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“ Do not be afraid of new beginnings. Be creative. Be inventive. Organise new works of love in the service of the poor. ”

BL FREDERIC OZANAM



OUR HISTORY

Founded in Paris in 1833, the St Vincent de Paul Society soon became an international humanitarian charity, reaching Australia in 1854. The Society plays a critical role advocating for and supporting disadvantaged people throughout the nation including South Australia, where our organisation was established in 1884.

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by Parisian university student Frederic Ozanam. Frederic was deeply moved by the plight of people less fortunate and formed the Society to assist the poor. From these humble beginnings, the Society now operates in 150 countries and has over 1,000,000 members who offer their time freely to assist people in need and address social injustice.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has become a vital part of the social fabric in South Australia. Affectionately known by many as ‘Vinnies’, the Society provides a hand up to people who find themselves in a vulnerable position through social exclusion, disadvantage or homelessness. Our services continue to evolve in response to the needs of our community, while maintaining our core activity of home visitation to provide whatever is required to assist people through difficult times.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is one of the most well recognised and highly regarded charitable organisations in Australia. Each year, the Society helps over 100,000 South Australians by providing accommodation, food, emergency funds, assistance to migrants and refugees, clothing, furniture, budget counselling and meals via our Fred’s Van services. Our 36 Vinnies shops across South Australia are visited by over 500,000 shoppers each year. None of this work would be possible without the commitment of the Society’s 3,400 dedicated and compassionate volunteers.

Through compassionate, non-judgemental support, we seek to lift people out of poverty while maintaining their dignity.



Catherine's Story

Catherine raised three daughters on her own. In recent years, family illness and financial hardship have left her struggling to get by.

When Catherine needed help most, she found much-needed hope and support through St Vincent de Paul Society’s Home Visitation program.

Five years ago Catherine’s middle child Lisa, now 20 years old, was diagnosed with cancer. Not long afterwards, a sudden back injury left Catherine unable to work. Quickly the medical bills started piling up and the emotional stress became too much.

“I found myself financially drowning. Having a child battling cancer, dealing with my own health problems and then having the financial stress on top of that—the enormity of it was overwhelming.”

When a neighbour suggested Catherine give St Vincent de Paul Society a call, it was the first step towards emotional and financial relief.

“The home visits from Margaret meant the world to me. She was always so compassionate and it was amazing just knowing that someone was there to listen.

“She brought me food vouchers and Vinnies even helped me enrol my youngest daughter into a good high school.”

While Catherine’s middle daughter, Lisa, is now in remission from cancer, ongoing health complications continue to put financial and emotional stress on the family. But knowing that support and compassion are just a phone call away gives Catherine peace of mind.

“Vinnies has set me on a path to positivity. Even though I’ve been hit with tragedy after tragedy, knowing that there are genuine people out there that are willing to help is a weight off my shoulders.

“Vinnies has given me a more positive outlook on life. They’ve been my saving grace.”

WHO WE ARE

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic volunteer based organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing assistance to people in need.



Our members and volunteers provide practical support, advocacy and friendship to the most vulnerable within the community.

The majority of assistance provided by the Society is through local groups known as conferences, our Fred's Van food services, our accommodation services and our Vinnies shops.

The Society also provides budget and specialist counselling, assistance to migrants and refugees, and supports individuals and communities in developing countries.

Our volunteers, supported by dedicated staff, alleviate the immediate requirements of people in need and also identify the causes that lead to spiritual, financial and social hardship; providing a voice for those experiencing disadvantage.

The Society's activities in the community are performed primarily by our conference and volunteer members. Without their dedication, our diverse range of assistance and services would not be possible.

Our Mission

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Our Vision

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

Our Values

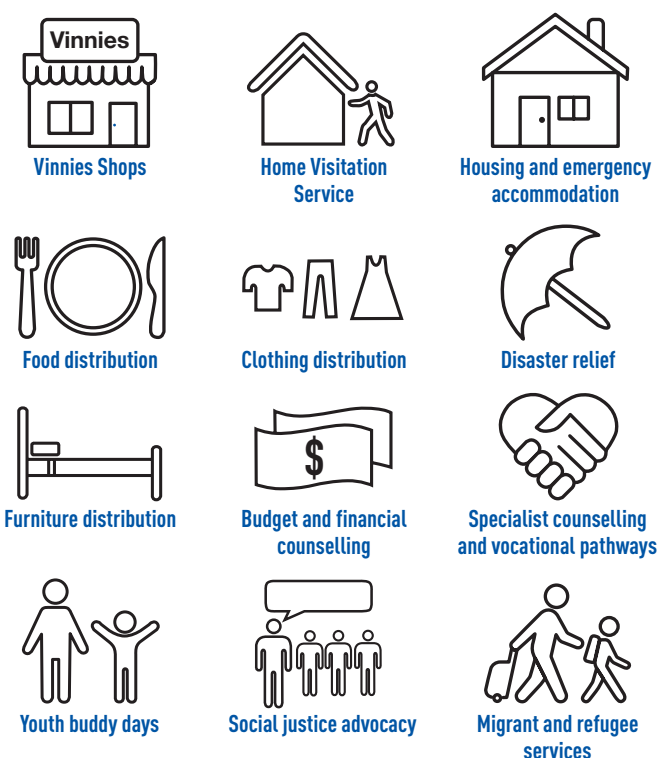
- Commitment – loyalty in service to our mission, vision and values.
- Compassion – welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgement.
- Respect – service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions.
- Integrity – promoting, maintaining and adhering to our mission, vision and values.
- Empathy – establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception.
- Advocacy – working to transform the causes of poverty and challenging the causes of human injustice.
- Courage – encouraging spiritual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future.

In 2016-17 we assisted 137,862 South Australians. Most of this assistance was delivered through our conferences, which are regional groups of Society volunteers who are committed to helping people experiencing disadvantage, poverty or marginalisation.

