



St Vincent de Paul Society  
TASMANIA  
*good works*



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

Offering Hope  
Restoring Lives

## 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.

## VISION

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

## ASPIRATION

An Australia transformed by compassion and built on justice. The Society advocates on several pressing social justice issues such as homelessness, poverty and asylum seekers.

## LOGO



*The hand of Christ  
blesses the cup*



*The hand of love  
offers the cup*



*The hand of suffering  
receives the cup*

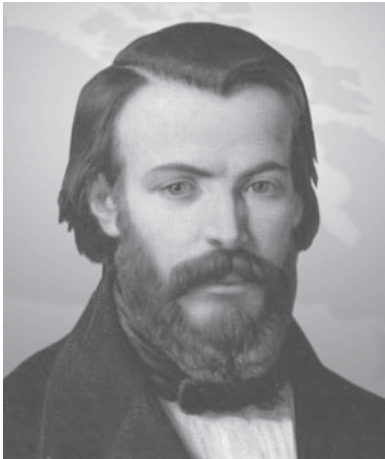
The logo is the symbol of the St Vincent de Paul Society in many countries and was designed by Australian sculptor, Tom Bass. It represents the hand of Christ that blesses the cup, the hand of love that offers the cup and the hand of suffering that receives the cup.

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# OUR HISTORY



Founder  
Blessed Frederic Ozanam  
23 April, 1813 -  
8 September, 1853

Frederic Ozanam founded the St Vincent de Paul Society in Paris in 1833. Frederic was a 20 year old student at Sorbonne University. France was experiencing tremendous political and social upheaval.

Frederic along with six of his university colleagues wanted to respond in a practical way to the poverty and hardship they saw around them. Frederic and his group visited people in their homes offering friendship and support. This group later became known as the 'first' Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The practice of visiting people in

their homes became known as Home Visitation, and remains the core activity of St Vincent de Paul Society members today.

Frederic died on 8 September 1853 at the age of 40. At the time of his death there were approximately 2,000 Conferences operating throughout the world.

Frederic was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997.



Patron  
St Vincent de Paul  
4 April, 1581 -  
6 June, 1737

The Society is named after St Vincent de Paul, who was ordained a priest in 1600.

As a young man he ministered to the wealthy; it wasn't until he was appointed to a poor parish that his vocation to work with those most powerless and marginalised was inspired.

From then on he devoted his life to helping the underprivileged. There was no form of poverty - physical, emotional or spiritual, which he did not try to alleviate. Vincent pledged his life to the sick, orphaned, elderly, starving and imprisoned.

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

Vincent de Paul died in Paris on 27 September 1660 at the age of 79. He was canonised on 16 June 1737.

# GOVERNANCE

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## Responsibilities

The governing body for St Vincent de Paul Society Tasmania in Tasmania, (The Society) is its State Council. The members of State Council carry out their functions in accordance with The Rule of the St Vincent de Paul Society, its Constitution, the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) and other relevant State and Federal legislation.

The State Council operates in accordance with its Charter, Delegations Manual and Code of Conduct, which sets out its roles and responsibilities. The State Council is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the Society and ensures good governance principles are applied and adhered to. The State Council is also responsible for the Society's Mission and Vision, setting the strategic direction and for monitoring the achievement of its objectives.

The State Council approves and monitors the business plan and operating budgets of the Society. It receives and monitors reports from management on financial performance, workplace health and safety, risk, compliance and human resource management as well as matters of strategic significance.

## Composition

The State Council currently consists of 10 members, representing Society members, employees and volunteers. The 10 members are made up of 5 elected members and a further 5 appointments that are made by the State President. The State President appoints the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Spiritual Advisor and Youth Rep. The State President can also appoint Officers with specific skills and experience to complement the State Council members. The term of office for appointed members concludes at the end of the State President's term.

## Advisory Committees

The Society has a number of Advisory Committees to assist the State Council in carrying out their responsibilities and to provide advice and recommendations for effective and informed decision-making. The committee structure enables State Council members to have access to a broad range of external experts, members and employees who would not otherwise be available.

## Regulatory Framework

The Society is an Incorporated Association under the Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) 1964 and has a Constitution that operates in accordance with

that legislation. It is a charity under the Charities Act 2013 and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). The Society is a Public Benevolent Institution and is endorsed to access GST Concessions, FBT Exemption, and Income Tax Exemption. The Society is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient.

## Governance Framework

Overseen by our Governance Committee, the Society has a robust governance framework, including a State Council. All members, employees and volunteers as well as consultants and contractors are expected to comply with the Society's policies and procedures.

The purpose of this framework is to ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, and enable efficient management of the Society in accordance with The Rule, Constitution, relevant laws and our Ethos. The State Council monitors compliance through compliance questionnaires and reporting.

# STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Toni Muir  
State President



Paul Marshall  
Vice President



Catherine Beaver  
Advisory



Bernard Saunders  
Secretary



Mark Gaetani  
Treasurer



Fr John McKay  
Spiritual Advisor



Lara Alexander  
CEO



Pat Flanagan  
Southern Regional  
President



Hetty Binns  
Launceston Regional  
President



Veronica Riley  
Devonport Regional President



Marie Wilkin  
Burnie Regional President

# SPIRITUAL ADVISORS REPORT

## Father John McKay

I am privileged to offer this reflection, which is based on a personal experience.

There are two guiding principles which direct us as members of the Vincentian family.

If we are to effectively work in helping those who are homeless or in any need, then we must first never judge and more importantly we must see Christ in them.

Pope Francis said. "Giving something to someone in need is the right thing to do and it should be done with respect and compassion by looking into the person's eyes".

I worked what was called: "the graveyard watch," at Ozanam House in Melbourne, meaning, after all volunteers had left I had to admit or not latecomers. Many times I prayed the door would hold before the police arrived.

One night a person arrived, he was not violent, it was a dreadful winter night. His first words to me were: "I know brother I can't stay but can we just talk"? I gave him a coffee and some soup. I regretted sending him back into the cold. He came back a few nights later, I knew I was disobeying the rules, but I let him in and over a coffee and some soup he told me his story.

He had been a doctor and a very good one. He blamed no-one but himself for destroying his life and family.

His story touched me deeply. He gave me so much more than I gave him.

I believe that is what we are called to do in our services to those in need.

It is not always easy!

Sometimes we are humanly put off by smell or attitude. Those we seek to serve, could be ourselves if our lives went wrong. Let us remember that we are merely servants to those in need.

Charity is cold, it is not based on faith and prayer. Our Holy Father reminded us: "The poor will never forgive you for reminding them that they are poor, they will forgive you if you love them."

That is our mission. Let us do it with the charity and love of Christ in our hearts.

