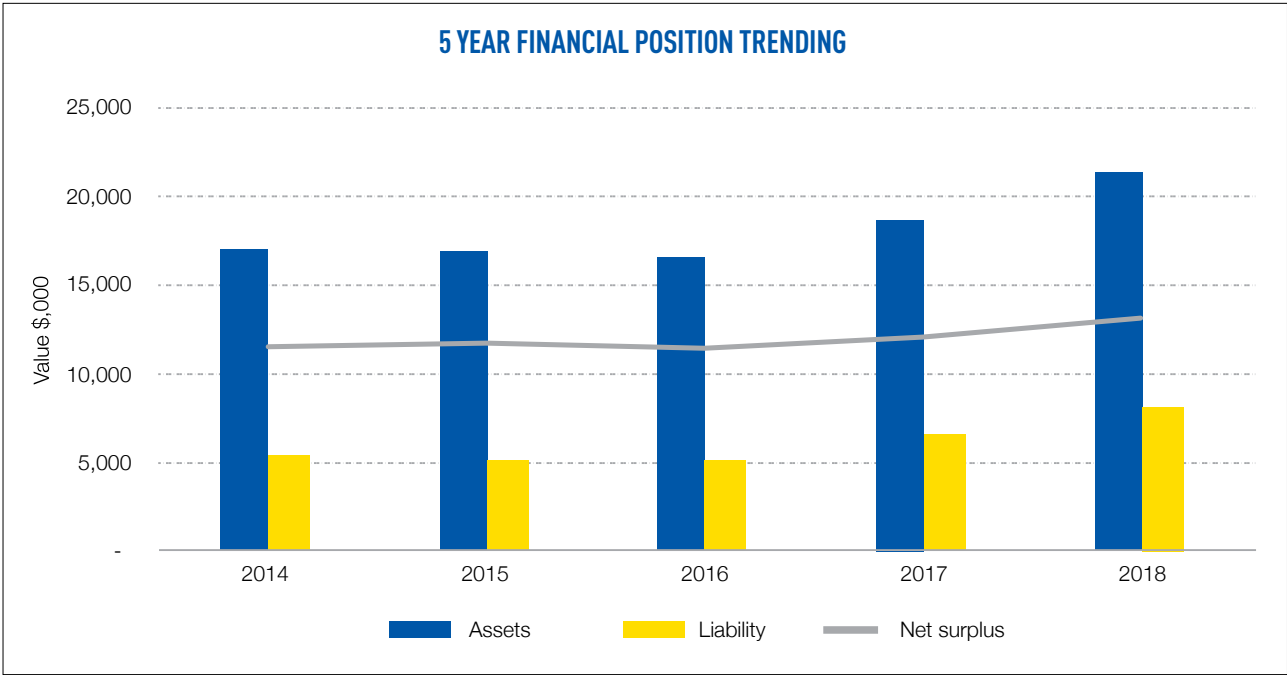
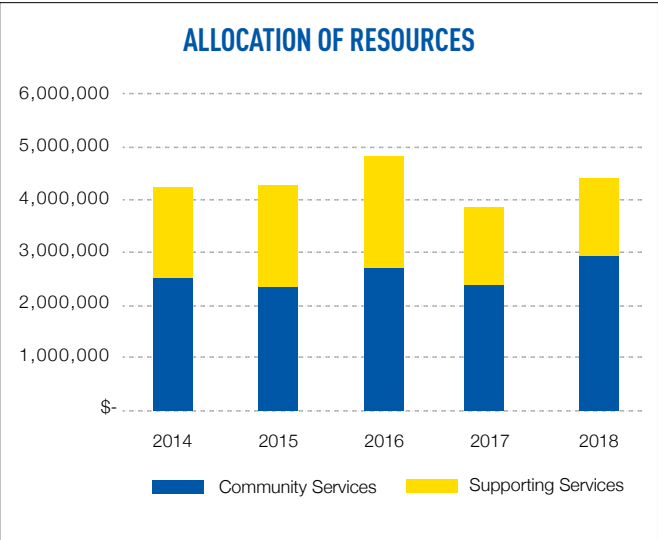
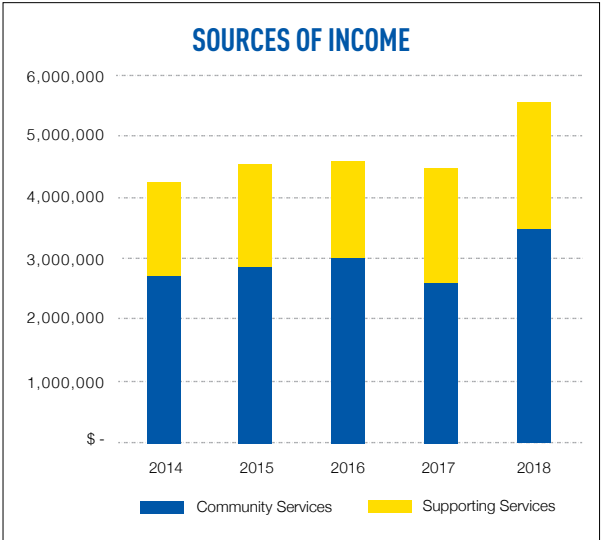
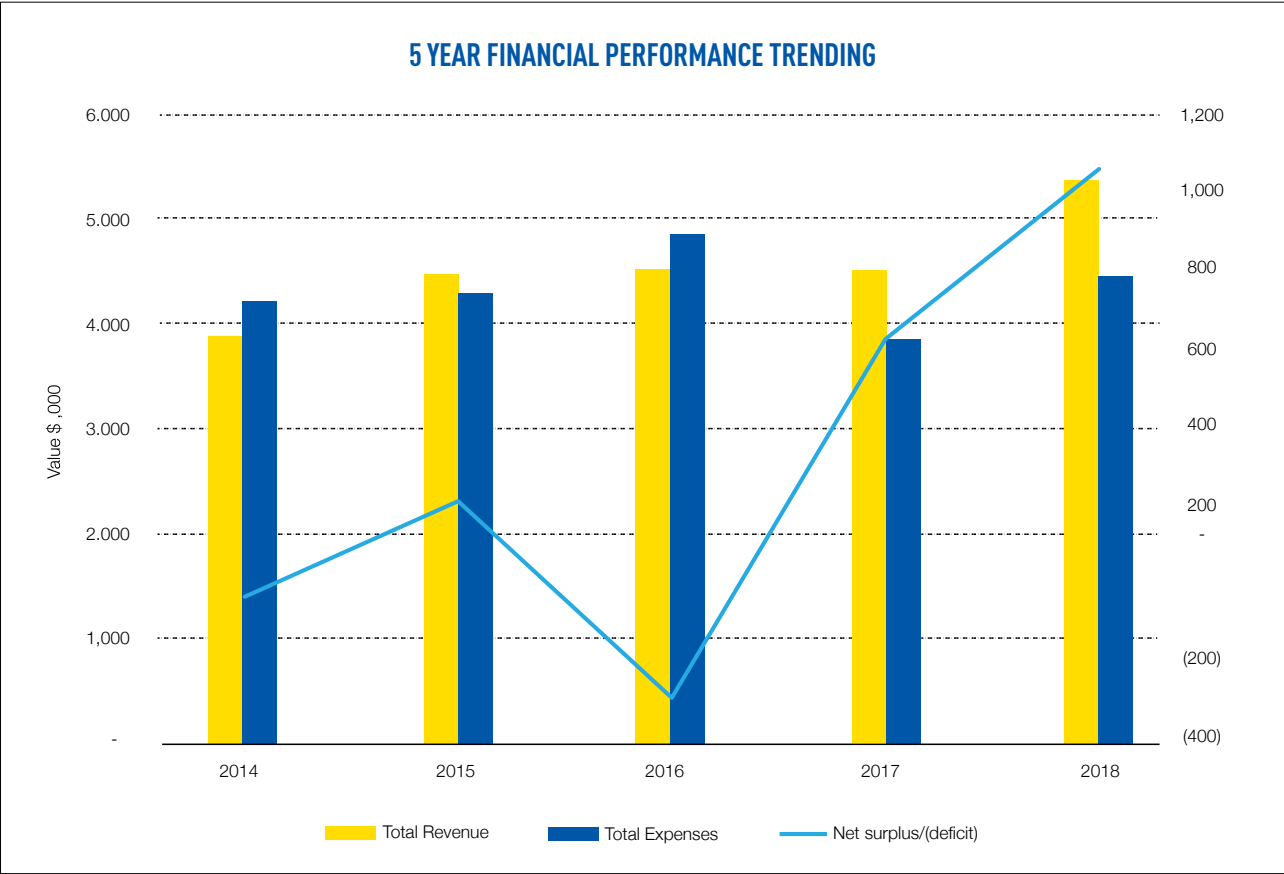
Expenditures remained in proportion to revenue, representing well-managed spending. Total Society assets were \$21.3 million, with the majority relating to fixed assets of \$17.4 million and cash of \$3.8 million.