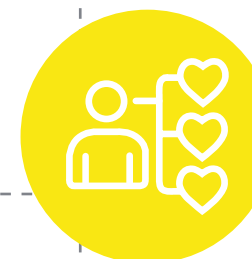
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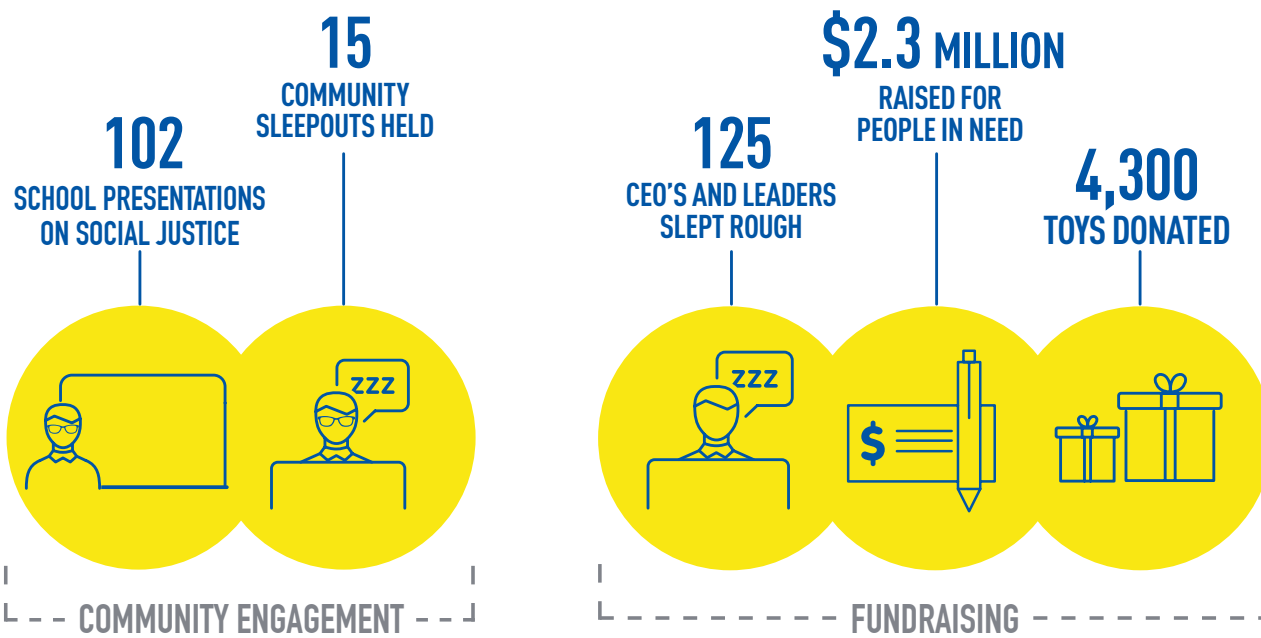
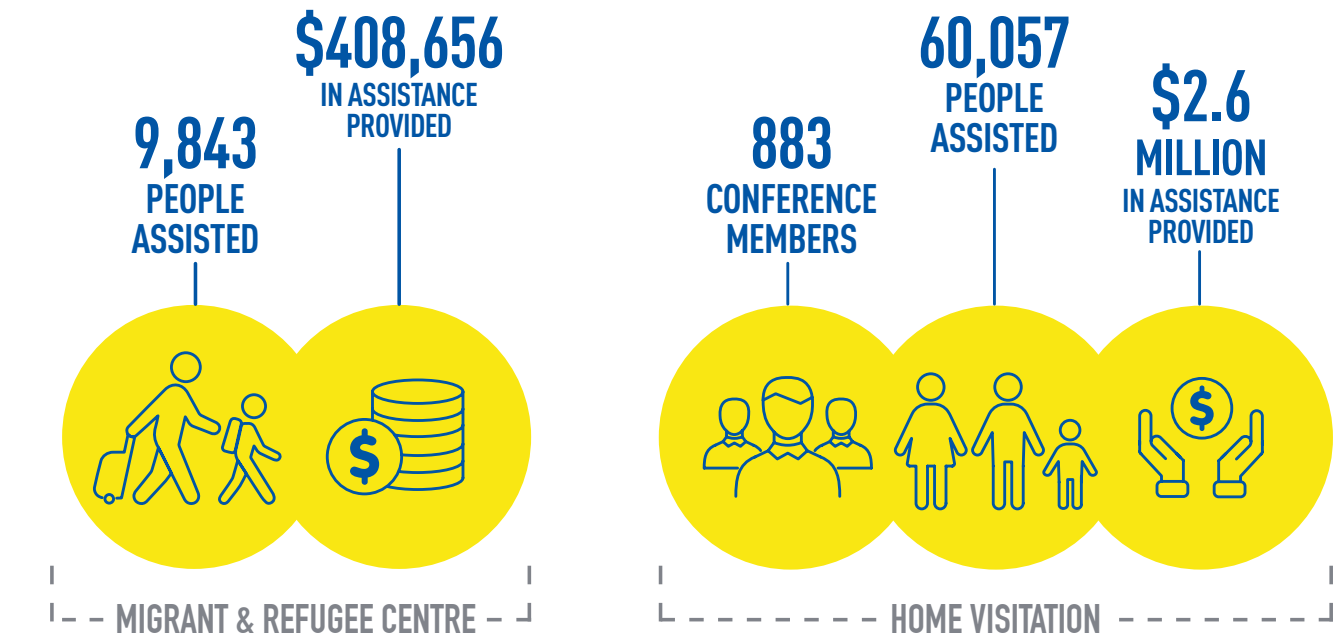
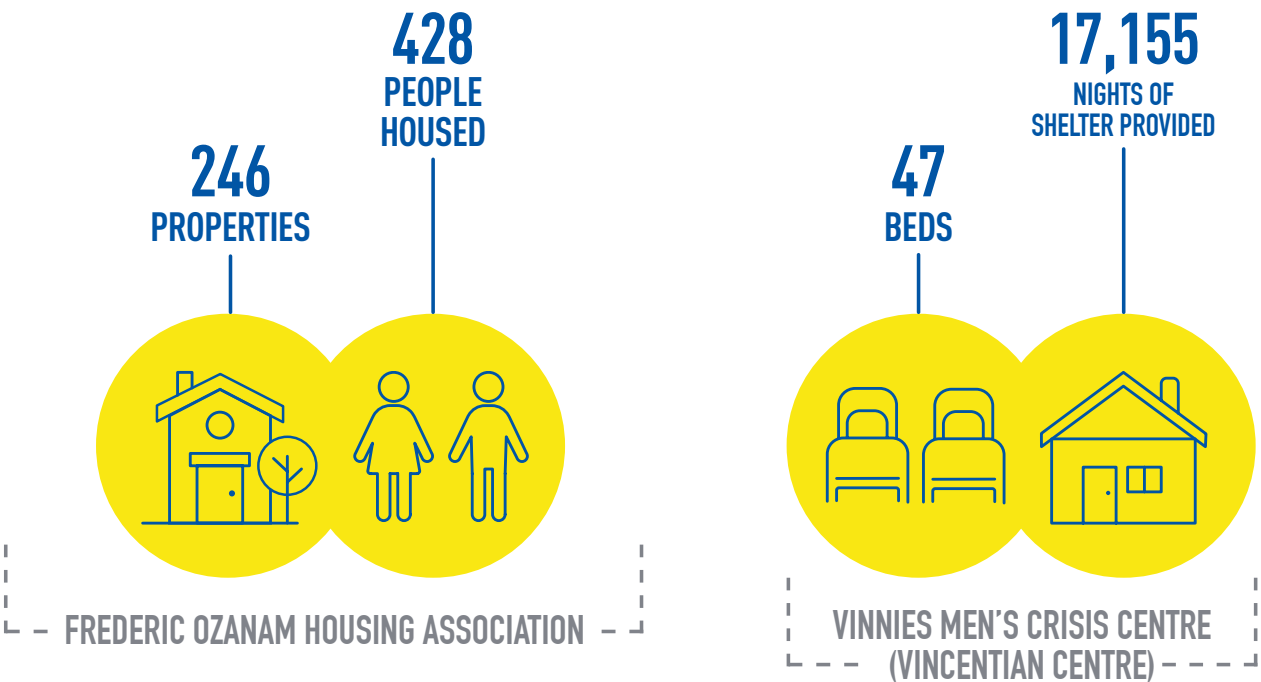
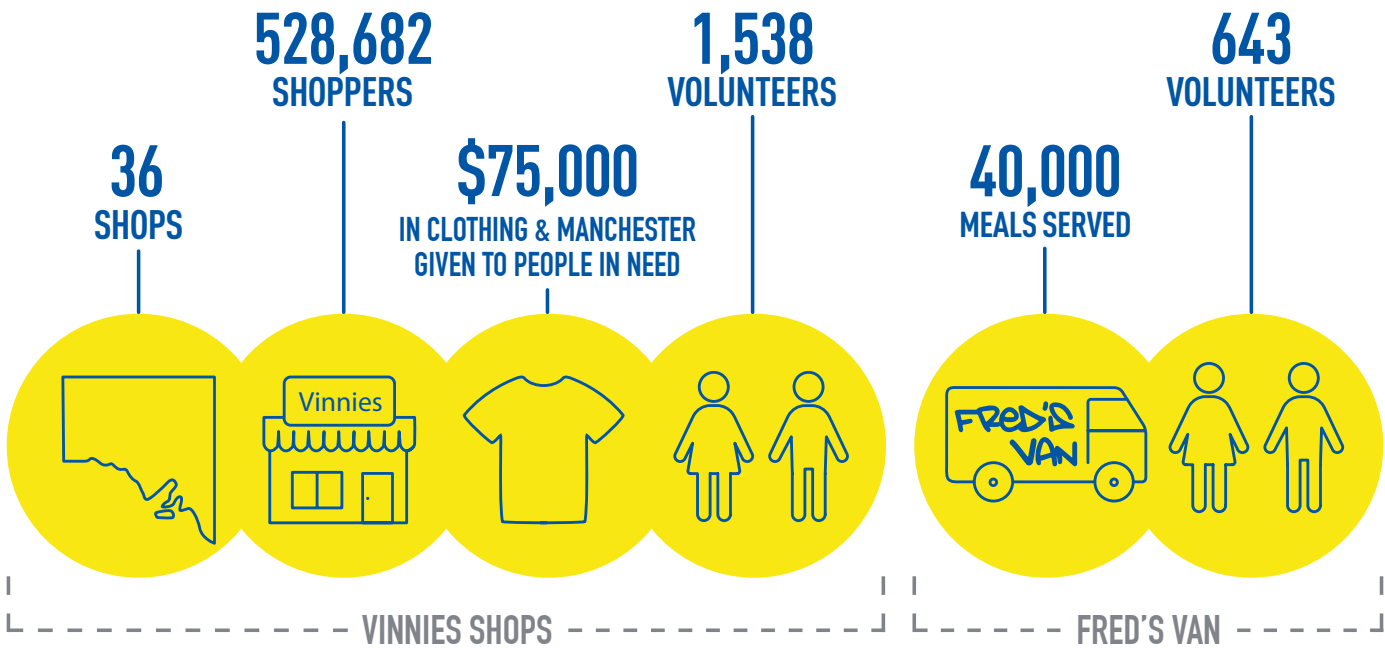


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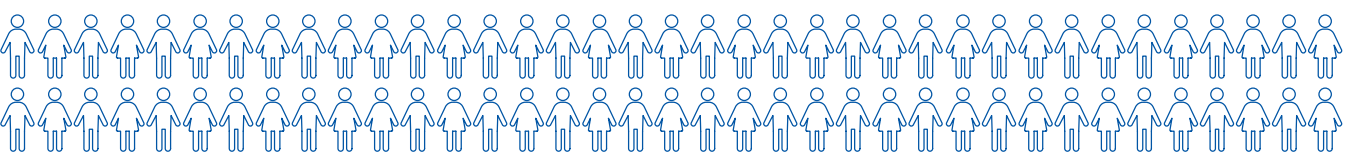


We refer to the people we assist as our companions. Our companions may be served through our home visit service, our Fred's Van meals, our homeless accommodation or other services. Men, women or children, these people are all our respected companions.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17



137,862 PEOPLE ASSISTED





Election of new State President

In April 2017 Cathy Beaton was elected as the 18th State President of South Australia. Following a transition and handover period, Cathy assumed the role as State President in May 2017.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Each year brings challenges, good and sad times, times of innovation and creativity at the St Vincent de Paul Society. Working through each of these stages we always hold, at the centre of all decisions, the people we are here to serve - our companions.

The Community Response Team led by Mario Trinidad has been working closely with some families living in the Elizabeth area, who had needed our services up to six times a year. In reviewing the reasons for their continued support the Team have been able to identify the depths of their disadvantage, their challenges and their hope for themselves and their families.

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

Blessed Frederic Ozanam

On 1 February 2017 a Reflection Day was held for State Council Members, Committee Chairs and Managers. This was an opportunity to reflect on the Society's impact along with a new concept being developed by past French National President, Bernard Ousset's papers, 'companionship with the most

vulnerable people can transform societies' and the learnings from our Community Response Team's encounters with people we assist.