At the end of the day would you rather be someone who was taken advantage of or someone who opened their heart to someone in need. We cannot, I believe, be of service without taking all our endeavours to prayer.



It is there we find our inspiration and strength to continue our mission to those we encounter in need.

May God bless you all in your untiring work for those in need.

Father John McKay

*"Giving something to someone in need is the right thing to do and it should be done with respect and compassion by looking into the person's eyes". Pope Francis*

# MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

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## Toni Muir

Each year I am overwhelmed by the scope and scale of the work carried out by the St Vincent de Paul Society across Tasmania. This year is no exception and has been presented with many challenges that have revealed the strength and values of the Society of which I am humbled to be a member of and work with a large number of wonderful people.

The Society is a volunteer faith based organisation that celebrates the underlying strength of our members and volunteers who give so generously week in and week out their time, compassion and care to help us help so many people across the State. To assist the members and volunteers the Society is fortunate to have committed and passionate staff who support the ethos of the Society, State Council and Regional Council members that enables us to fulfil our mission and vision.

I wish to express appreciation to State Council members for their contribution and direction throughout this financial year while still being extremely busy in their own areas. I wish also to acknowledge and thank the members of the Advisory Committees, for their expertise and valuable time that has been of great benefit to the operations and activities of the Society.

This year the Society has faced

many increasing challenges and calls on our services both in administration and assistance. We have encountered a large increase in requests and the complex situations have driven more resources and responses relevant to the people we have helped. Our members through home visitation and assistance offices deliver a caring response to people's needs always treating them with dignity and giving them hope to take control of their own situation that will give to them a better way of living. The material support we offer at times masks the real need and this is when we look more closely and at what is causing financial or emotional stress and we work with them and other agencies that can provide the relevant service.

This financial year the Society referred 297 people to external services and we received 60 to our services. Our principal Founder Frederic Ozanam when speaking to his conference members said...

"You must not be content with tiding the poor over the poverty crisis: You must study their condition and the injustice which brought about such poverty, with the aim of a long term improvement."

Funding our works is an ongoing challenge. We are very appreciative of the funding support we receive from both Federal and State Government, our donors, the general public,



schools, businesses, Catholic communities and supporters, with this support we are able to help a larger number of people. All monies donated and raised in Tasmania stays in Tasmania and is spent on helping our fellow Tasmanians in need of a helping hand up.

The Society assisted 11,578 adults and 9,260 children in 2017/18, with over 28,218 calls for help and provided \$1.1 million dollars. Requests for assistance realised 69% for food and 31% for utility payments (mainly energy) rent, Christmas hampers, clothing, travel costs, household items.

The CEO Sleepout raised \$202,000 dollars which enables the Society to invest more into helping people into affordable housing or prevention of homelessness.

The Society is able to measure the wrap around support to those less fortunate in our communities as being well received, appreciated and an opportunity to help lift people out of a crippling situation that would only get worse without



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that assistance and referral to other agencies that can help them further. The material support is only a part of it, the listening ear, friendship and hope for a better future that our members give is far more important.

The year has been extremely busy with activities, training and development days for members, volunteers and staff. As part of the Management Framework, St Vincent de Paul Society continues to work with and improve our governance structure, comply with legal and regulatory requirements, effective allocation and use of resources. The Governance and Risk & Finance Committees have provided State Council with advice and effective management. The Society has been represented on many committees for Social Justice issues both locally and nationally.

The Society has active youth conferences in around 21 schools in Tasmania. There are many activities that the conferences are involved in both internally in the schools and externally. It is uplifting to witness the care the young people show and give especially in the area of social justice.

The Vinnies shops provide a warm friendly place for people to be involved and for customers to have a good shopping experience. The shops are a large supplier to people we assist with household items,

clothing and furniture.

The Society has a number of Special Works and I wish to acknowledge the good work that these Special Works carry out, the employment, the housing, accommodation, friendship, food and activities. To staff and volunteers across all the Special Works, thank you.

On the 24th July a new CEO will commence with the Society, Mrs Lara Alexander. As a Society we look forward to Lara’s commencement, working with her and the journey and vision she will lead the organisation into the future.

The development of a new Strategic Plan is underway and will be developed for the next 3 years with the aim of enabling the Society to articulate how to be a vibrant, effective organisation that offers support and help to the people we serve, that will bring about restoring people’s dignity and hope.

This is the last Annual Report I will be writing as my term of 4 years comes to an end at the close of the calendar year. I take this opportunity to thank everyone across the State for their support, I especially thank the State Council members and State Council staff for their assistance to me in the role of President. It has been humbling and an honour to serve you.

There have been many highlights and

activities throughout the year that the Society can celebrate and I trust this Annual Report will reflect a glimpse for you as you read through the pages of all the good works St Vincent de Paul Society has done.

Toni Muir

# STATE OFFICE TEAM

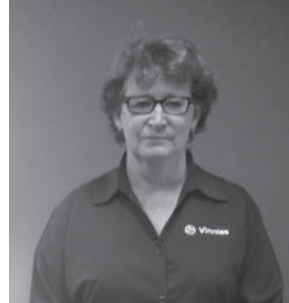
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Lara Alexander - Incoming Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Main - Outgoing Chief Executive Officer, Wendy Harper - Assets and Procurement Manager, Amy Reiner - State Retail Manager, Bernie Wahlin - Manager Finance and Corporate Services, Maryanne Singline - Fundraising and Communications Manager, Jason Macaulay - Administration Finance, Melissa White - Membership and Community Services Manager, Kirsten Winspear - Human Resources Co-Ordinator, Jennifer Lyall - Marillac House Manager, Tayleesha Rock - Administration Officer, Kathryn Prince - Information Systems Administrator

# STAFF MEMBERS FROM OUR REGIONS



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**Southern Region** Maree Cole - Southern Regional Manager, Sarah Muckridge - Administration Co-Ordinator, Andrew Nichols - ER Co-Ordinator, Ashley Rabe - Administration Officer, Miraky Anderson - Youth Engagement and Development Officer, **Launceston Region** Samantha Grace - Administration Co-Ordinator, Erin Worth - Youth Engagement and Development Officer North and North West, **Devonport Region** Trish Breen - Administration Co-Ordinator, Luanne Bennett - Administration Officer Devonport and Burnie, **Burnie Region** Shane Guy - Regional Manager, Sharee Day - Administration Officer

# ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN TASMANIA



## Helping Tasmanians Since 1899

## Membership



## Opportunity Shops



## Volunteering



# FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT

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**Name:** Des Mortimer  
**Current Conference:** St Dominic's, Glenorchy

**Joined Society:** 13th August, 1953

## What was your inspiration for joining the Society?

My inspiration for joining the Society came from the two members who asked me to join their Conference in Hamilton, Victoria. As a young school boy I had admired these two, one of whom was my Confirmation sponsor. I still hold strong memories of them as I go about my Society activity.