A major acquisition during the year was the Casuarina building at \$2.95 million, partly funded by a loan of \$1.7 million. The new property will be used for an administration office, retail, and the provision of support and community services. The high traffic location is projected to contribute to growth in

retail revenues.

Net assets reached \$13.1 million, an increase of \$1 million from last financial year. This meant the Society had a healthy asset to equity ratio of 1.63, which indicates it is heading towards a much more stable position in the future.

Jade Garrard
Treasurer




STATEMENT BY THE TERRITORY COUNCIL

The members of the Northern Territory Council declare that:

1. The financial statements, comprising the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity, and accompanying notes, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. In the Councillors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Northern Territory Council.


 Fay Gurn
 Northern Territory President
 Darwin
 12th October 2018


 Jade Garrard
 Northern Territory Treasurer
 Darwin
 12th October 2018



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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY A C TAZIWA TO THE COUNCILLORS OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED

As auditor of St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2018, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the section 60-40 of *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory Incorporated during the period.



C Taziwa
 Audit Partner

BDO Audit (NT)

Darwin, 12 October 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by council.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of the Association, is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Councillors for the Financial Report

The councillors of the Association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, councillors are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the councillors either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The councillors are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.



BDO Audit (NT)



C Taziwa
Audit Partner

Darwin: 12 October 2018

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 \$			2017 \$		
	Revenue	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)	Revenue	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)
Community Services						
Homelessness	2,042,829	1,577,879	464,950	2,053,156	1,696,798	356,358
Help for People in Crisis	914,323	798,338	115,985	536,461	623,894	(87,433)
Migrants, Refugees & Overse	1,620	2,670	(1,050)	-	-	-
Youth	100	2,535	(2,435)	604	60,395	(59,791)
Community Care & Health	535,716	536,913	(1,197)	12,218	7,111	5,107
	<u>3,494,588</u>	<u>2,918,335</u>	<u>576,253</u>	<u>2,602,439</u>	<u>2,388,198</u>	<u>214,241</u>
Supporting Services						
Administration	13,987	72,920	(58,933)	60,732	121,796	(61,064)
Operations	396,891	177,804	219,087	159,297	122,973	36,324
Retail	1,572,489	1,021,019	551,470	1,628,665	978,688	649,977
Warehouse	70,643	299,514	(228,871)	32,295	246,115	(213,820)
	<u>2,054,010</u>	<u>1,571,257</u>	<u>482,753</u>	<u>1,880,989</u>	<u>1,469,572</u>	<u>411,417</u>
	<u>5,548,598</u>	<u>4,489,592</u>	<u>1,059,006</u>	<u>4,483,428</u>	<u>3,857,770</u>	<u>625,658</u>
Total Surplus			<u>1,059,006</u>			<u>625,658</u>

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Total Surplus brought forward	2,3	1,059,006	625,658
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>1,059,006</u>	<u>625,658</u>

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,822,799	4,580,969
Trade and other receivables	6	34,741	137,860
Inventories	7	96	3,525
Other assets	8	25,252	27,095
Assets held for sale	10	131,250	-
Total current assets		4,014,138	4,749,449
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	17,292,345	13,940,785
Other Assets		-	-
Total non-current assets		17,292,345	13,940,785
Total assets		21,306,483	18,690,234
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	271,757	604,784
Current Provision	13	146,725	112,218
Borrowings	12	148,526	-
Grants in Advance	14	2,101,726	1,786,040
Total current liabilities		2,668,734	2,503,042
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	12	1,579,386	-
Provisions	13	48,526	59,739
Grants in advance	14	3,856,229	4,032,851
Total non-current liabilities		5,484,141	4,092,590
Total liabilities		8,152,875	6,595,632
Net assets/(liabilities)		13,153,608	12,094,602
Equity			
Reserves	15	3,407,508	3,407,508
Accumulated funds	15	9,746,100	8,687,094
Total equity		13,153,608	12,094,602

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	\$	Reserves \$	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$	
	Note	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Capital Reserve	Special Reserve	Accumulated Surplus	Total Accumulated Funds
Balance at 30 June 2016		3,257,965	1,438,678	149,543	6,622,760	11,468,946
Total comprehensive income for the period						
Net surplus for the period 30 June 2017		-	-	-	625,656	625,656
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	625,656	625,656
- Reclassification adjustment		-	(1,438,678)	-	1,438,678	-
Balance at 30 June 2017		3,257,965	-	149,543	8,687,094	12,094,602
Total comprehensive income for the period						
Net surplus for the period 30 June 2018		-	-	-	1,059,006	1,059,006
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	1,059,006	1,059,006
- Reclassification adjustment		-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2018	15	3,257,965	-	149,543	9,746,100	13,153,608

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from operating activities		5,950,938	6,429,474
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,362,636)	(4,019,861)
Interest received		72,200	42,740
		(40,363)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	18(b)	1,620,139	2,452,353
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds - sale of property, plant and equipment		239,686	142,796
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(4,305,542)	(361,470)
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,065,856)	(218,674)
Cash flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(112,453)	-
Proceeds from borrowings		1,800,000	-
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,687,547	-
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash		(758,170)	2,233,679
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		4,580,969	2,347,290
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	18(a)	3,822,799	4,580,969

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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About this report

Corporate Information

The St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) (the Society) is a non-government charitable organisation. The financial report covers the economic activities of the Society in the Northern Territory. The Society is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The Society receives a principal part of its income from donations, as cash or in kind. The Society is a deductible gift recipient (DGR).

The financial statements, which are presented in Australian dollars, were authorised for issue on 29 September 2018 by the Territory Council.

The Society is a non-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards

Organisation Details

The registered office of the Incorporated Organisation is:

St Vincent de Paul Society (NT)
Incorporated
107 Dickward Drive
Coconut Grove NT 0810

Note 1: General Accounting Policies

As disclosed in the Early adoption of standards section below, this report has been changed so that accounting policies of particular items appear in the relevant notes. This is to facilitate easier use and more relevant understanding of each item by users of this report.

Basis of Preparation

Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The Australian Accounting Standards include Australian equivalents to International

Financial Reporting Standards AIFRS. Due to the application of Australian specific provisions for not-for-profits entities contained only within Australian Accounting Standards the financial report and notes thereto are not necessarily compliant with all International Financial Reporting Standards.

Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

New and amended standards and interpretations that are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2014 have been adopted. The adoption of these standards and interpretations did not have any material impact on the current or any prior period and is not likely to materially affect future periods.

Disclosure initiative

The Society has elected to early adopt the amending Accounting Standard, AASB 2015-2 for the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018. The amendments allow changes to the format of the notes to the financial statements to enhance the presentation of information to users.

New accounting standards not yet effective

AASB 9: Financial Instruments and associated Amending Standards (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018)

The AASB has issued the complete AASB 9 which supersedes AASB 9 (issued in December 2009-as amended) and AASB 9 (issued in December 2010). AASB 9 introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities and includes a forward-looking 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-changed approach to hedge accounting requirements.