The participants met a number of people we assist over lunch. The sharing of the meal was informal with shared discussion rather than a question and answer session. All of the Vinnies people felt the discussions gave them a better understanding of our companions and what they are seeking.

The reflection day was seen as a small step in building better understanding towards being true companions to people who come to us, including moving away from naming them as clients or people we assist but, 'Companions'. Likewise, we need to be companions with them as well as with one another and with the Spirit that guides us.

After much planning, the year saw the purchase of a suitable property to provide up to 21 rooms for emergency accommodation of women and children.

We are very grateful for a grant from the Society's National Council Foundation of \$700k for the Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre. Following successful placement of the Centre as a preferred South Australian Government emergency accommodation service.

The Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre is located in suburban Adelaide in a tranquil location and will provide supportive short

term accommodation as women transition to the next phase of their lives, having found themselves without any choice for safe accommodation. The facility will accommodate up to 20 women and their children at any time with a range of practical services provided at the Centre. These include child care, transport, all meals, laundry and kitchen facilities and in-house access to Vinnies range of services including assistance with clothing, emergency funding and budget counselling.

The Region Renewal program is aimed at enhancing the culture of Conferences, Shops and Special Works in each Region with a strong focus on Vincentian Values. It aims to also build a culture which is welcoming to new members/volunteers and recruit new members. During the year the program was initiated in the Eyre Region focussing on Whyalla and Central Districts Region focussing on Gawler. We have also been able to identify some leaders for the Central, Western and South East regions through this process.

Throughout the year the Centres Operations Team have refurbished and moved a number of shops, including Morphet Vale, Mt Barker, Brighton, Salisbury, Port Augusta and Waymouth St. Each centre is unique to its local environment. The Waymouth St Centre is the first shop in the city for eight years. This Vinnies Centre is in the middle of the city, in the heart of a business area and within this UNO building with a mix of short term accommodation and affordable housing, investors

and owner occupiers and penthouse living and will complement the St John's Youth services. We have several residents of the building volunteering in the shop.

The Vincentian Mission and Values Centred Leadership Course continued with facilitation of workshops by Victorian staff. We have 18 participants, two from Tasmania and two from the Hutt St Centre. This year we will offer continuing support for the participants by engaging them with a mentor as they finish the course and move into community development action plans.

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I would like to thank the retiring State Council members, Vice Presidents Frans De Ryk and Mike Day and Regional President's Alan Balshaw and Keith Colyer for their contribution to the Society.

I would also like to thank David Wark, his staff and each and every one of our dedicated volunteers for their contributions to the life and work of the Society.



Brian Spencer
Outgoing State President



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 16/17 year was a time of change, a time of challenge and a time of continued consolidation. The Society maintained its clear focus on providing food, clothing and shelter for the poor and marginalised.

Our 3,430 conference and volunteer members delivered over \$2.6 million in assistance to 130,000 companions from Mt Gambier in the south east to Coober Pedy in the north and Port Lincoln in the west.

The number of people we assisted increased again, by 25% this year over the previous reporting year. This was partly due to our greater reach and the broader understanding of the support offered by the Society, but also because of the genuine need for our presence in communities that are hurting for a myriad of reasons. Our financial performance seems reasonable on the surface but in reality we have an urgent need to improve our income to keep pace with the growing demand.

Vinnies shops have continued to expand with new shops opened or relocated at Brighton, Salisbury, Morphett Vale,

Mount Barker and Adelaide (Waymouth Street). Our shops represent our sustainable financial future with ongoing upgrades and an expanded network planned.

We are privileged to have over 1,500 volunteers working in our shops, making the business model work for the organisation. Our conferences have the freedom to distribute gift cards to our companions, the shops offer affordable items for people on limited incomes and a profit margin helps fund the good works of the Society. It's working very well but when compared to our interstate colleagues, it is clear there is room for even greater contributions from our shops.

Our Special Works have expanded significantly with the Migrant and Refugee Centre assisting 9,843 people – an enormous increase of 80% over the previous year. There is a wonderfully talented and committed group of people providing all that we offer with a warm smile and generous heart. The same can be said of the work done through Fred's Van which has also increased in meals provided and locations with new facilities at Salisbury and Aldinga. The number of meals, somewhat due to the extra nights offered in several locations, is testament to the 600 volunteers who have shown volunteering at its very best with their warmth and enthusiasm to serve the poor and marginalised.

The renamed Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre had an unprecedented level of occupancy due to both genuine demand and improved systems. State Council's decision to purchase and operate the Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre was met with great optimism from all who heard about this innovative and creative solution to the unreasonable situation where women in crisis are being placed in hotel rooms across the state.

The heartbeat of the Society continues to be the work of our conference members who have again inspired through their dedication and courage, passion and patience in continuing to deal with oppressive issues day after day. Our 883 conference members are the front line for the work of the Society and the epitome of a Vincentian.

Thank you seems barely adequate to the hundreds of people who so willingly give of their time, their spirit and their wisdom.

I hope our amazing volunteers receive immense satisfaction knowing their caring efforts are appreciated and while it might not always be acknowledged at the time, there will be a generation of South Australians forever grateful that Vinnies was there to assist in their moment of greatest need.

The management team have again been outstanding with a willingness to do whatever was required to get the job done. The Society is well placed with a diversely talented group of people who live the values and endeavour to deliver the mission of the Society.

The final thank you is to the State Council and the recently retired Vice Presidents, Frans DeRyk, Mike Day and State President Brian Spencer in particular. They have led with courage and been prepared to challenge, cajole and listen when different occasions arose. You too inspire.

David Wark
Chief Executive Officer

OUR PEOPLE

Our members, volunteers and staff ensure the Society's workplace culture is aligned with our values. The passion and dedication of our people is central to the good work we deliver and we support them to be the best they can. This maximises our ability to meet our goals and our impact in the community.



Conference members, also known as Vincentians, help people in need with support, friendship and material assistance.

Vinnies shop volunteers work in Vinnies shops, assisting with customer service, sorting, display and pricing of items.

Administration volunteers work in our assistance contact centre, as well as providing administrative aid with events, fundraising activities and general office duties.

Special Works volunteers support a range of our services, including our crisis accommodation services,

Migrant and Refugee Centre and Fred's Van which provides meals to the disadvantaged.

Our paid staff work across a number of areas including finance, marketing, retail, corporate services and administration to support the work of the conference and volunteer members.

Work Health and Safety

The Society has implemented a proactive safety program for all workers and contractors to nurture a safe environment across our sites. Elements include safety inductions, preventative audits, standard operating procedures, protective equipment and safety training. Staff and volunteers are engaged with safety through regular communications to all work sites.

Over the 2016/17 year the Society's WHS Committee met regularly with a focus on improving how safe work systems are applied across the Society, looking to achieve best practice standards and outcomes and also improving our safety training delivery.

During the year, Catholic Safety, Health and Welfare (SA) released a new Task Manager Database, which has been implemented across all work sites to track safety performance.

Three licence level audits were conducted by Catholic Safety, Health and Welfare (SA) on two St Vincent de Paul (SA) sites over the year, which were all assessed as compliant.



VINCENTIAN MISSION AND VALUES CENTRED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