## What do you enjoy most about your involvement with the Society?

As my membership progressed from my moves with work, I firstly enjoyed the friendships that came from members. Secondly the work we did was enjoyable, from sorting of clothing in the early days and the difference we were able to make in responding to a call for assistance from a client. Friendships often developed over time.

Thirdly, and possibly the most important, was the spiritual activity. This was especially so through the required attendance at special days throughout the year when we also renewed acquaintances with members from other conferences in the region.

## What roles have you taken on during your time in the St Vincent de Paul Society?

My time as a member from day one has been administration in one form or another from Conference Executive positions to Regional positions. These have given me more contact with members of regions and conferences. Being Twinning Officer has been another meaningful role for me, particularly as I am now restricted in what I can do.



## What changes have you seen take place over the years?

Many changes have taken place during my sixty five years of membership. The Society was once made up of all males. The sorting of clothing was once done in a garage and now we have shops and warehouses.

The Society has grown from having Conferences to Regions, State and National Offices. I hope that the Society can grow in the coming years, the membership will grow and this will I hope come from the School Conferences.

**Name:** Anne Rowe  
**Current Conference:** St Brigid's, Wynyard  
**Joined Society:** 19th May, 2015

### **What was your inspiration for joining the Society?**

My inspiration to join the Society came about initially I am sure, when, as a child in a large family I experienced first-hand the kindness and goodness of people from within St Vincent de Paul Society who came to visit us in our home.

They never judged us but helped us on several occasions with blankets and food. My parents never forgot the kindness that was shown to them and it was made apparent to all of us children that we must never forget those who helped us. Both my parents requested in their Wills that donations be given to S Vincent de Paul Society rather than flowers.

In short, my inspiration to join came from early dealings with kind people and the never ending gratitude my parents felt for the Society. I have my parents to thank for their example and I felt I owed it to them and to others to help where possible.

### **What do you enjoy most about your involvement with the Society?**

Meeting people face to face; listening to their stories of hardship and struggle, putting myself in their shoes, seeing the face of Christ in all people who ask for help; the feeling of gratitude I am left with at the end of an appointment, the appreciation we receive and knowing that what we do does indeed help and not always in ways we expect and the "Thank you for being so kind" expressions when leaving the room. This is what I enjoy most about a member of the Society. The joy at being that 'presence' who is not afraid to reach out and to touch those who have first reached out to ask. How humbling that is.

### **What is your involvement in the St Vincent de Paul Society today?**

I am involved today as a Conference member of St Brigid's Conference, Wynyard, by continuing to do and experience what I mentioned previously. I enjoy talking to others about



what we do and encouraging new members.

To have empathy with the less fortunate brings nothing but joy and a sense of gratitude for my life. Just bringing who I am, and who I represent to the people in front of me and feeling their pain is how I feel I am involved today.

# FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT

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## York Place Social Club

**Y**ork Place Social Club operates out of Chant Street in Launceston every Saturday for people in the community living with intellectual and/or physical disabilities.

York Place has been in Launceston for many years and has seen many people come through the doors to the welcoming environment. It is an opportunity for family members and carers to have respite on a Saturday, knowing their charges are being looked after in a safe and caring environment.

The day is non-structured and members have the choice of participating in the many activities undertaken on the day with staff and volunteers or they can relax and watch a movie or play a game one on one with another member. They all enjoy morning tea and lunch together.

Members look forward to their birthday celebrations at York Place and the annual Christmas Party where they each receive a special gift and enjoy Christmas Cheer and activities.

The Society would like to thank Cecilia Kilkeary Foundation for their continual support of an annual grant to help with the operational costs.

## Central Men's Shed

**T**he Central Men's Shed is a Special Work operating in Creek Road, Lenah Valley. The Central Men's Shed is a place for men to meet and share their skills and knowledge with each other and form friendships unique to "the Shed".

Many men due to retirement, tragedy or disability find themselves living in a much smaller habitat which hasn't room for a shed. We help fill that gap so they can come to well-equipped workshops where they can accomplish their own projects and help their mates with theirs.

The Shed is also community minded, this year members have been involved with project's supporting people living with disadvantage.

The membership has continued to climb and we will be extending our opening hours to allow for a ladies program.





# OPPORTUNITY SHOPS

Vinnies in Tasmania operates 34 stores and 4 warehouses servicing the community.

Our Vinnies Shops are the hub of the community in rural areas and offer many services including volunteering opportunities, meeting places for conferences, providing clothing, homewares and furniture to families in need in the direct community.

Times have changed and op shopping is fashionable where it is seen as trendy to find that illusive and unique sought after item. We pride ourselves in catering for all tastes and budgets.

Our pricing strategy has had to reflect the change in market from other bargain national retailers.

Our retail strategy has had to reflect the changing retail conditions with our competitors strongly focused on shop expansion and upgrades to existing retail locations.

In April, Amy Reiner commenced employment with the St Vincent de

Paul Society in a newly appointed role as State Retail Manager.

The new financial year will see a focus on bringing our outlets into the 21st century with revamping of many shops throughout the state.

People often ask what happens when someone donates their unwanted items to Vinnies.

Items can be re-used in four different ways:

Donations are sorted through our warehouses and categorised as stock to be sold in Vinnies Shops or given to people in need through our Emergency Relief Services.

Items unsuitable to be sold in Vinnies Shops are sent to Vincent Industries to be shipped to countries overseas or cut into bags of rags for cleaning.

Items that do not fit into these categories are disposed at at the local refuse and made into land fill.

## Vinnies Shop Locations

- Bridgewater
- Claremont
- Cygnet
- Glenorchy
- Hobart
- Hobart City
- Huonville
- Kingston
- Margate
- Moonah
- New Norfolk
- New Town
- North Hobart
- Rokeby
- Rosny
- Sorell
- South Hobart
- Beauty Point
- George Town
- Mowbray
- Launceston
- Longford
- Scottsdale
- Devonport
- East Devonport
- Latrobe
- Penguin
- Ulverstone
- Burnie
- Mckays Road
- Queenstown
- Smithton
- Somerset
- Wynyard





# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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Our soup van services provide assistance to some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Homelessness is increasing as people struggle to find suitable and affordable accommodation. More and more people are accessing our soup van services for food, warm clothing, blankets and support.

Support includes providing information on other services that are available not only through The Society but also with other agencies that can provide additional support and advocate on their behalf depending on their circumstances.

## Loui's Van

Loui's Van offers a reliable service that provides people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with a meal, warm drinks, snacks and conversation, helping break through the barriers of loneliness and isolation that many living on the fringe of society suffer. Volunteers are able to show people in need that people do care, creating a genuine community of friends from all walks of life. We can also provide information for people to access services to assist them further as required.