These requirements improve and simplify the approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139. AASB 9 requirements regarding

hedge accounting represent a substantial overhaul of hedge accounting that enable entities to better reflect their risk management activities in the financial statements.

Furthermore, AASB 9 introduces a new impairment model based on expected credit losses. This model makes use of more forward-looking information and applies to all financial instruments that are subject to impairment accounting.

The change is applied retrospectively, however comparatives need not be retrospectively restated. Instead, the cumulative effect of applying the change for the first time is recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings on 1 July 2018. Although the councillors anticipate that the adoption of AASB 9 may have an impact on the Society's financial statements, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

AASB 16 Leases (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019)

AASB 16 eliminates the operating and finance lease classifications for lessees currently accounted for under AASB 117 Leases. It instead requires an entity to bring most leases into its statement of financial position in a similar way to how existing finance leases are treated under AASB 117. An entity will be required to recognise a lease liability and a right of use asset in its statement of financial position for most leases.

There are some optional exemptions for leases with a period of 12 months or less and for low value leases. Lessor accounting remains largely unchanged from AASB 117.

To the extent that the entity, as lessee, has significant operating leases outstanding at the date of initial application, 1 July 2019, right-of-use assets will be recognised for the amount of the unamortised portion of the useful life, and lease liabilities will be recognised at the present value of the outstanding lease payments. The Society is yet to undertake a detailed assessment of the impact of AASB 16.

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However, based on the entity's preliminary assessment, the first time adoption of the Standard for the year ending 30 June 2020 will affect primarily the accounting for the society's operating leases. As at the reporting date, the Society has non-cancellable operating lease commitments of \$Nil, see note 15. However, the Society has not yet determined to what extent these commitments will result in the recognition of an asset and a liability for future payments and how this will affect the Society's profit and classification of cash flows. At this stage, the Society does not intend to adopt the standard before its effective date.

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019)

AASB 1058 clarifies and simplifies the income recognition requirements that apply to not-to-profit (NFP) entities, in conjunction with AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. These Standards supersede all the income recognition requirements relating to private sector NFP entities, and the majority of income recognition requirements relating to public sector NFP entities, previously in AASB 1004 Contributions. Under AASB 1058, the timing of income recognition depends on whether a NFP transaction gives rise to a liability or other performance obligation (a promise to transfer a good or service), or a contribution by owners, related to an asset (such as cash or another asset) received by an entity. AASB 1058 establishes principles and guidance when accounting for:

- Transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value, principally to enable a NFP to further its objectives; and
- The receipt of volunteer services.

An entity may elect to recognise volunteer services or a class of volunteer services as an accounting policy choice if the fair value of those services can be measured reliably, whether or not the services would

have been purchased if they had not been donated. Recognised volunteer services should be measured at fair value and any excess over the related amounts (such as contributions by owners or revenue) immediately recognised as income in profit or loss.

Although the councillors anticipate that the adoption of AASB 1058 may have an impact on the Society's financial statements, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

AASB 2016-4: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards-Recoverable Amount of Non-Cash-Generating Specialised Assets of Not-for-Profit Entities (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018).

This Standard amends AASB 136 Impairment of Assets to remove references to depreciated replacement cost as a measure of value in use for not-for-profit entities; and clarify that AASB 136 does not apply to non-cash-generating specialised assets that are regularly revalued to fair value under the revaluation model in AASB 116 and AASB 138 Intangible Assets, but applies to such assets accounted for under the cost model in those Standards.

This Standard amends AASB 136 Impairment of Assets to:

- a. Remove references to 'depreciated replacement cost' as a measure of value in use for not-for-profit entities; and Clarify that the recoverable amount of primarily non-cash-generating assets of not-for-profit entities, which are typically specialised in nature and held for continuing use of their service capacity, is expected to be materially the same as fair value determined under AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement, with the consequence that:
 - i. AASB 136 does not apply to such assets that are regularly revalued to fair value under the revaluation model in AASB 116 Property,

Plant and Equipment and AASB 138 Intangible Assets; and

- ii. AASB 136 applies to such assets accounted for under the cost model in AASB 116 and AASB 138.

The removal of the concept of 'depreciated replacement cost' as a proxy for 'value in use' when testing impairment of specialised, non-cash-generating assets will have no impact when these amendments are first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2018 because these changes merely clarify that 'depreciated replacement cost', and 'current replacement cost' used to measure fair value under AASB 13 mean the same thing.

Reporting basis and conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs modified by the revaluations of selected financial assets, for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

Key judgements and estimates

In the process of applying the Society's accounting policies, management has made a number of judgements and applied estimates for future events. Judgements and estimates which are material to the financial report are found in the following notes:

Note	Description	Page no.
Note 9	Property Plant & Equipment	45
Note 13	Provisions	50
Note 15	Equity	52
Note 17	Commitments	53

Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities

Fair values may be used for financial asset and liability measurement and well as for sundry disclosures.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It is based on the presumption that

Note 1: General Accounting Policies (continued)

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the transaction takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market. The principal or most advantageous market must be accessible to, or by, the Society.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best economic interest.

The fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account the market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset at its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset at its highest and best use.

In measuring fair value, the Society uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs.

Comparative figures

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in the current year for any substantial changes.