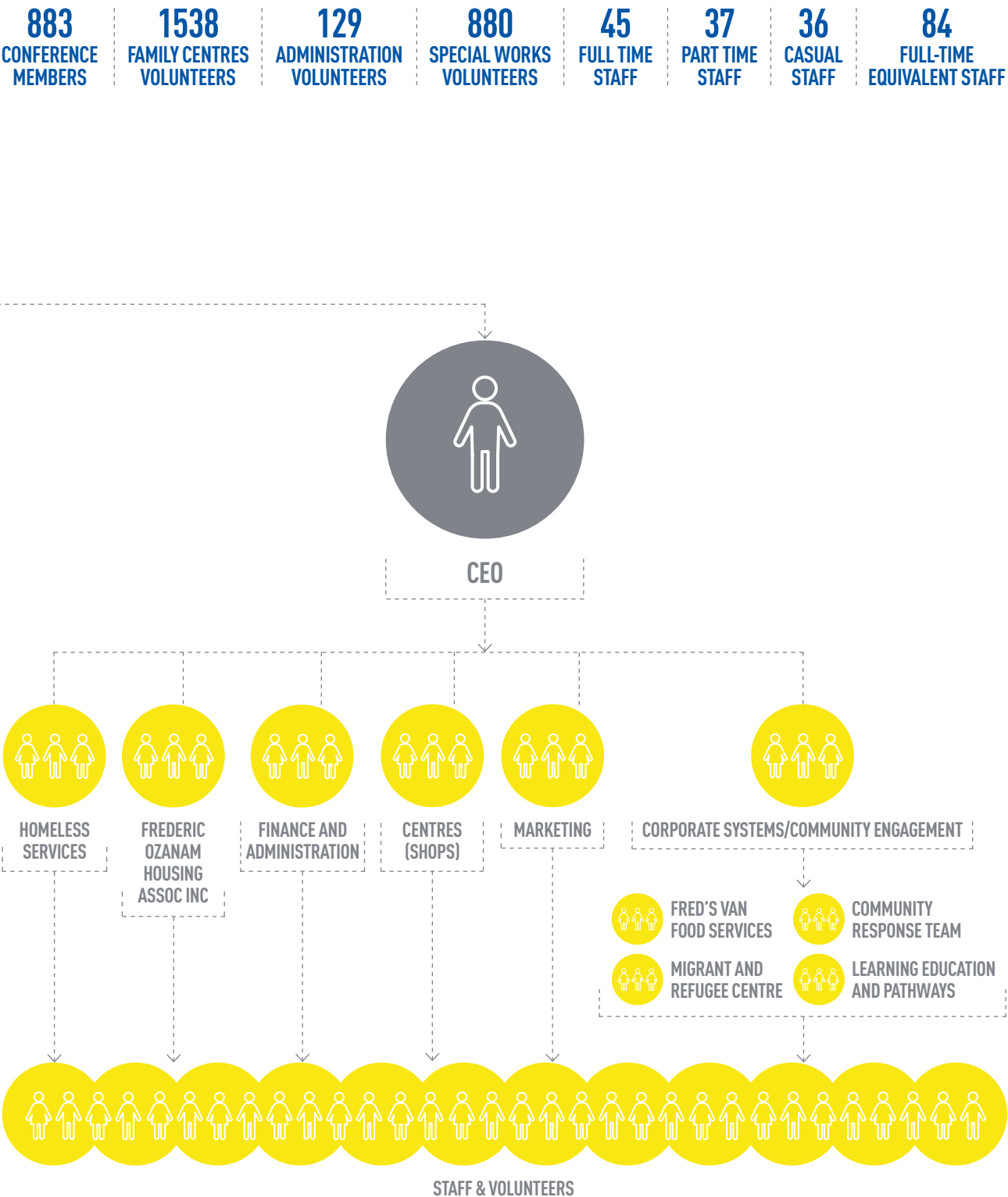
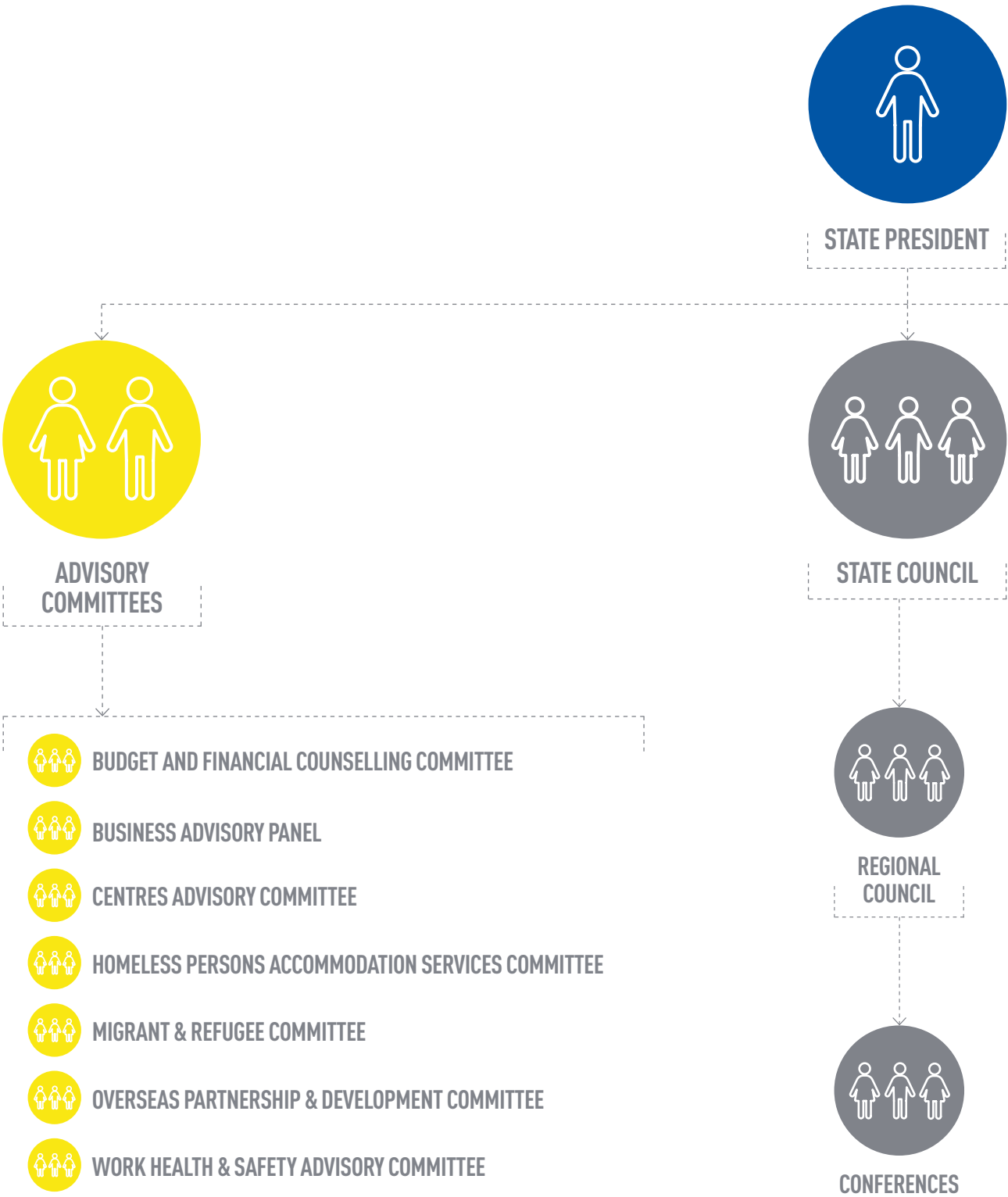


Now in its third year in South Australia, the Vincentian Mission and Values Centred Leadership Program has produced noticeable personal development in graduates and has had a positive impact on individuals, the Society and the community.

In 2016/17, the course hosted a total of 46 people, including representatives from the Society in Tasmania, the Hutt Street Centre and the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Facilitated by Victorian staff and eight past graduates, the role of study group leaders in mentoring

participants helped them to gain the most out of the course. This program has been embraced by the Society's staff and volunteers and will continue in its successful format.

OUR STRUCTURE



883 CONFERENCE MEMBERS	1538 FAMILY CENTRES VOLUNTEERS	129 ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTEERS	880 SPECIAL WORKS VOLUNTEERS	45 FULL TIME STAFF	37 PART TIME STAFF	36 CASUAL STAFF	84 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF
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HOW WE HELP

Vinnies is the only Australian charity to deliver a home visit program. In South Australia over 19,700 home visits were made over 2016/17, resulting in support and assistance to over 60,000 people - including 21,000 children.



HOME VISITS

For many people, necessities often taken for granted such as regular meals, healthcare and the ability to pay utility bills, are a daily struggle. No matter how hard they try, many people battle to make ends meet. Others face temporary situations where they require support and a hand up before crisis point is reached.

When people call our assistance line they are connected with caring volunteers from their local area (Vinnies conference members), who meet them in their home, or at interviewing locations which are often attached to Vinnies shops. By meeting people face-to-face, our conference volunteers have the valuable opportunity to get to know the people who seek assistance from the Society at a personal level. Obtaining on the ground understanding of their unique circumstances and often meeting entire families, our volunteers gain insight into the specific hurdles faced and are in a position to provide enhanced emotional and practical support.

Throughout 2016/17, conference members continued meeting requests for assistance with kindness, respect and dignity.

Assistance provided by our conference members included:

- Emergency food hampers and supermarket vouchers
- Gift cards for Vinnies shops to acquire clothing, shoes and homewares
- Furniture
- Rent and utility bill payment
- Financial counselling

Our members, who come from diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences, bring a great depth of understanding and compassion to their involvement in the Society. Members meet regularly to share their experiences, reflect on their service, and monitor and discuss local needs.



Darren's Story

When you're down on your luck, sometimes things can seem hopeless. That's how it was for Darren, who lost his job through illness and was unable to work for several years.

"For a while there I just sat around and thought, well, my life's over. Nothing's ever going to change; no-one's ever going to hire me."

That's when he found the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The first thing Darren received was help with food and clothing when he was struggling to make ends meet.

Christine, the Vinnies volunteer who met with Darren, knew he was keen to get back into the workforce, to feel valued and useful again.

Through Christine, Vinnies helped get Darren job ready. First, he started volunteering with Vinnies, doing home visits to the elderly. It was a great way for Darren to get out into his community, to see that other people were struggling too, and that he could help them.

"Where I live, there are quite a few elderly people. Over the years, I've watched them getting older and becoming more isolated. It's always good to knock on their door and try to get them up and at it."

The confidence instilled in him by Christine, together with the practical assistance provided, eventually helped Darren back into the workforce, into a job he is proud of.

"Through Vinnies giving me this chance, helping me get this job, it just gives you such a good feeling within yourself. It's given me the confidence to not step back, and to always keep trying."

"Christine always had an uplifting word. She said to me: 'You are going to be a valuable part of the community.' I couldn't see that at the start, but after a while I believed her and that was it."

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

The St Vincent de Paul Society SA established its Community Response Team early in 2016 to specifically address enormous demand for the Society's assistance and services in Adelaide's northern suburbs.



Elizabeth is greater Adelaide's most disadvantaged area, followed by Smithfield and Elizabeth North. The closure of General Motors Holden is expected to increase local need for support in the near future.

A new approach

The Community Response Team was developed with several key differences to our home visit service.

Led by a professional social worker who meets with people in need on a case management basis, Society volunteers are also trained to provide a more focused and comprehensive service.

This ensures more people receive assistance, better long term support is provided and diversity in volunteers is encouraged resulting in anticipated long term social improvements.

Key aspects of the service include:

- Longer interviews to explore issues in depth
- Participants in the program met with regularly
- Volunteers trained and mentored by a professional
- Volunteers focus on meeting people, with administration tasks overseen separately by the Community Response Team Leader
- Social welfare theories, models, program design and evaluation employed in assistance delivery
- Funded internally, allowing a flexible, individualised approach

Deep engagement

Through the Community Response Team Vinnies has the opportunity to understand what lies beneath the tip of the iceberg for people living in poverty. As the project is not restricted to implementation of a pre-determined program, we are able to be open to the situation of the participant and flexible in our approach.