The service consists of two vans, operating seven nights per week providing a meal, blankets, toiletries, snacks, hot beverages and most importantly, companionship to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness within Hobart and surrounds. Last year 24,568 light meals were prepared and distributed by our teams.

Our areas of operation are in Bridgewater and Gagebrook, Kingston, Hobart CBD, Glenorchy and Clarendon Vale. The model of service we are using at Clarendon Vale involves community members preparing the three course sit down meal held in the local Neighbourhood House. This weekly meal attracts up to 60 people and is considered a social occasion for all involved. It has become the hub of the community and something residents look forward to every week.

Moreton Group Training - providing a free after hour's medical service shadowing Loui's Van in the Hobart and Glenorchy area, and now more recently to Clarendon Vale, the service provides immediate medical care and referral. Orange Sky Laundry also offers its services.

Loui's Van has received an incredible amount of donations from the general public including knitted items, blankets and food. We are eternally grateful to all of our generous donors.

## Loui's Van Statistics for 2017/18

Location	Avg Visits Per Month	Male	Female	0-11	12-18	19-30	31-40	40-64	65+
Glenorchy	604	78%	22%	13	56	77	222	185	51
Hobart	615	68%	32%	10	26	203	123	175	78
Gagebrook	113	64%	36%	20	16	15	25	32	5
Bridgewater	147	40%	60%	27	17	14	46	33	10
Clarendon Vale	152	47%	53%	42	35	20	26	22	7
UTAS	44	67%	33%	0	0	44	0	0	0



# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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## Vinnies Van

**V**innies Van is an after-hours mobile service providing food, information, support, bedding, warm clothing and survival packs to those in need in the Launceston Community. The van operates on the same principles as Loui's Van.

The Van serves a wide range of people, many of whom are sleeping rough, in temporary accommodation or experiencing significant disadvantage due to mental health or other issues.

Vinnies Van operates on weekends in the **Launceston City Centre** and **Ravenswood**, with over 65 volunteers making this service possible.

During the year we commenced a partnership with the Social Outreach Program at St Patrick's College. Year 9 students and staff now provide soup

to Vinnies Van on a weekly basis. This has provided a significant support to dedicated volunteers, and strengthened the existing partnership with St Patrick's College.

### Highlights

- Provided **2080** meals to people in need in the Launceston and surrounding suburbs. This is an increase of 20% from the last financial year.
- Due to an increase in demand, additional nights are being considered in Launceston. Vinnies Van service is set to expand into the George Town area early in the 2018/2019 financial year.



## Vinnies Van Statistics for 2017/18

### LAUNCESTON MALL

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>0-11</b>	<b>12-18</b>	<b>19-30</b>	<b>31-40</b>	<b>40-64</b>	<b>65+</b>
July	59	32	27	0	5	10	8	28	9
Aug	51	42	9	2	5	8	9	15	11
Sep	63	48	15	0	2	8	14	22	17
Oct	81	66	15	2	4	8	15	39	13
Nov	93	76	17	3	4	11	23	36	16
Dec	51	41	10	1	2	6	10	24	11
Jan	72	57	15	2	10	10	17	22	11
Feb	79	61	18	3	0	21	21	21	13
Mar	52	41	11	0	0	9	16	20	7
Apr	69	56	13	1	6	14	10	22	16
May	52	43	9	3	1	11	7	20	10
Jun	83	68	15	5	6	17	21	21	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>148</b>

### RAVENSWOOD

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>0-11</b>	<b>12-18</b>	<b>19-30</b>	<b>31-40</b>	<b>40-64</b>	<b>65+</b>
July	62	51	11	8	15	11	14	11	3
Aug	58	36	21	8	9	9	21	8	3
Sep	41	22	19	12	4	6	14	3	2
Oct	98	69	29	45	16	13	14	7	3
Nov	110	80	29	41	35	8	12	14	1
Dec	73	47	26	24	15	6	6	21	1
Jan	109	78	29	36	39	12	18	7	0
Feb	139	88	51	52	38	14	22	12	1
Mar	113	80	33	35	42	10	18	7	0
Apr	128	88	40	42	35	16	18	16	1
May	105	65	40	36	19	20	15	15	0
June	149	93	56	51	35	15	40	11	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>15</b>

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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## Dining with Friends - Southern Region

**D**ining with Friends is held every month where people come together to enjoy a meal with each other in the community. It currently operates in **Oatlands, Bridgewater and Hobart CBD** and provided **2,600** meals for the year. Appealing to a wide range of community members with varying backgrounds the meals attract up to

200 guests per month across the three locations.

Both St Vincent de Paul Society staff and volunteers support these meals every month providing nutritious food along with companionship and referrals.

As with all of the programs we

run, these meals are about social inclusion and positive mental health, promoting healthy activities and peer support.

We also provide basic medical services at these dinners including free flu injections, hearing tests and blood pressure testing.

## Dining with Friends - Launceston Region

**D**ining with Friends Launceston is a social program, providing a monthly meal and an opportunity to meet new people. The program caters to those who may be socially isolated, lonely, or would just like to share a meal with others.

Dining with Friends in Launceston is in collaboration with the Launceston Catholic Parish. A team of over 20 generous volunteers (8 per month) prepare a two-course meal at the Launceston Catholic Parish Pastoral Centre, and then sit down and share the meal with the guests. Approximately 30 meals are prepared each month.







# CARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

## Bethlehem House

Everyone this year has heard about the crisis in accommodation which is driving up the numbers of people seeking a safe, affordable place to live. Families living in tents on the showground and camping out on Parliament lawns have been part of this public visibility of the problem. For providers such as St Vincent de Paul Society, the spotlight on homelessness and housing issues is most welcome as it helps polarise everyone's attention on what more we can do to provide a better support system.

At Bethlehem House, occupancy levels have been up at an average of 91.3% across all of our spaces, including crisis, emergency and transitional beds and the managed 'father and children unit'.

### Breaking Free - Pat's Story

Pat had spent time on two occasions in Bethlehem House, each time trying to maintain living arrangements in housing unit blocks at Glenorchy and New Norfolk. Both attempts were unsuccessful.

Pat returned again and took his time to regain confidence and strength until he was able to transfer successfully to a nearby independent unit owned by Bethlehem House.

A year later Pat took on a voluntary role, as Assistant to the Chef at Bethlehem House and at the same time entered adult education with Drysdale House, achieving a Certificate 2 in Kitchen Operations.

Pat has successfully given up smoking and regained his health and happiness. He has reconnected with his family and now lives independently in his own accommodation in Hobart.

Pat is one of any number of past Bethlehem House clients who have chosen a new pathway in life. Not only for themselves but for their family and friends and for the communities they now care to engage in.