The notes to the financial statements

The notes include information which is required to understand the financial statements and is material and relevant to the operations, financial position and performance of the Society. Information is considered relevant and material if for example:

- the amount in question is significant because of its size or nature;
- it is important for understanding the results of the Society;
- it helps to explain the impact of significant changes in the Society's business, acquisitions and impairment writedowns;
- it is related to an aspect of the Society's operations that is important to its future performance.

The notes are organised in the following way:

Key Numbers	Note 2 to 8, 10 to 13
Capital Expenditure	Note 9
Risk	Note 19
Unrecognised items	Note 16 and 17.

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Note 2: Revenue

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue:			
Shop revenue		1,564,743	1,625,699
Donations			
- General		133,147	153,360
Corporate Sponsorship			
- Special appeal		-	20,000
		133,147	173,360
Bequests		-	-
Government Funding			
- General		2,193,004	1,675,300
- Capital Funding		503,628	176,622
		2,696,632	1,851,922
Interest received			
- Cash and cash equivalents		72,200	39,832
- Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		-	2,908
		72,200	42,740
Dividends received		-	-
Contributions for Service		706,860	659,480
Placement Fee		54,826	18,896
Revenue		5,228,408	4,372,097
Other Income			
- Gain/ (Loss) on sale of property, plant and equipment		74,400	91,989
- Other revenue		45,790	19,342
- Grants from National Council		200,000	-
		5,548,598	4,483,428

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 2: Revenue (continued)

Accounting Policy

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Society and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Goods and Services Tax

Revenues are recognised net of the amount of GST. GST received during the financial year is stated at gross amounts in the Statement of Cash Flows and is included in receipts from operating activities.

Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and can be measured reliably. Risks and rewards are considered passed to the buyer at the time of delivery and/or control of the goods has passed to the buyer.

Donations and bequests

Revenue or capital assets arising from donations and bequests is recognised when control is obtained, as it is impossible for the Society to reliably measure these prior to this time. For example, cash donations are recognised when banked and other donations are recognised when title or possession transfers to the Society.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind obtained for charitable purposes have a nil replacement value (that is they would be replaced by other donated goods), and as such revenue from the donations of these goods are not included in the financial statements other than as defined under donations and bequests.

Government grants

Grants are principally of a recurrent or capital nature and intended to fund ongoing operations or asset acquisitions.

Grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered, or conditions are fulfilled, are considered

reciprocal. Such grants are initially recognised as a liability and revenue is recognised as services are performed or conditions fulfilled. Revenue from non-reciprocal grants is recognised when the Society obtains control of the funds.

The Society has determined that capital grant income shall be recognised over the term of the agreement where the terms of the grant include service requirements and other conditions. As the conditional agreement extends to the life of the agreement (20 to 40 years) the Society has determined that the capital grants will be initially recognised as a deferred income liability and amortised to capital grant income over the period of the agreement.

Interest revenue

Revenue is recognised as the interest accrues for the accounting period.

Contributions for service

Client contributions for service by clients who have the capacity to pay are recognised when the service is provided.

Proceeds of non-current asset sales

The net gain from the sale of non-current assets is included as revenue when control of the asset passes to the buyer. The gain or loss on disposal is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and net proceeds.

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Note 3: Operating Expenses

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Specific required disclosures are:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	9	457,446	397,983
Material Assistance Provided		357,434	433,924
Services Provided		253,742	25,864
Write off of fixed assets		-	-
Rental expense on operating leases - Minimum lease payments		136,555	147,428
Other property costs		665,185	530,205
Employee benefits		1,829,032	1,782,585
Defined contribution superannuation expense		144,177	140,886
Finance costs		42,524	36

Accounting Policy

Goods and Services Tax

Expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST. GST paid during the financial year is stated at gross amounts in the Statement of Cash Flows and is included in payments to suppliers.

Note 4: Auditors' Remuneration

Amount paid to BDO for:		
Audit of financial report and grant financial returns	28,300	13,843
Indirect taxation services	-	-
Other Assurance Services	-	-
	<u>28,300</u>	<u>13,843</u>

Note 5: Cash And Cash Equivalents

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash on Hand		3,638	2,662
Cash at Bank		3,819,161	4,578,307
		<u>3,822,799</u>	<u>4,580,969</u>

Accounting Policy

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at bank and in hand and deposits at call or with an original maturity of less than three months, which are subject to insignificant risks of changes in their value. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Financial assets

All financial assets are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given and including acquisition charges associated with the financial assets. Where a financial asset is acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Note 6: Trade and Other Receivables			
Trade and other receivables		8,467	29,848
GST receivable		26,274	108,012
		<u>34,741</u>	<u>137,860</u>

Accounting Policy

Trade and other receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off when identified.

Goods and Services Tax

Assets are recognised net of the amount of GST. Receivables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST. GST received during the financial year is stated at gross amounts in the Statement of Cash Flows and is included in receipts from operating activities.

Financial assets

All financial assets are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given and including acquisition charges associated with the financial assets. Where a financial asset is acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

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	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Note 7: Inventories			
Stock on Hand		96	3,525
		<u>96</u>	<u>3,525</u>

Accounting Policy

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and current replacement cost.

Note 8: Other Assets**Current**

Prepayments		25,252	27,095
		<u>25,252</u>	<u>27,095</u>

Non-Current

		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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Accounting Policy

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired. These are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after reporting date, which are classified as non-current.