Assistance provided

An initial 50 people were identified from the Elizabeth area who had repeatedly contacted the Society for assistance and regular contact was established with 30 people willing to enter the program.

Assistance was provided in the form of clothing, food and emergency bill payment together with individualised support, referrals and advocacy tailored to their specific needs which ranged from transport assistance to advocating on their behalf and assisting with applications for housing and education needs. Importantly, relationships were developed which enabled valuable emotional support and mentoring.



Rebecca's Story

Several years ago Rebecca was living an enviable lifestyle in Queensland as the proud co-owner of a successful business.

A relationship breakup saw that venture come to an end, with Rebecca and her dogs moving in with a man from her past.

What followed was a tumultuous period that saw Rebecca exposed to domestic violence for the first time and the confusion, anguish and physical injuries that accompany this situation when the perpetrator is someone you love.

The couple were travelling, moving from caravan park to caravan park. Rebecca was distressed but committed to making the relationship work.

"I found myself getting attacked over and over again. It started off every couple of months, then every few weeks, then every week."

Eventually, Rebecca made the decision to leave and escaped after a drunken attack at 1 o'clock in the morning. Fleeing with a smashed windscreen and her beloved dogs, she had no money and nowhere to go.

"A kind lady let me and the dogs stay at her place and the next morning drove me to the places I needed to go - Domestic Violence services, the police station and Vinnies," Rebecca says.

"That's when Vinnies paid to fix my windscreen and paid for my petrol all the way down to Adelaide."

Vinnies helped her get settled in Adelaide, assisting with food, counselling and referrals. As a participant in the Community Response Team program, Rebecca's Society contact is regularly in contact to provide her with emotional and material support tailored to her situation.

"Vinnies has gone above and beyond for me."



“I am very grateful to Vinnies. They got me where I am now.”

BEHZAD, LEAP PARTICIPANT.

Together with gaining employment through the program, Behzad (pictured left) also now volunteers to help others, including for surf rescue and teaching Syrian refugees to swim early in 2017.

LEARNING, EDUCATION AND PATHWAYS (LEAP)

The LEAP Program delivers foundation skills training to those who are disadvantaged, drawing on a trainee's strengths and recognising their needs. People who are socially excluded or at risk of vulnerability benefit from the program in many ways, such as improving their employability, social skills and self-confidence.

Learning for tomorrow

The first stage of the LEAP program is to re-engage long-term unemployed experiencing multiple barriers to employment. Participants often suffer from ineffective communication experiences, poor negotiating skills, limited mutual understanding ability, low self-esteem or poor self-image as learners and achievers. These people are at high risk of experiencing deep or multiple forms of social exclusion and disadvantage. This stage of the program focuses on individually tailored foundation skills training which may include reading, writing, numeracy, digital engagement, exploration of employment opportunities and community engagement.

Vocational Pathways

The second stage of the program assists participants to engage in group activities, including peer education, buddying or shadowing. Participants may explore relevant pathways to identify their individual needs as well as address their individual social or cultural demands by undertaking selective, accredited foundation skills. These meaningful learning experiences extend participants' skill base, independence and self-confidence - while engaging with community networks.

Access to LEAP

Operating since 2010, the LEAP program is funded by State Government. Individuals with a history of learning, communication and numeracy difficulties, barriers to employment or who have been long-term unemployed can access the program by volunteering at approved Vinnies shops. They may also be referred through the Society's Migrant and Refugee Centre.



FRED'S VAN

The Society's ten Fred's Van services provide comfort and a warm, nutritious meal for people experiencing disadvantage or homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness. Operating from eight sites across Adelaide and two regionally in Port Lincoln and Port Pirie, this emergency service is delivered by more than 600 committed volunteers.



Delivering a service that provides our companions with dignity and respect is a high priority

Vinnies Fred's Van supports some of the most vulnerable people in the community who are experiencing a range of issues such as homelessness, social isolation or unemployment. Those forced to live rough are able to access Fred's Van for a hot meal, blankets, donated books and social connection.

This important service provided 40,000 meals over the 2016/17 year, an increase of 30% from the year before. The army of volunteers who deliver Fred's Van services make an enormous difference to people experiencing disadvantage - not only through the meals provided but also the manner in which they assist, with kindness and respect.



The increase in meals has been a driver to expand our service in the Northern suburbs to meet increasing demand in this area. Ultimately, Fred's Van provides a tangible benefit to the whole community by ameliorating the impact of major disadvantage on people.

Delivering a service that provides our companions with dignity and respect is a high priority, and with this in mind, the Salisbury Fred's Van service relocated

from its outside service in June 2017 to a heated inside venue, enabling seated meals to be enjoyed in a social setting. This has also facilitated a broader menu, with positive impacts on nutrition and health. Eight of our Fred's Van sites are now indoors.

Many people served by this key service are not homeless but struggling to make ends meet. Over the financial year we saw continuing large increases in the

attendance of families with children, reflecting increasing challenges felt in the South Australian community.

The Society is grateful to the many partners who work with our Fred's Van service including OzHarvest and Orange Sky Laundry. We are also grateful to our generous Fred's Van supporters including Concubine Restaurant, National Wine Centre, Fasta Pasta, Lions Club and many more.

VINNIES YOUTH

Vinnies Youth comprises 120 young people aged between 16-35 who share their talents and skills volunteering in services and programs across South Australia, including Fred's Van, home visits and Buddy Days.

The 2016/17 year saw the consolidation of a strong partnership with Equals International College, where a significant number of students undertook industry placement opportunities in a variety of the Society's conferences. This partnership is continuing to strengthen.

Buddy Days

Last year the State Youth Team extended our Buddy Day offering to children of men staying at our Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre (formerly known as the Vincentian Centre.) The team also collaborated with the Migrant and Refugee Centre to engage with refugee

parents and children in Adelaide's northern suburbs. The Buddy Day program is fully funded by fundraising undertaken by its dedicated Youth Team members and donations to the program.

Youth members engage and buddy up with children aged 6-14 years, as role models and mentors. Children involved are often facing disadvantage or hardship in their lives and the Society's youth leaders provide activities and excursions tailored to provide a safe, fun and rewarding learning experience.

The focus for the 2016/17 year was to build resilience by incorporating opportunities to develop relationships, build confidence and experience situations which may be challenging, as well as providing services and people to support children in their journey. The program is looking to expand to include a number of regions over the coming years.

Youths aged over 14 years

Work continues for children over the age of 14, with planning for a pilot program to be implemented during the 2017/18 financial year, where State Youth Team members will be available to mentor young people once a month. Engagement will be fluid and may include sharing of stories, help with homework, learning new skills or general discussion. This program will also provide continuity for younger participants in the Buddy Program.



Connor's Story

At just 17 years old, Connor was kicked out of home by his mother and stepfather. Feeling abandoned and alone, he attempted to support himself but soon ended up homeless.

"The most hurtful thing was that my mum and stepfather lied to me. They sent me to Perth for a few months to meet my real father and said I was always welcome home. It wasn't until I got back that I realised I'd been kicked out. It was such a shock."

At an age when most young people are graduating high school and planning their future, Connor's only concern was survival. He explains that the hardest part of sleeping rough was trying to keep safe.

"I didn't care if I got wet or sick, I just wanted to survive. There's a lot of violence on the street. Someone followed me once and if I didn't have my friends close by they would have stabbed me."

Things changed when Connor visited a St Vincent de Paul Society homeless shelter. After two years of sleeping rough, he finally felt safe and cared for.

Connor's social workers helped him apply for a house and before long he was told he would be moving into a place of his own.

"Vinnies have been a big help. Without them it would have been hard to get off the street and set up a home. The Vinnies Shop near my new house even helped me get a bed, couch, tables and chairs, kitchen utensils, towels and blankets. Without that help I wouldn't have been able to afford any furniture."

"My plan is to get a job, save up some money and travel overseas. I want to go to America, to see Disneyland and the Grand Canyon, and I'm also going to study. I'm trying to get into university to study teaching so that one day I can be a high school teacher."

VINNIES IN SCHOOLS

The St Vincent de Paul Society has long relationships with many schools and values these partnerships. The School and Community Engagement Coordinator is an important role in the Society, engaging schools and children in social justice issues and broadening the understanding of poverty in the community.



Many schools form 'Mini Vinnies' groups, comprising students and teachers who wish to become involved in community service and social justice.

Social Justice

The Society seeks to help young people understand that their actions, big or small, can make a valuable difference in other people's lives. The program works in partnership with educational organisations and the wider St Vincent de Paul Society conference network.

Young people are often strong believers of equality and keen to bring new ideas to help alleviate suffering or deprivation. The Society works with educators, developing channels for leadership in young people and challenging them to think of others.

During the year the Society presented to schools on over 102 occasions and continued to provide guest speakers at school events to engage children with social justice and support the work of our volunteers in their local schools.

The 2016/17 year saw a wider number of schools engaged including many catholic schools and increasing numbers of government and independent schools.

School support

Students embrace the concept that small donations or volunteering efforts combine to make an enormous impact in the community.

Support from schools has increased in line with the creation of our new school and community focused role, with donations including money, non-perishable food, blankets and clothing together with cooking food for distribution via the Society's Fred's Van services.

Many schools held school sleepouts over the colder months, providing a valuable opportunity for students to learn about the issue of homelessness, while raising vital funds for the Society.



Nazareth Catholic College collected thousands of cans of food for Vinnies, using these to create an inspiring 'hope' themed design on the gym floor.