These and very many others have exited homelessness and re-taken their rightful place in our society, with a strong personal effort and a willingness to engage with support services while at Bethlehem House.

In addition to supporting residential clients, Bethlehem House also provided assistance to non-residents who identified themselves as homeless or at risk of homelessness. The provision of free or subsidised meals is by far the most popular service.

Bethlehem House is open on weekday early mornings and late afternoons to non-residents.

### Keeping Active - Overcoming Stigma

This year St Vincent de Paul Society assisted Bethlehem House with funds towards a part-time activities worker.

Getting out into the community and taking part in normal everyday sports and events is an important part of returning to a normal life and building social connections. For many men who have been homeless for long periods, they feel like they do not belong and are not wanted by society. Just having the opportunity to enjoy a game of crazy golf, or go fishing with a few mates can bring enormous benefits in terms of self-fulfilment and positive mental attitude.



Bethlehem House activities trip to Tahune Airwalk: Positive experiences promoting good mental health

# CARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

## Emergency Assistance

External Programs -	Telstra Bill Assistance Program and Energy Hardship Fund	8.93%
Inkind Donations -	Foodbank, Clothing, Household Items and Furniture from Vinnies Shops	35.44%
Society Funds -	(Including income from Winter and Christmas Appeal, Commonwealth and Federal Funding, Colin Bisdee Trust)	55.63%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,103,200</b>

- 3,381 of primary people assisted with households making up 11, 578 adults and 9, 260 children.
- 297 referrals to other agencies for further support.
- 2,976 of primary people assisted were on a Centrelink benefit with 35% being on a Disability Support Pension.
- 60% of primary people were in the 25-49 years age group.
- 69% of assistance sought was for food.
- 29% were people living alone.
- 24% were single parent with children.

Conference members from all four regions have worked tirelessly over the past twelve months to deliver assistance and support to individuals and families in need. Our personal approach builds up trust between the two parties and it is often through this trust that our conference members learn more of a person's story and can be there for them to help combat the difficulties and challenges people are facing.

Here is one such story...

### Donna's Story

It was an emotional time for Donna, she had never had to call upon a charity for help in her life and didn't know what to expect. And the person who saw her on that day did what she did on any other day; Donna was treated with respect and dignity and provided with the immediate assistance to get her through the next couple of days.

This was followed up with a home visit and here began a long relationship between Donna, her grandchildren and our members. Because of this relationship she was able to contact us when tragedy struck her and her family and the strong bond that had been formed over a period of time enabled our members to be there for her and her grandchildren in their time of need providing assistance and emotional support.

Some time later Donna was recalling her story and spoke of the time in her life when she first approached The Society for assistance, how upset she was on that day and how she was made to feel at ease with a smile and kind words of support.

Our members see many 'Donnas', their circumstances vary but they are treated with respect and compassion offering a 'Hand Up' in their time of need.

# CARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

## Marillac House

**M**arillac House provides supported accommodation for guests travelling to Launceston for medical purposes. In 2017/18, 1,284 guests stayed at Marillac House with 386 of these people being new referrals to the service.

With a team of dedicated volunteers, Marillac House is a home away from home.

Marillac House opened on Monday 17th December 2007 with the aim of providing comfortable surroundings at a minimal cost to patients and their support providers. Assistance and support is provided in a respectful and caring manner, with the emphasis on individual needs.

In March of this year Marillac House celebrated it's ten year anniversary of service to the community of Launceston.

A special function was held to commemorate this occasion with Launceston Mayor Albert Van Zetten officially opening the celebrations.

The Tasmanian Community Fund, foundations and donors were acknowledged at the anniversary celebrations for their contributions over the years that have allowed The Society to complete building upgrades and provide specialised facilities for those with disabilities, including new bathrooms and a lift.

### Referrals Received

▪ Overseas	5	1%
▪ West Coast	13	2%
▪ North	19	2%
▪ South	22	3%
▪ Interstate	30	4%
▪ North East	35	4%
▪ Other	68	8%
▪ East Coast	161	19%
▪ North West	242	28%
▪ Islands	255	30%

## TESTIMONIALS

"A life saving experience. Thank you for your care during my terrible bout of pneumonia" -

Debra - Western Australia

"Most perfect place to stay. I still come back 6 years down the road to my recovery".

Jen - Devonport, Tasmania

"Great facility, very clean and comfortable, exactly what we needed during a very stressful period. Thank you."

Mick and Kristin - St Helens, Tasmania & Sydney



# INCORPORATED SPECIAL WORKS

## Tastex Knitwear and Uniforms



**T**astex Knitwear and Uniforms has been in operation since 1946 and is the only knitting mill in Australia that provides training and support for people with intellectual disabilities.

### Our Mission

To enable people with intellectual disabilities to experience meaningful employment in a supportive environment.

2018 has been an extremely busy year, with the launch of new DevilKnits products and the DevilKnits online shopping site: [www.devilknits.com.au](http://www.devilknits.com.au)

An exciting new concept has been the development of Envirowoolly Animal Beanies to compliment our current range of Envirowoolly Toys.

The new range is geared towards Tasmania's growing tourist markets, providing additional opportunities for employment. Three new staff members have subsequently joined

the team.

The new products provide interesting and varied training options for our supported employees, including traineeships as well as in-house training in textile production.

The highly skilled and professional Tastex Team provide assistance for our supported employees, whilst also designing and creating our innovative and expanding range of knitted products.

# INCORPORATED SPECIAL WORKS

## St Vincent Industries

St Vincent industries (SVI) is a social business providing paid employment and Nationally Recognised Training in a supportive workplace. SVI offers on the job training in our clothing recycling and small laundry businesses, where unwanted clothes are cut into cleaning rags using state of the art cutting machines. We are the leading manufacturer and supplier of cleaning cloths and recycled rags in Tasmania, with a varied customer base supplying over 600 businesses across the state.

The Rag Cutting Machines developed by Hamish Hingston and Miles Mazengarb of 2HM Design won the category 'Excellence in developing and implementing an initiative (solution) to an identified work health and safety issue in a small business' at the 2018 Worksafe Awards.

SVi also won the 'Leadership Excellence Award', the overall award for all entered organisations.

SVi currently employs 41 people. 34 workers identify as having a disability. We have had a lot of success attracting new Supported Employees with six people commencing employment

over the past year. This is due to SVi actively networking with other organisations such as the colleges, TasTAFE and other disability services. We have also taken part in the Beyond the School Gate and Gearing Up Expos. This has proved invaluable in raising the profile of SVI to potential employees and their families.

The Board is committed to continued development with speakers attending meetings to discuss different topics. During the year Ms Di Turner presented an overview of Social Role Valorisation (SRV) and how this theory applies to people who are devalued in society and in particular the people with whom we work with. Michelle Swallow facilitated a Governance Training workshop covering the

topics of Roles and Responsibilities, Legal, Risk and Compliance with Workplace Health and Safety.