Goods and Services Tax

Assets are recognised net of the amount of GST. GST received during the financial year is stated at gross amounts in the Statement of Cash Flows and is included in receipts from operating activities.

Financial assets

All financial assets are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given and including acquisition charges associated with the financial assets. Where a financial asset is acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

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Note 9: Property, Plant & Equipment

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Land and Buildings			
At Deemed Cost		17,510,882	14,349,155
Less accumulated depreciation		(1,235,845)	(961,543)
		<u>16,275,037</u>	<u>13,387,612</u>
Leasehold Improvements			
At Cost		667,382	668,863
Less accumulated depreciation		(435,534)	(422,593)
		<u>231,848</u>	<u>246,270</u>
Motor Vehicles			
At Cost		465,836	495,084
Less accumulated depreciation		(165,790)	(290,096)
		<u>300,046</u>	<u>204,988</u>
Office Equipment			
At Cost		413,296	250,890
Less accumulated depreciation		(208,339)	(148,975)
		<u>204,957</u>	<u>101,915</u>
Work in Progress			
At Cost		280,457	-
		<u>280,457</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment		<u>17,292,345</u>	<u>13,940,785</u>

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Note 9: Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the the current financial year are set out below:

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Land & Buildings			
Carrying amount at the beginning of the financial year		13,387,611	13,579,496
Additions		3,252,265	50,502
Disposals		-	-
Transfers		40,712	-
Transfers to Assets held for sale		(131,250)	-
Less depreciation		(274,302)	(242,387)
Carrying amount at the end of the financial year		<u>16,275,036</u>	<u>13,387,611</u>
Leasehold Improvements			
Carrying amount at the beginning of the financial year		246,271	307,651
Additions		58,672	14,664
Disposals		(10,683)	-
Transfers		-	-
Less depreciation		(62,411)	(76,044)
Carrying amount at the end of the financial year		<u>231,849</u>	<u>246,271</u>
Motor Vehicles			
Carrying amount at the beginning of the financial year		204,989	87,687
Additions		311,040	222,899
Disposals		(154,603)	(50,807)
Transfers		-	-
Less depreciation		(61,378)	(54,790)
Carrying amount at the end of the financial year		<u>300,048</u>	<u>204,989</u>
Office Equipment			
Carrying amount at the beginning of the financial year		101,915	53,272
Additions		162,396	73,405
Disposals		-	-
Transfers		-	-
Less depreciation		(59,355)	(24,762)
Carrying amount at the end of the financial year		<u>204,956</u>	<u>101,915</u>

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Note 9: Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Reconciliations (continued)

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Work in Progress			
Carrying amount at the beginning of the financial year		-	-
Additions		321,168	-
Disposals		-	-
Transfers		(40,712)	-
Less depreciation		-	-
Carrying amount at the end of the financial year		<u>280,456</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment			
Carrying amount at the beginning of the financial year		13,940,785	14,028,106
Additions (excluding make good leased premises)		4,105,542	361,469
Movement in make good leased premises (non-cash)		-	-
Disposals		(165,286)	(50,807)
Transfers		-	-
Transfers to assets held for sale		(131,250)	-
Less depreciation	3	(457,446)	(397,983)
Carrying amount at the end of the financial year		<u>17,292,345</u>	<u>13,940,785</u>

Accounting Policy

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of assets as follows:

Class of Property, Plant and Equipment

Buildings
Furniture & fittings, leasehold improvements & office equipment
Computer equipment
Motor vehicles

Depreciation Rates

2.50%
2.5% to 20%
20% to 33.33%
15% to 20%

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Note 9: Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)

Impairment

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, the assets are written down to their recoverable amount.

At each reporting date, the Territory Councillors review a number of factors affecting property, plant and equipment, including their carrying values, to determine if these assets may be impaired. If an impairment indicator exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and 'value in use' is compared to the carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amounts is expensed in profit or loss as an impairment expense.

As the future economic benefits of the Society's assets are not primarily dependent on their ability to generate net cash inflows, and if deprived of the asset, the Society would replace the asset's remaining future economic benefits, 'value in use' is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of the asset, rather than by using discounted future cash flows.

Depreciated replacement cost is defined as the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. The current replacement cost of an asset is its cost measured by reference to the lowest cost at which the assets future economic benefits of that asset could currently be obtained in the normal course of business.

Goods and Services Tax

Assets are recognised net of the amount of GST.

	Note	2018	2017
Note 10: Assets held for sale			
Assets Held For Sale		131,250	-

	Note	2018	2017
Note 11: Trade and Other Payables			
Trade and Other Creditors		271,757	604,783
		<u>271,757</u>	<u>604,783</u>
		<u>271,757</u>	<u>604,783</u>

Accounting Policy

Trade and other payables represent unpaid liabilities for goods received by and services provided to the Society prior to the end of the financial year. The amounts are unsecured and are normally settled within 14-30 days.

Goods and Services Tax

Payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST. GST paid during the financial year is stated at gross amounts in the Statement of Cash Flows and is included in payments to suppliers.