Salisbury Heights Primary School held a clothing and food drive, bringing in 10 bins of clothing and over 850 food items.



Cardijn College Romero house at Noarlunga donated 100 back packs filled with toiletries and personal messages of support.

The Society engaged children in social justice discussions, encouraging them to think about the issues around poverty, through 102 presentations at schools over the year.

Some of our supporters...

St Francis Xavier Regional Catholic School at Wynn Vale held a drive that filled 16 bins with pre-loved clothing.

The Mini Vinnies group at the School of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park had a winter warmers day selling hot chocolate to raise funds. They also collected new items such as blankets, socks, beanies, gloves and scarves.



Vinnies Van

The 2016/17 year saw the re-branding of a van to 'Vinnies Van', for use on school visits and to collect donated clothing and other items. It is hoped the new look van will remind people to donate items and help make the Society's school visits more memorable to students. The vehicle visited numerous schools and made its debut at the Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

Uniform Sales

Vinnies provision of new school uniforms continues to grow, with St Brigid's Kilburn joining the four existing schools on the program. The Vinnies shop at Hawthorn continues to supply St Thomas, Goodwood; St Joseph's, Kingswood and St Therese, Colonel Light Gardens, with the Kidman Park Vinnies shop supplying St Joseph's school at Hindmarsh. This initiative not only gives the schools a whole new look, but raises much needed funds for Vinnies services.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Frederic Ozanam Housing Association (FOHA) provides low cost housing to South Australians in need. Increasing demand for low cost housing in South Australia has set the association's growth strategy, with the 2016/17 year seeing progression of our plans to merge with other housing cooperatives. Opportunities were also investigated to build on vacant church land, which would provide future development opportunities.



House Movements

Housing affordability is a key issue for South Australians. The demand for housing throughout 2016/2017 once again outstripped supply. FOHA's new housing registrations for last year were 96 however this figure does not include the number of enquires received from people in housing stress. Many registrations and enquiries were received from refugees, families, youth and women escaping domestic violence.

Future Growth

The strategic direction of the Frederic Ozanam Housing Association is growth focused, which includes a merger with St Vincent de Paul Housing Company (nationally). This is expected to be completed in the latter part of 2017.

Frederic Ozanam Housing Association Inc



VINNIES MEN'S CRISIS ACCOMMODATION

The Vincentian Centre has been renamed the Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre. This 47 bed facility continues to be an important homelessness service in Adelaide with over 90% occupancy each night. A highlight of the year was an 80% increase in meals served to guests and a doubling of volunteers at the centre.



	2015/16	2016/17
Bed nights	15,234	15,868
Meals served	7,332	12,083
Volunteers	730	1,668

The range of services, improvements and activities provided by the Centre expanded during the year to include:

- Advice and support on services available for guests
- Intensive Case Management service - funded by the Society and provided by Hutt Street Centre, assisting over 100 guests to find stable accommodation.
- Free weekly physiotherapy service for guests
- Mindfulness program

- Regular laundry service, provided by Orange Sky
- Kitchenette refurbishment
- Regular courtyard barbecues
- Music nights
- Painting of all guest rooms

The Centre obtained three year accreditation under the Australian Service Excellence Standards (the endorsed Quality Accreditation Program approved by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion.) The 2016/17 year also saw recommendations from the review conducted in 2015 successfully implemented.

Future plans for the Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre include the construction of a

new games room within the next 12 months.

The Centre would not function without its dedicated workers including its management committee and the many volunteers who have created an enviable reputation for the quality of meals provided every night of the year at the Centre.

Vinnies is grateful for the wonderful community support we receive with many donations of food, clothing and toiletries, together with the Commonwealth and State Governments, who contribute to the running costs of the facility.



VINNIES WOMEN'S CRISIS ACCOMMODATION

Over the year momentum built for a major new service in SA, the Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre. Extensive planning for this emergency accommodation service for women culminated in the Society signing a contract for a 21 guest room property, situated in a quiet, suburban location.

The Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre will support women in need at crisis point, providing short term accommodation in partnership with the South Australian government and homelessness agencies. The Centre will commence operations in the second half of 2017.

An innovative model in point-of-crisis intervention care, the service will replace motel alternatives for many South Australian women and their children who are escaping domestic violence or other crisis situations.

Community support, including from BankSA who raised over \$160,000 for the centre through CEO Nick Reade's participation in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, is instrumental to the establishment of this new service.

The Centre combines serviced accommodation and all meals, with practical services such as child minding, assistance with transport, clothing, pet care and more – leveraging the strengths and experience of the Society in providing compassionate support for those most in need.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

The Society's Budget and Financial Counselling services are provided by trained volunteers and assist people to gain confidence in managing their personal finances. Guidance is provided to individuals and families experiencing adverse social circumstances, financial difficulties or hardship.



Our Budget Counsellors work with people who have debts of less than \$3,000 while our Financial Counsellors, who all have a Diploma of Community Service in Financial Counselling, work with people to an upper debt limit of \$10,000.

The service provides vital support, tools and knowledge for managing a variety

of financial situations such as difficulty with utility payments, rental arrears, loan defaults, and repossessions.

The need for financial counselling services continued to grow, as we encountered more people struggling to pay bills and the level of unemployment and under-employment increased. This was particularly evident in the

Society's Elizabeth North conference area. Overall this year, nearly 340 calls for assistance were responded to, excluding counselling through Vinnies Migrant and Refugee Centre which has additional Financial and Budget Counsellors.



Vinnies currently has 44 Budget Counsellors and two Financial Counsellors and many more currently undergoing their training. Assistance included:

- Advocating on behalf of people for repayment plans to creditors
- Obtaining credit card debt waivers
- Applying for grants to assist with payments of telephone bills, power

bills, water rates, council rates and employment training

- Negotiating moratoriums on property defaults
- Organising pro-rata payment plans and 0% credit card rollovers
- Providing guidance regarding savings plans

Two key pieces of work were completed

over the year by the Budget and Financial Counselling Special Works Group Committee. The first piece was the preparation of a Budget Counsellor Kit for all Conferences and the second was the successful trial of a regional training approach for incoming Budget Counsellors in the Western Region, to increase volunteers with this capacity and ensure a prompt response to requests.

VINNIES SHOPS

Vinnies is one of the largest recycling organisations in Australia and is staffed largely by volunteers. The 36 Vinnies shops across metropolitan and regional South Australia are a valuable resource for people on low incomes, providing quality clothing, household goods and furniture, often free of charge.

Vinnies shops are a place that people in need can come, secure in the knowledge that they will be treated with dignity and respect.

They are also a great option for the savvy shopper, with a treasure trove of surprises, selling quirky collectables, retro clothing and vintage delights.

All the profits from our Vinnies shops go directly to providing assistance to those in need. For this reason we were thrilled to see continued improvement and growth in our shops over the 2016/17 financial year.

The Mt Barker Vinnies shop was re-opened in September after extensive renovation and expansion. Our Brighton shop was relocated and opened in November, and a funky new shop in Waymouth Street, Adelaide city, was opened in March. In June we opened our new shop in Salisbury, replacing the previous shop which closed in April 2016. An overall increase in sales for the financial year of over five per cent meant our services could expand where they are needed most.



Helen's Story

Helen (above right) started working as a Vinnies Shop volunteer eight years ago and from day one she loved being part of an organisation that works so closely with the community.

Seeing the direct impact of her work makes it all worthwhile, however four years ago when Helen lost her son to suicide, her involvement with Vinnies gained deeper meaning.

"I have people coming through the doors who might be suicidal, who might have mental illnesses, and giving back to them or helping them in some way means so much to me. It gives me strength."

"Vinnies is very community based and the best thing about our shops are the friendships. We don't treat customers like they're a number; we treat them as friends. We won't put anything out in the shop that we wouldn't purchase ourselves. Everything has to be clean and in good condition, yet still affordable. We want our customers to enjoy their experience."

Three years ago, Helen was promoted to Vinnies Shop Manager.

"I see myself working here forever, whether it's as a manager or as a volunteer. I think Vinnies gives people hope for a better future, and that's something I want to be part of."

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CENTRE

The Migrant and Refugee Centre works with compassion to support newly-arrived migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Assisting those who have fled war, persecution, injustice or intolerance, the centre provides housing and immigration information; food, clothing, furniture and assistance with bills; budget and financial counselling, small interest free loans, advocacy and referrals to other agencies.



During the year the Migrant and Refugee Centre consolidated its relocation to Hindmarsh, attracting increasing numbers of people seeking assistance.

Changes in government policy and a toughening economic climate caused an increase in numbers of newly arrived migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

requesting assistance from the Society. The increase largely attributed to the arrival of Syrian humanitarian refugees. The impact of increasing numbers seeking assistance and requests for food, clothing and blankets from the Migrant and Refugee Centre has resulted in heavier reliance on the generosity of the Society's benefactors.

Over the financial year, 9,843 people were assisted with over \$18,000 of food, over \$170,000 of clothing, manchester and other goods, furniture to the value of \$174,000 and other assistance of \$47,000.



The assistance provided is made possible through a portion of funds raised by the Society at community events and annual appeals, a contribution made from goods sold at Vinnies Centres, the Centre's own fundraising events and generous support from schools, community organisations and generous individual donors.

A grant of \$9000 was received from the South Australian Council of churches, which will be used in the next financial year to develop and implement an affordable accommodation project.

Other highlights of the year included paving around the Migrant and Refugee Centre with the assistance of the Hindmarsh Parish, submissions to the National Vincentian network in relation to policy issues affecting refugees and people seeking asylum, and an increase in centre volunteers to 40 dedicated people.