Building work on the kitchen was completed during the year. This is a much-needed upgrade, with kitchen meeting current hygiene standards, while still retaining the 'feel' of a household kitchen. Training sessions are underway with small groups cooking lunches for their fellow workers, and well as catering for board meetings.

The future of SVi is an exciting one. New training programmes, new business opportunities, initiatives for inclusion in our wider community and a focus on relevant work and life skills for people with disability makes SVi a dynamic and enjoyable workplace.



# INCORPORATED SPECIAL WORKS

## Mt St Vincent Nursing Home and Therapy Centre

Established in 1969 Mt St Vincent Nursing Home and Therapy Centre has provided quality care and delivers physical, emotional and spiritual care to residents in a dignified manner. Based in Ulverstone, on Tasmania's North-West coast, the Home provides all of its residents with specialised personal care and access to medical, nursing and allied health professionals.

The UTAS state of the art facility (The Leven Centre) was completed in 2016 and we are able to host medical, nursing and paramedic

students from campuses across Tasmania. The students are able to learn through observation and hands on practical experience under the supervision of our in house student educator. A new innovation for the students is how staff interact with residents undertaking their daily activities, and specifically their interactions with those living with dementia.

### Highlights

Completed in May 2018, the home now caters for 73 residents with refurbished rooms and all rooms now have private ensuites.

The Wellness Centre includes the services of an exercise physiologist and speech pathologist. This service allows older clients to take part in the various exercises we have on offer once they have completed an initial assessment of their needs, and after they attend supervised sessions. We have had a two year extension to our CHSP Grant to provide reablement and rehabilitation services to our over 65 community clients. This includes some new and innovative programs including managing diabetes through good nutrition and exercise.

## Vincent Industries

Vincent Industries an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE); has been in business since 1976 and provides work and training opportunities for those with a disability in the North West of Tasmania.

Vincent Industries core business remains export of good used clothing and rag cleaning cloths.

Over 95% of product is acquired from the Society.

Training of our employees, both supported and unsupported continues to be a strong focus to help develop new skills. Skills that will help us to diversify into new business opportunities, like basic garden maintenance.





# STATE OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Conferences continue to have connections with 32 overseas conferences, 2 regional councils and the National Council of Thailand. All Tasmanian regions are represented by their regional coordinator on the State Overseas Partnership Committee (SOPC).

Together with other Vincentians, we support marginalised communities in developing countries within our region including India, Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand. The Tasmanian SODC has three main areas of focus:

## Conference Twinning

Twinning relationships form the basis of all our support to overseas Vincentians in their important work to support those in need in their local communities, as we do in Tasmania. We continue to provide special financial support in Quarterly

allocations and special grants at Christmas and Easter to our twinned conferences to support their works.

## Assist a Student

One of the key initiatives is our Assist a Student Program, aimed at providing essential support to individual students at several levels of education so that they can participate in their local education area and go on to contribute to their families and communities. This support is such an important and appreciated need in their region of the world.

Fundraising for the annual Assist a Student campaign has been underway since March. In addition to the direct mail out, donation envelopes to parishes, Vinnies shops and conferences, Vinnies Facebook page was used to promote the campaign including a facility to

donate over the internet.

At the end of June 2018, \$11,425 has been received allowing 163 students to be supported in their education.

## Projects and Emergency Assistance

Projects supported by St Vincent de Paul Society under \$2000 are directed to improve the social and economic standing of under privileged families and communities living on the edge of marginalised societies.

As a Society we also provide assistance to communities devastated by a natural disaster.

# VINNIES YOUTH

## Young people making a difference in the community

The St Vincent de Paul Society started when a 20 year old man decided to do something about the poverty he saw in his community.

Today, Vinnies works with young people across Australia to continue this legacy and to continue the fight for a more fair and compassionate society.

From primary school, through high school, university, and beyond, the Society offers young people the opportunity to learn, reflect and make a difference in their community.

The St Vincent de Paul Society offers opportunities for teachers and students to support their local community and engage in the Vincentian way of living.

In Tasmania, we have many Mini Vinnies Conferences in primary schools across the state. Secondary School Conferences and projects are offered to middle school and senior years. The Society encourages school communities to live their faith through action using the **'See'** (education and awareness), **'Think'** (formation and reflection) and **'Do'** (community service and fundraising) model.

Vinnies Youth are represented at a state level by the State Youth Team. The State Youth Team is currently working towards a Youth X-Change event. The purpose is to bring school groups together to celebrate young people and their good works, and for leaders to listen to the voices of young people and acknowledge the spirit at work in their lives during this Year of Youth.

### Primary schools

Mini Vinnies empowers primary school students to become advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action. They meet regularly to learn about social justice issues, develop leadership skills and engage with the wider St Vincent de Paul Society.

### Secondary schools

Secondary School Conferences empower students to recognise, reflect and respond through advocacy and action in their local communities. They meet regularly to explore ways of achieving a more fair and compassionate society, develop leadership skills and engage with the wider St Vincent de Paul Society.



# VINNIES YOUTH



# FUNDRAISING

## The Tasmanian Community Helping People in Need

**F**undraising is an essential form of income for the Society in Tasmania. Funds raised through our appeals, bequests and general donations allow our Conference Members to continue to provide optimum support to people we assist in communities throughout Tasmania over and above the financial assistance received through Government funding.

**T**he 2018 Winter Appeal raised \$158,638.

The Winter Appeal funds are used to assist families facing hardship during the cold Tasmanian winter months as individuals and families struggle with the added expenses associated with heating.

**Thank You  
to all our  
Donors and  
Supporters**

**T**he 2017 Vinnies Christmas Appeal was launched in November in Launceston. This year's appeal raised \$173,217.

Our members delivered over 600 Christmas Hampers to families experiencing hardship and financial stress and the delivery of this assistance would not of been possible without the support from the community, local schools and clubs, organisations, businesses and individuals.



# FUNDRAISING

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# VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

The 2018 Vinnies CEO Sleepout was held on Thursday 21st June at the University of Tasmania Stadium in Launceston.

A record breaking \$202,000 was raised through the 60 CEOs, community and business leaders, business owners and managers who participated.

Congratulations to Grant Hinchcliffe, CEO of Tas Independent Retailers (IGA) for taking out the Highest Fundraiser for the eighth year in a row raising an incredible \$29,173.77.

The Highest Fundraising Team efforts were close between Deloitte and Motors.

Temperatures dropped to a very cold -1 overnight and provided participants with a chilly experience.

The CEO Sleepout is our biggest fundraising event in Tasmania and we would not be able to run it so successfully without the support from our National

and local sponsors.