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Note 12: Interest Bearing Liabilities

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current		
Interest bearing liabilities	148,526	-
	<u>148,526</u>	<u>-</u>
Non-current		
Interest bearing liabilities	1,579,386	-
	<u>1,579,386</u>	<u>-</u>
The carrying amounts of non-current assets pledged as security are:		
Freehold Land and Buildings	2,950,000	-
	<u>2,950,000</u>	<u>-</u>

This facility is secured by a first mortgage, held by the Archdiocesan Development Fund, over 3 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina owned by the Society. A covenant has been imposed requiring all operating funds that are surplus to the Society's normal day to day requirements, are to be placed on deposit with the Archdiocesan Development Fund. The Archdiocesan Development Fund has approved that these funds may be placed on deposit with the Darwin Diocesan Development Fund. There has been no breach of this covenant.

Accounting Policy

Interest bearing liabilities are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest bearing liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities, including loans and borrowings, are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

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Note 13: Provisions

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Employee Entitlements - Annual Leave	89,737	87,208
Employee Entitlements - Long Service Leave	56,988	25,010
	146,725	112,218
Non-current		
Employee Entitlements - Long Service Leave	48,526	59,739
	48,526	59,739

Accounting Policy

Liabilities for wages and salaries expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date represent present obligations resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date, calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration wage and salary rates that the Society expects to pay as at reporting date including on-costs.

Employee Entitlements

Sick leave is non-vesting and no provision has been made.

The provision for annual leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date. The liability is recognised as current and non-current provisions dependent on the unconditional right to settlement of the liability within 12 months after the reporting date. The provision is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates, expected settlement dates and is discounted using the rates attaching to corporate bonds at reporting date.

The provision for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date. The liability for long service leave is recognised as current and non-current provisions, depending on the unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

The provision is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates including related on-costs and expected settlement dates based on experience of employee departures and periods of service and is discounted using the rates attaching to corporate bonds at reporting date which most closely match the terms of maturity of the related liabilities.

Other Provisions

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and make good obligations are recognised when the Society has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

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Note 14: Grants in advance

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current		
Grants in advance - Operational	1,925,105	1,609,419
Grants in advance - Capital	176,621	176,621
	2,101,726	1,786,040
Non-current		
Grants in advance - Capital	3,856,229	4,032,851
	3,856,229	4,032,851

Accounting Policy

Grants are principally of a recurrent or capital nature and intended to fund ongoing operations or asset acquisitions.

Grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered, or conditions are fulfilled, are considered reciprocal. Such grants are initially recognised as a liability and revenue is recognised as services are performed or conditions fulfilled. Revenue from non-reciprocal grants is recognised when the Society obtains control of the funds.

The Society has determined that capital grant income shall be recognised over the term of the agreement where the terms of the grant include service requirements and other conditions. As the conditional agreement extends to the life of the agreement (20 to 40 years) the Society has determined that the capital grants will be initially recognised as a deferred income liability and amortised to capital grant income over the period of the agreement.

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Note 15: Equity

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Property Revaluation Reserve		3,257,965	3,257,965
Fair Value Reserve		149,543	149,543
Property Revaluation Reserve		3,407,508	3,407,508
Accumulated Funds		9,746,100	8,687,094
		<u>13,153,608</u>	<u>12,094,602</u>

Accounting Policy

Property revaluation reserve

The property revaluation reserve records increments and decrements on the revaluation of individual parcels of land and buildings when revaluations have been performed previously. When individual parcels of land and buildings are sold, any balance in the revaluation reserve pertaining to those land and buildings is transferred to accumulated funds. Transfers for land and buildings sold during the year amounted to Nil. (2017: \$NIL).

Note 16: Contingent Assets & Contingent Liabilities

There is currently no contingent assets or liabilities that management is aware of.

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Note 17: Commitments

(a) Operating lease commitments payable

Future minimum lease payments due on non-cancellable property operating leases

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Property - Operating Leases			
Not later than one year		105,378	-
Later than one year but not later than 5 years		284,449	-
		<u>389,827</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Capital commitments

Capital Expenditure Commitments

Contracted for:

Not later than one year	-	-
Later than one year but not later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Planned for:

Not later than one year	771,565	-
Later than one year but not later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>771,565</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital expenditure commitments	<u>771,565</u>	<u>-</u>

Planned for capital commitments represents planned renovation works to be performed at 3 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina and property acquisition for Tennant Creek.

Accounting Policy

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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Note 18: Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
(a) Reconciliation of Cash			
Cash at the end of the financial period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:			
Cash on Hand	5	3,638	2,662
Cash at Bank	5	3,819,161	4,578,307
Balance per Statement of Cash Flows		3,822,799	4,580,969
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with the net surplus			
Net Surplus		1,059,006	625,658
Non-cash flows in operating surplus			
Depreciation	9	457,446	397,983
Net (gain) on sale of fixed assets	2	(74,400)	(91,989)
Other non-cash items		377,986	1,518,690
Changes in assets and liabilities			
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		(138,237)	179,085
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		1,843	(8,595)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		3,429	16,854
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		(90,228)	39,608
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		23,294	(224,941)
Cash flows from operations		1,620,139	2,452,353

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Note 19: Financial Risk Management

General Objectives, Policies And Processes

In common with similar organisations, the Society is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Society's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them.

There have been no substantive changes in the Society's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

The principal financial instruments from which financial instrument risk arises:

- Cash and cash equivalents;
- Trade and other receivables;
- Trade and other payables; and
- Interest bearing liabilities.

The Territory Council has overall responsibility for the determination of the Society's risk management objectives and policies.