Budget and financial counselling services continued during the year, providing a "hands up" approach to people seeking assistance.

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ADVOCACY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a strong and effective advocacy organisation at a local and national level. A key activity is responding to Parliamentary enquiries on relevant social issues.

Over the financial year the Society participated in a number of enquiries including a submission to *Australian Refugee and Humanitarian Program* which called for:

- An increase from 13,750 refugees in the 2016 - 17 intake to 30,000 refugees over 2017-18 in recognition of the millions of displaced people around the world
- An end to offshore processing of refugees
- Abolition of the boat turn back policy
- Lifting of the ban preventing the resettlement of refugees in Indonesia
- Reinstatement of a "fair refugee status" determination process, for asylum seekers arriving by boat

A low income submission to the Social Services Legislation amendment opposed the *Better Targeting of Student Payments*, as it reduces financial support to disadvantaged students and income support recipients.

The Society was critical in its submission to the *Social Services Legislation Amendment Budget Repair Bill 2016* because it unfairly cut essential payments to people on low incomes and removed support for education and training.

Energy Reforms

The Society has been a very active participant in the national Energy debate. Practical guides and assistance has been provided through the electricity, gas and solar reports which compare the pricing of energy utilities. These reports (located on the Vinnies website and prepared on a state by state basis) help to inform consumers on the best prices.

Future Plans

At a local level the Society is going through a period of discernment. Through consultation with our State Council, volunteers and staff, a new strategic plan is being developed to identify key advocacy issues to be tackled over the next four years.



WHITE RIBBON

The Society made the decision to partner with White Ribbon Australia, which is part of a global movement to create a society where all women can live safely, free from violence and abuse. The Society shares White Ribbon's belief that this can be achieved through education, awareness-raising preventative programs, partnerships, creative campaigns and an active stand against violence and disrespect.

In 2016 the Society was inspired to be part of this important social change and become accredited as a White Ribbon organisation. The people we assist are often suffering from violence, abuse and disadvantage and the link between ending domestic and family violence and better community outcomes is very clear. We commenced the accreditation process in August 2016 and aim to achieve this by February 2018.

Accreditation marks the Society in SA as an organisation that has the policies, resources, training, values and practices to demonstrate violence free and respectful treatment of all people, especially women. Upon completion of the process, a certificate of accreditation is awarded by White Ribbon which is reviewed after three years.

The White Ribbon Project Team is working through the Accreditation Standards and criteria to gain accreditation. Over the year an initial organisation wide survey was implemented, White Ribbon Champions were established at our worksites, policies were created and updated, people were trained and resources prepared to assist those suffering violence or assisting others in these circumstances. The Society's risk management model was appropriately updated and awareness events held.

A substantial body of work remains to meet accreditation standards by November 2017 and we look forward to on-going collaboration with White Ribbon as we engage staff, volunteers and external supporters to embed this important cultural change.



Key objectives of the White Ribbon Accreditation Program for the Society are:

Increase the knowledge and skill of staff and volunteers to be aware of and address violence against women in the **WORKPLACE**

Enhance our capacity to **RESPOND** to issues of violence against **WOMEN**

Demonstrate our active and **EFFECTIVE** steps to **STOP** violence against women

Change attitudes and behaviours that **ALLOW VIOLENCE** against women to **OCCUR**

OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is in partnership with our neighbouring societies in the Asia-Pacific region. Underpinning our partnership programs is a belief that people are at peace with themselves and their neighbours when they have the hope and faith that through their own efforts, they can live and grow in dignity.



The South Australian Overseas Partnership & Development Committee had seven active members over the year. Christine Adkins was welcomed as Eastern Region representative and representatives from the Western, Central, Southern and Riverland/Yorke Regions are currently being sought.

State Council continued to support the administration of the Kanjirappally Central Council in India and the Udonthani Diocesan Council in Thailand. South Australian conferences were in twinning partnerships with 139 conferences across India, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines and provided twinning grants totalling \$46,540.

A total of five projects were funded during the year worth \$6,617:

A
TEACHER
in Pakistan was supported through the
PAKISTAN LITERACY PROGRAM

In
SRI LANKA
a project provided sewing machines so people could
EARN INCOME
through garment making

THREE
projects were completed in India - a cow bank, a goat bank and a
COMMUNITY LPG
connection initiative

Projects like those above allow many people to be better educated and have more sustainable incomes, helping them break out of poverty, and they encourage local parishioners to become involved.

The Assist a Student program has assisted children and young adults to receive an education, an important

factor in fighting poverty by enabling individuals to support themselves, their families and their communities in the future. The program provided a combined total of \$23,870 in scholarships to 341 students across India, Cambodia, Fiji, Myanmar, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Thailand over the 2016-17 financial year.



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FUNDRAISING



We are grateful to the thousands of people and organisations across South Australia who provide the Society with the funds we need to support the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in our community.

On behalf of the recipients of our assistance, the Society offers our sincere thanks to the generous supporters who gifted more than \$2 million for our work in the community throughout the 2016-17 financial year.

Assistance comes in a variety of forms including regular donations, gifts in Wills, organising community fundraising events, responding to direct or emergency appeals and workplace giving.

During economically challenging times, our individual supporters, parishes, schools and businesses responded to both our Vinnies Winter and Christmas appeals with enormous generosity. Winter Appeal donations were strengthened by contributions of blankets, winter coats and food items and the festive season was a time for extended giving. Many people opened their hearts to donate or facilitate collections of children's Christmas gifts and food hampers for distribution to those experiencing disadvantage. These donations ensured the most marginalised people within our community could enjoy the season and participate in giving and sharing with their loved ones.

Emergency Bushfire Appeal

The Society is the South Australian government's preferred partner in the event of a major disaster. Thankfully, the State experienced no major natural disasters over the 2016-17 financial year, however we were prepared with well documented procedures and staff trained to guarantee a quick response in the event of a bushfire or other incident.

The Saint

Our bi-annual The Saint newsletter is a valuable communication method to update our donors on the Society's activities and our news, helping people understand where their money is spent and how it changes lives. We are grateful to the many people who donate in response to receiving this publication, which reassures us our activities are focused in areas that are important to our community of supporters.

Bequests

Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Society will be able to continue to support, assist and most importantly provide a hand up to those at greatest risk of experiencing social exclusion, disadvantage or homelessness in our community. We are very grateful to those who have made a gift to us in their Will. These gifts will have a long-lasting impact for many years to come.



Aziz's Story

The day he initially sought assistance through the Vinnies Migrant and Refugee Centre, Aziz walked for over three hours from a northern suburb to Hindmarsh in temperatures upwards of 35 degrees.

After all the atrocities he had experienced, it was a simple journey Aziz took in his stride. As well as being a friendly face, the Migrant and Refugee Centre provided assistance with food, clothing and most recently a wheelchair for Aziz's 15 year old son.

"I am very happy. My children are very happy. We have no problems and I don't worry here because life is safe and that is a big thing."

EVENTS

Contributions from the wider community form a vital income stream for the Society. In many cases, these require dedicated community members to not only donate, but also participate in or coordinate engaging events.

Community Events

In addition to support from many school groups, a number of clubs, workplaces and groups either held their own event or worked with us to participate in community fundraising events. These included the Glenelg Rotary Club's Cold Plunge, Team Vinnie in the City to Bay and community sleepouts including the one hosted by UniSA, attended by more than 40 students. Various conferences and sections of the Society also held their own movie nights and various fundraisers to support their activities.

The Toy Run

The Motor Riders Association SA's Toy Run is an iconic event each December and once again brought excited spectators out to see around 6,000 motorcycle riders ride from Victoria Park to Callington with their cargo of Christmas cheer. Toys were collected by the Society to be given to children.

CEO Sleepout

The Annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout in South Australia was held with enthusiasm, breaking records in both participants and funds raised. A total of 125 executives participated, raising over \$635,000 for the Society's works in the community.

Business and community leaders slept rough at Government House in June over the coldest night yet for the Adelaide event. Activities on the night included an 'on the couch' panel discussion with a home visits (conference) volunteer and a staff member from our men's shelter, while another discussion with a woman helped by Vinnies – culminating in the

surprise donation of a vehicle – gave participants an excellent understanding of the diverse and valuable ways the Society impacts our community.

Our MC for the event was Kate Ceberano, who assisted auctioneer Sharon Gray to garner a strong result from the evening's auction. Media attention was excellent, with several TV stations attending in support of the event on their news, and radio and print media also helped distribute our message.

Top fundraiser for the event was again Bank SA's CEO Nick Reade, who raised over \$160,000, which also positioned him for the second year as the nation's top fundraiser.

Second highest fundraiser was newcomer to the event, Tobi Pearce, who raised an incredible \$44,000. Special mentions go to Mike Chalmers, Alex Tullio, Alexandra Gartmann and Danny Casey who completed the top six fundraisers, and winner of our highest performing team, Beaumont Tiles.

Every donation allows us to make a real difference in the lives of more than 100,000 people across South Australia. We are extremely grateful to the unwavering support our Vinnies CEO Sleepout has from the corporate and media community, and sincerely thank all participants, sponsors and donors.