Organisations and businesses are generous in providing inkind donations and/or their services and goods which ensures running costs are kept to a minimum.

Thank you to:-

- All participants
- City of Launceston and University of Tasmania Stadium
- Peter West - MC
- Philip Kuruvita Photography
- Rapid Relief
- Winemaking Tasmania
- Sam Woolcock from Woolcock and Partners
- Businesses who donated to the live and silent auctions



**Grant Hinchcliffe - Tas Independent Retailers (IGA) - Highest Fundraiser**

## Top 10 Fundraisers

- 1) **Grant Hinchcliffe - Tasmanian Independent Retailers**  
**\$29,173.77**
- 2) **Jonathan Lord - Winemaking Tasmania**  
**\$19,532.00**
- 3) **Simon Himson - TasGas**  
**\$14,018.60**
- 4) **Stuart Main - St Vincent de Paul Society**  
**\$10,836.55**
- 5) **Rebecca Kardos - Aurora Energy**  
**\$10,268.20**
- 6) **Chantal Filgate - Bank of Heritage Isle**  
**\$7,069.60**
- 7) **Jeannie Walker - Parmalat Australia**  
**\$6,965.40**
- 8) **Hugh McKenzie - City of Launceston**  
**\$5,387.20**
- 9) **Camille O'Meara - Stornoway**  
**\$5,147.32**
- 10) **Julian Rodman - Rodman Group**  
**\$5,062.20**

# VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

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# VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

## 2018 Vinnies Sleepout Participants



Left to Right, Top to Bottom - Adrian Bott - Vos Construction, Ally Bradley - Southern Cross Austereo, Anthony Daley - St Patricks College, Anthony Komives - City of Launceston - Arsha Ghosh - CBA, Ashton Whiley - Fairfax Media, Brady Willes - Deloitte, Bridget Archer - George Town Council, Camille O'Meara - Stornoway, Carmel Chilcott - Deloitte, Chantal Filgate - Bank of Heritage Isle, Christina Holmdahl - West Tamar Council, Courtney Greisbach - Fairfax Media, Daniel Chandler - Motors, Daniel Coote - John Calvin School, Daniel Tattersall - CBA, Darren Harris - St Lukes, David Cox - Hawthorn FC, Denise Delphin - Northern Suburbs Community Centre, Gary Williams - Tasmania Police, Hugh McKenzie - City of Launceston, James Abernethy - Deloitte, James Lord - Entertainment Books, Jayne Bayles - Clove Cafe, Jeannie Walker - Paramlat, Jeremy Weir - Tas Electrical Services, Jessica James - Deloitte, Julian Rodman - Rodman Group, Jonathan Lord - Winemaking Tasmania, Justin Reeves - Hawthorn FC



# VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

## 2018 Vinnies Sleepout Participants



Left to Right, Top to Bottom - Kristy Parker - Hope and Me, Kym Goodes - TasCOSS, Leah Halliwell - Halliwell Properties, Lindi McMahon - Hope and Me, Luke Sayer - Fairfax Media, Lyndal Kimpton - Ruddicks, Mark Hankinson - Mt St Vincent, Mark Jessop - Nexis, Michael Goss - CBA, Michael Hine - KPMG, Michael Preece - Strategic Advantage Australia, Naomi Walsh - Rosevears Hotel, Neil Grose - Launceston Chamber of Commerce, Philip Deruiter - John Calvin School, Pip Gibson - Clove Cafe, Rebecca Kardos - Aurora Energy, Rebecca Morris - Fairfax Media, Richard Cantrell - JMC, Simon Himson - Tas Gas, Sonia Peck - Entertainment Book, Stuart Dare - Deloitte, Stuart Main, St Vincent de Paul Society, Tania Hunt - Youth Network of Tasmania, Theo Bakirtzis - Motors, Tracie Pearce - Hope and Me, Vanessa Goodwin - Halliwell Property, Wendy Squibb - Halliwell Property

# VOLUNTEERING

**1,431 volunteers helped deliver Vinnies services during the 2017/18 financial year, including in our Vinnies shops, conference work, soup vans, warehouses and Special Works.**

**P**auline has volunteered at the Vinnies Shop at Rokeby for the past 40 years after reading an article in the local church bulletin seeking volunteers. Her youngest child had just started school and she felt she could contribute to the community by volunteering one day a week.

Pauline enjoys the social side of volunteering and the contact with customers. She has seen customers of today who used to come in as children with their parents.

Pauline call herself 'Rokeby's Girl Friday'. She enjoys displaying new stock and keeping the racks well stocked

What started out as a simple ad in a church bulletin has turned into a 40 year volunteering career.



# SOCIAL JUSTICE

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## Advocating for a fairer Tasmania

**S**ocial work is a vital ingredient in the makeup of Social Justice, but it is just one component of the issues that fall under its banner. Our members cannot see injustice and let it go unchallenged. We feel compelled to raise our voice; to advocate on behalf of the people we assist and speak out on the barriers that keep people in a cycle of poverty and disadvantage. Social Justice is about ensuring equal access to rights and opportunities, as well as taking care of those in need. We work to build a more fairer society by engaging government, working with other agencies and raising awareness across the community.

During 2017/18, our social justice team was directly involved in a number of activities both locally and nationally. Within Tasmania, rising costs of living and the lack of affordable housing have been central priorities in our social justice advocacy. Low rental vacancy rates, high market rents, the proliferation of Airbnb and income support not keeping pace with the cost of living are just some of the reasons people are struggling to find and maintain housing across Tasmania. In addition, Tasmania continues to have the highest proportion of low-income households and people living below the poverty line in Australia.

We have continued to raise awareness around these issues, as well as supporting local and national advocacy to address the factors underlying poverty, housing insecurity and homelessness. This has included supporting the national campaign to raise the rate of Newstart, and contributing to the development of the St Vincent de Paul Society's national policy submissions on housing and homelessness. We have also worked with national and local agencies in raising awareness of poverty among people living on age pensions. A further focus of our advocacy work has been the plight of asylum seekers living in the community. We have contributed to policy development and advocacy at the national level as well as working with the Tasmania government and other local agencies to prevent asylum seekers from falling into

destitution and homelessness.

The Society is also represented in direct advocacy through membership on a variety of important community groups, including:

- Affordable Housing working group.
- Suicide Prevention Assembly.
- Power-pricing action group.
- Anti-Poverty Week co-ordinating committee.
- Aged Care Management working group.
- TasCoss Regional Advisory team.
- Coalition on gambling reform.
- St Vincent de Paul National Refugee Network.
- Refugee Council of Australia.

These groups give us a voice to address many of our nation's concerns. Locally, our Social Justice Committee has been party to developments in:

- Poverty awareness.
- Homelessness.
- Refugees/asylum seekers.
- Gambling issues.
- Family violence.
- Suicide.
- Affordable housing.
- Aged care.