(a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligations resulting in the Society incurring a financial loss. This usually occurs when debtors or counter parties to contracts fail to settle their obligations owing to the Society.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date, without taking into account the value of any collateral or other security, in the event other parties fail to perform their obligations under financial instruments in relation to each class of recognised financial asset at reporting date is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position and is as follows:

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,822,799	4,580,969
Trade and other receivables	6	34,741	137,860
		3,857,540	4,718,829

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are deposited with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the Darwin Diocesan Development Fund.

Trade and other receivables

Within trade and other receivables the federal and state governments are the largest debtors through GST and government funding receivables. Credit risk associated with trade and other receivables is monitored by the monthly review of trade debtor listings.

(b) Market Risk

The Society does not have any material exposure to market risks other than interest rate risks. The policies and procedures for managing price risk are similar to those for managing credit risk as detailed in Note 19(a).

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises from the use of interest bearing financial instruments. It is the risk that fair value for future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates.

The Society monitors its interest rate exposure continuously. Total financial assets that earned interest at a floating rate is \$3,819,161 as at 30 June 2018 (2017: \$4,578,307).

Note 20: Events Subsequent To Reporting Date

(a) There has been no events subsequent to balance date that would have a material impact on the financial report.

(b) Current & Future Capital Commitments:

Future capital Commitments for Capital works and acquisition in the next 12 months is estimated at \$771,565 (2017: \$Nil).

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Note 21: Related party transactions

The names of persons who were Territory Councillors of St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Incorporated at any time during the financial year are as follows:

For the Period:	During Period:
Fay Gurr	Jade Garrard (commenced 5 October 2017)
John Tobin	Angela Martinez (commenced 11 October 2017)
Damian Legg	Justin Dezylva (commenced 26 May 2018)
Cedric Francis	
Kathryn Pettersen	
Jocelyn Cull-Finch	

No Territory Councillor has entered into a material contract with St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Incorporated since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving Territory Councillors’ interests subsisting at year end. Territory Councillors may have family members or relatives who utilise the services that St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Incorporated provides. Such transactions are conducted at arms length.

Other key management personnel were:

Peter Maher	Chief Executive Officer
Kirstin Hinchliffe	Human Resource Manager
Deborah Nisbet	Chief Financial Officer
Joe Duskovic	Corporate Secretary & Legal Services Manager
Edwina Wagland	Executive Officer

Territory Councillors do not receive any direct remuneration, however a reportable fringe benefit does exist on motor vehicle usage and is included in the figure below.

Key management personnel remuneration includes reportable fringe benefits on motor vehicles supplied.

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Remuneration including reportable fringe benefits on motor vehicles	# 153,261	149,800

The bands of remuneration (including reportable fringe benefits) are as follows:

\$0-40k	4	3
\$40-80k	0	0
\$80-160k	1	1
\$160k and above	0	0

Reassessment of Key Management Personnel based on the Accounting Standards definition identified only 5 (2017: 4) who had key strategic influence. The banding information summarises the annualised rates of the key management personnel and is not the actual amount paid.

Intra-Society

Brought to account in arriving at the surplus for the year are net intra-society payments of \$628,378 (2017: \$618,250). Intra-society payments and receipts are payments made to and funds received from the Society of St Vincent de Paul outside Northern Territory.

The net intra-society payments is made up of intra-society payments of \$783,745 (2017: \$572,734) to the St Vincent de Paul Society of Queensland, these payments were for the intra-society payments for day to day operational costs of administering the Territory Council. Payments to National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society included \$44,560 (2017: \$40,915) for levies and twinning payments to National Council. Payments received from National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society included \$200,000 (2017:\$Nil) for match grant funding for the Bakhita Building renovations.

AN ELDERLY COUPLE, JUNE AND ROBERT, WERE PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT WHEN THE HUSBAND WAS DIAGNOSED WITH DEMENTIA. ROBERT’S CONDITION DETERIORATED RAPIDLY AND NECESSITATED HIS PLACEMENT IN A LOCAL NURSING HOME.

June visits her husband and spends her days with him, but the additional work around the house had become too much. The garden had been neglected as well as other chores as she did not have the energy or mobility to take care of them.

June was assisted with applying for the Commonwealth Health Support Program via the Society and within weeks her home is back to normal and she has expressed her enjoyment of the company of the workers. She phoned to thank us saying that gardening days were special.

“I have company. I look forward to them coming and I don’t have to worry anymore.”

Please note names have been changed to protect privacy.



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One of the Society's lifelines has been the generous financial assistance our loyal donors have given over the years. This support assists the many activities undertaken by the Society. Donations can be directed to a specific special work or general works. You can make a secure donation online or by calling 13 18 12.

Membership and volunteering

Become a member of a Conference or volunteer your time to assist people in need in your community.

Workplace giving

Individuals or groups of employees can take part in this program by donating a small amount each fortnight, which is deducted from employee salaries by their payroll department and forwarded to the Society.

Corporate collaboration

If you are a business looking to partner with a charity, you can contact our administration office to discuss ways your company can support one of Australia's largest and most respected charitable organisations.

Donate goods

Donations of quality second-hand clothing, furniture and household goods can be made at any Centre of Charity, or collected by contacting us.

Gifts in wills

You can support those in need by making a bequest to the Society in your Will. Through remembering the Society in your Will, you will ensure your legacy lives on through the assistance your generosity provides.

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