Top fundraiser for the event in SA and nationally was again BankSA's CEO Nick Reade. The Society in SA is grateful to the support of BankSA and its dedicated employees, who are passionate about the work we do in the community and committed to helping us make a difference.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2017



	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,512,402	3,046,718
Trade and other receivables	168,179	178,564
Inventories	72,585	37,886
Other current assets	199,301	117,721
Total Current Assets	2,952,467	3,380,889
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	10,360,966	9,811,575
Total Non-Current Assets	10,360,966	9,811,575
Total Assets	13,313,433	13,192,464
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	769,760	855,646
Provisions	901,685	845,045
Other current liabilities	27,676	199,181
Total Current Liabilities	1,699,121	1,899,872
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	135,423	108,163
Total Non-Current Liabilities	135,423	108,163
Total Liabilities	1,834,544	2,008,035
Net Assets	11,478,889	11,184,429
EQUITY		
Reserves	1,154,244	458,992
Accumulated Funds	10,324,645	10,725,437
Total Equity	11,478,889	11,184,429

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
REVENUE		
Sales	7,855,201	7,478,410
Government Funding	1,414,361	1,378,488
Donations	2,385,222	2,748,991
Bequests	489,313	577,464
Client Contributions - Accommodation	210,727	172,791
Interest	51,877	54,668
Other	1,706,163	1,092,152
	14,112,864	13,502,964
EXPENSES		
Administration	437,459	387,737
Assistance	2,064,760	2,261,361
Client/Resident Services	70,743	44,142
Depreciation and Amortisation	398,487	373,491
Interest Paid	142	10
Fundraising Expenses	351,239	384,853
Motor Vehicle Expenses	248,339	220,783
Personnel	5,896,900	5,347,706
Professional Fees	233,620	194,561
Property Expenses	1,950,996	1,882,207
Purchases for Sales	247,735	208,691
Repairs and Maintenance	107,288	123,005
Telecommunications	204,470	177,642
Travel & Accommodation	42,111	51,831
Waste Disposal	181,620	192,203
Youth Projects	617	110
Other	1,381,878	1,268,244
	13,818,404	13,118,577
OPERATING SURPLUS	294,460	384,387
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	294,460	384,387

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

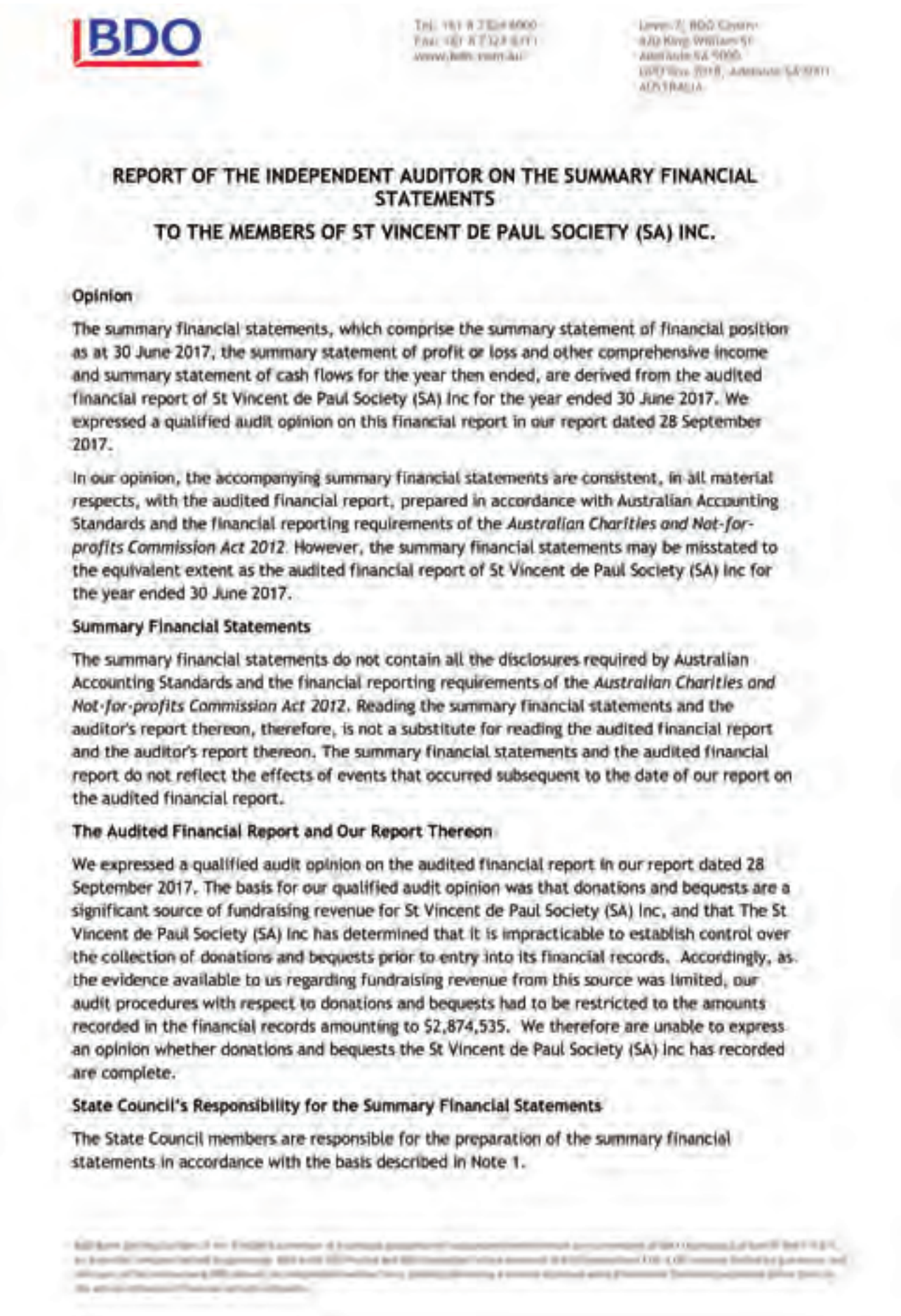


	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	8,649,758	7,591,649
Government funding	1,414,361	1,378,488
Donations, bequests and sundry income	4,568,299	4,418,607
Interest received	51,877	54,668
Payments to suppliers and employees	(14,283,133)	(12,438,256)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	401,162	1,005,156
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	16,364	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(951,845)	(518,337)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(935,481)	(518,337)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(534,316)	486,819
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	3,046,718	2,559,899
Cash at the end of the financial year	2,512,402	3,046,718

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PREPARATON OF THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

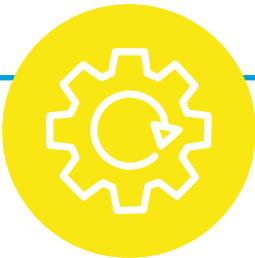
Please note the following in relation to the summary financial statements of St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc for the year ended 30 June 2017;

- a) The summary financial statements are derived from, and consistent with, the audited financial report for the year ended 30 June 2017 prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012; and
- b) The full audited financial report of St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc for the year ended 30 June 2017 can be provided upon request or downloaded from the ACNC website (www.acnc.gov.au).





GOVERNANCE



MEMBERS IN OFFICE AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

State President	Cathy Beaton
Vice President and Hills Murray Regional President	Damien Lloyd
Vice President and Indigenous Representative	John Lochowiak
Treasurer	Deniz Gray
Spiritual Advisor	Sr Meredith Evans rsm

REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

Central	Jose Hernandez
Eastern	Moira Lugg
Eyre Region	Vacant
Fleurieu	Anne Byrne
Northern	Peter Knowling
Riverland/Yorke	Margaret Kayser
South East	John D'Souza
Southern	Steve Kelton
Western	Martin Delaney

EX OFFICIO

Chief Executive Officer	David Wark
Minute Secretary	Julia Schinella

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Budget and Financial Counselling Committee
- Business Advisory Panel
- Centres Advisory Committee
- Homeless Persons Accommodation Services Committee
- Migrant and Refugee Committee
- Overseas Partnership and Development Committee
- Work Health and Safety Advisory Committee

VINNIES SHOPS IN SA



VINNIES SHOP LOCATIONS



Metropolitan

Adelaide, Waymouth St
Brighton
Campbelltown
Christies Beach
Elizabeth
Gawler
Hawthorn
Hindmarsh
Kidman Park
Morphett Vale
Mount Barker
Norwood
Parkside
Port Adelaide

Prospect
Royal Park
St Marys
Salisbury
Semaphore
Taperoo
Torrensville
Valley View

Regional

Barmera
Coober Pedy
Kadina
Maitland

Millicent
Mount Gambier
Murray Bridge
Naracoorte
Port Augusta
Port Lincoln
Port Pirie
Taillem Bend
Victor Harbor
Whyalla

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Aberfoyle Park
Adelaide / St Francis
Barmera
Berri
Blackwood
Bordertown
Brighton
Clearview
Colonel Light Gardens
Coober Pedy
Croydon
Dernancourt
Dulwich
Edwardstown/Plympton
Elizabeth North
Elizabeth West
Gawler
Glen Osmond / Parkside
Glenelg
Goodwood
Greenacres / Walkerville

Hallett Cove
Hectorville
Henley Beach
Hindmarsh
Kadina / Wallaroo / Moonta
Kingswood
Lefevre
Lockleys
Maitland
Millicent
Modbury
Morphett Vale
Mount Barker / Strathalbyn
Mount Gambier / St Pauls
Mount Gambier Women's
Murray Bridge
Naracoorte
Newton
Noarlunga
Norwood
Ottoway

Para Hills
Payneham
Port Adelaide
Port Augusta
Port Lincoln
Port Pirie
Prospect / Kilburn
Renmark
Salisbury
Seacombe Gardens
St Marys
Stirling
Taillem Bend
Tea Tree Gully
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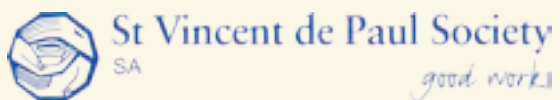


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