All of these causes have featured in our activities throughout the year.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (TASMANIA) INC. FINANCIAL REPORT (Excluding Special Works)

### INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Commonwealth Emergency Relief Grant	229,095	195,051
State Emergency Relief Grant	-	-
State Family Assistance Grant	100,000	100,000
Tasmanian Community Fund Grants	(6,307)	(6,307)
Other Government Grants	73,166	148,998
Sale of goods	5,195,669	5,295,218
Client contributions	203,613	215,692
Fundraising	674,525	787,559
Colin Bisdée Bequest	62,784	60,347
Relief in Kind Donations	37,160	37,160
Investment Income	22,765	29,275
Profit on Sale of Assets	-	-
Other Income	644,104	714,901
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>7,236,574</b>	<b>7,577,894</b>
<b>SOCIETY GOOD WORKS EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	55,686	86,129
Personnel Costs	4,151,217	4,252,067
Property Costs	1,101,230	1,162,069
Transport Costs	151,405	159,561
Depreciation	336,788	397,666
Material Assistance Costs	872,765	989,433
Operating Costs	1,237,824	909,752
<b>TOTAL GOOD WORKS EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,906,915</b>	<b>7,956,677</b>
Net Society Transfers	(131,000)	(90,000)
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>(801,341)</b>	<b>(468,783)</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	954,676	1,606,727
Trade and other receivables	67,117	28,374
Inventories	311,879	239,055
Financial assets	2,574	2,574
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,336,246</b>	<b>1,876,730</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	13,290,858	13,547,207
Other assets	-	10,260
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>13,290,858</b>	<b>13,557,467</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>14,627,104</b>	<b>15,434,197</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	314,399	285,711
Provisions	627,696	652,204
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>942,095</b>	<b>937,915</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Other payables	100,000	100,000
Provisions	120,342	115,274
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>220,342</b>	<b>215,274</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,162,437</b>	<b>1,153,189</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>13,464,667</b>	<b>14,281,008</b>
<b>CAPITAL FUNDS</b>		
Reserves	9,071,730	9,071,730
Funds for future social programs	4,392,937	5,209,278
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<b>13,464,667</b>	<b>14,281,008</b>

### STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

In the opinion of the Council the fully audited Financial Statements:

- Present fairly the financial position of the St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc. as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe the St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Council and is signed for and on behalf of the Council by:



**Toni Muir**  
State President



**Mark Gaetani**  
State Treasurer

Dated this the 19th day of December 2018.

Fully audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 are available on request.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY TASMANIA CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT (including Special Works)

### INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Government Grants	6,887,108	6,978,010
Sale of goods	6,989,540	6,920,426
Client contributions	2,550,029	2,523,365
Fundraising	715,967	827,140
Other income	2,797,437	6,671,310
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>19,940,081</b>	<b>23,920,251</b>
<b>SOCIETY GOOD WORKS EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	896,061	987,367
Personnel Costs	12,367,489	11,758,843
Property Costs	1,609,766	1,626,523
Transport Costs	199,957	210,148
Depreciation	683,265	744,092
Material Assistance Costs	872,765	989,433
Operating Costs	2,396,199	2,021,051
<b>TOTAL GOOD WORKS EXPENSES</b>	<b>19,025,502</b>	<b>18,337,457</b>
Net Society Transfers	(131,000)	(90,000)
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>783,579</b>	<b>5,492,794</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,848,356	6,668,535
Trade and other receivables	478,680	651,718
Inventories	381,528	350,488
Financial assets	5,748,122	4,027,476
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>14,456,686</b>	<b>11,698,217</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	21,460,387	20,492,901
Intangibles	-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>21,460,387</b>	<b>20,492,901</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>35,917,073</b>	<b>32,191,118</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	5,602,633	3,097,934
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-
Provisions	1,504,101	1,624,774
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,106,734</b>	<b>4,722,708</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Interest bearing liabilities	668,838	730,188
Provisions	310,273	336,859
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>979,111</b>	<b>1,067,047</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,085,845</b>	<b>5,789,755</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>27,831,228</b>	<b>26,401,363</b>
<b>CAPITAL FUNDS</b>		
Reserves	12,785,898	13,643,926
Funds for future social programs	15,045,330	12,757,437
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<b>27,831,228</b>	<b>26,401,363</b>

This financial report consolidates St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc. and its special works Bethlehem House Homeless Men's Assistance Centre Inc., St Vincent Industries Inc., Tastex Knitwear Inc., Mt St Vincent Nursing Home & Therapy Centre Inc. and Vincent Industries Inc.











# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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- Tasmanian Independent Retailers (IGA).
- ABC Giving Tree for the Christmas Appeal donations.
- The Examiner for co-ordinating the Empty Stocking Appeal and Winter Relief Appeal.
- All our donors who contributed to our appeals and the Regular Giving Program.
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- The Catholic Community.
- Our dedicated Conference Members, Staff and Volunteers.
- State and Federal Governments.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Tasmania relies on the generosity of the community to support our Special Works, Vinnies Shops and the services that provide assistance to people in need throughout Tasmania.

We recognise that people give in various ways: some through their time, some through donations of goods and some through monetary gifts. We are extremely grateful to all who have supported the Society during the past year.



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# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## BECOME A MEMBER

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an avenue for individuals to help others in an environment of respect and compassion. Members come from diverse backgrounds and experiences and bring a great depth of understanding, expertise and commitment to their service and involvement in the Society.

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

If you are interested in sharing your skills to help people through any of the St Vincent de Paul Society's services, great volunteering opportunities exist.

## MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION

Credit card donations can be made by phoning 13 18 12 or by logging on to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au). All donations are used to assist people in need.

## LEAVE A BEQUEST

Please consider remembering the St Vincent de Paul Society in your Will. The Society is able to assist thousands of people because of the generosity of those who have remembered the Society in their Will.

## BECOME A REGULAR GIVER

Regular giving allows donors to make a periodical commitment to the work of the Society and receive only one tax-deductible receipt each year.

## CORPORATE COLLABORATION

The St Vincent de Paul Society recognises the importance of developing and nurturing strong links with the corporate and philanthropic sectors to allow us to continue to help make positive changes in the lives of the people we help. The Society seeks to engage all partners in long-term, strategic and mutually beneficial relationships.

If your organisation is looking to deepen its commitment to investing in communities, we invite you to work with us to identify opportunities to make a difference.

## DONATE PRE-LOVED GOODS

Donations of pre-loved clothing, household goods and furniture can be made at our your nearest Vinnies Shop.

To find out more about any of the above please contact us by calling (03) 6333 0822 or visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au).



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