

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NT  
**FESTIVAL  
MASS**  
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ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
NORTHERN TERRITORY  
*good works*

## OUR ORGANISATION

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international, voluntary, Catholic organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing assistance to the poor.

Founded in France by a group of young men in 1833, the principal founder was Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Today the Society has more than 950,000 members in 150 countries. The first Australian Conference was established in Melbourne in 1854. The first Northern Territory Conference, St Mary's Star of the Sea Conference Darwin, was launched in September 1949 and is still assisting Territorians today.

## OUR VISION

The St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory is pursuing our goals of spirituality and membership, governance and leadership, financial sustainability within key areas of growth and service delivery in our advocacy of the poor.

## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR VALUES

**Commitment** – be loyal in service to our mission, vision and values

**Compassion** – serving all with understanding, without judgement

**Respect** – serve all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions

**Integrity** – promote and follow our mission, vision and values

**Empathy** – foster relationships based on respect, trust and friendship

**Advocacy** – work to transform the causes of poverty and challenge the causes of human injustice

**Courage** – encourage spiritual growth, welcome innovation and give hope for the future



Ozanam House - Stuart Park



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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past and present.



## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOCELYN CULL

**“Do not be afraid of new beginnings. Be creative. Be inventive. Organize new works of love in the service of the poor. You who have energy; who have enthusiasm; who want to do something of value for the future; be inventive, launch out; do not wait” (Frederic Ozanam)**

The words of our founder, the Blessed Frederic Ozanam, are still as relevant today as they were nearly 200 years ago in his native country of France.

While young in comparison, our Society in the NT has served our companions within the Territory for over 70 years. In this time, we have continued to strive to achieve our mission 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. I believe our actions have achieved some significant inroads in this area.

The past 12 months have been a time for change and renewal. Changes have included restructuring our services, staffing and Rob Lutter’s appointment as Chief Executive Officer. There have also been changes to the

composition of the NT Council, the welcoming of new Conference members and office bearers and the election of myself as the new Territory President.

This renewal is supported by the wisdom and local knowledge of long-standing staff, members and volunteers who give so much of themselves to help our companions, providing dignity, hope, and encouragement to control their destiny. These individuals continue to provide leadership and inspiration for those who are more recent to the cause.

Our Society has embraced the adoption of advisory subcommittees whose members graciously provide their expertise and guidance for our services. This advice is invaluable to core business activities, including housing, retail, emergency relief and social justice advocacy.

These subcommittees supplement our Society’s employees’ professional skills and mirror the changes to our services for those in need. Social and affordable housing is unfortunately a growth area where there is a significant need in our community. Housing and wrap-around support services are where Vinnies excels and will be a key focus over the coming years.

In these areas, we are very grateful for our



Building Christmas Hampers 2020



strong relationships with key stakeholders, including the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments, who provide service opportunities and significant funding support.

We also recognise and thank our interstate colleagues and governing National Council body for their advice and assistance in our critical support areas. While we are locally focused, we are also part of a bigger picture influencing the type of Society we would like Australia to be.

It is excellent to see our volunteer base continuing to grow, which gives hope that many others join us in pursuing a more just and compassionate society.

Thank you to Rob Lutter and our NT Council members for your excellent leadership, vision and dedication as well as our volunteers, supporters and friends; your service is invaluable to those most in need.

President  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
Northern Territory



## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

### BISHOP CHARLES GAUCI

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I am so grateful for the work, the Ministry, of Saint Vincent de Paul Society within our Northern Territory Diocese. Reaching out to those in need is fundamental to who we are as Christian people.

As the Scriptures tell us we can't say that we love God if we do not love our neighbour.

The Church needs to have a preferential option for the poor in how we use our energy and resources.

So many of you give so much to those who are not blessed with the same resources as we are. Indeed, as we mature, we begin to recognise more and more what a privilege it is to serve others especially those in greater need.

To give without judgement, to serve with unconditional love is an ideal for all of us to aspire to.

Again, my dear friends a profound 'Thank You' for your loving service to so many.

The NT is blessed to have you!

Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend  
Charles Gauci  
Bishop of Darwin



## MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

FATHER ADAM CROUCH

Dear friends,

I am happy to be Chaplin of St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you! I am looking forward to meeting everyone. I am a happier person when I step out and help others as it keeps me from becoming selfish and softens my heart.

Some of my best memories have come from Vinnie's vans and kitchens. It is a wonderful feeling to go to sleep knowing that some of the poorer people in the city have had a good dinner and not been forgotten. Over the years I have enjoyed friendships with homeless people, and I enjoy their company and stories.

When we serve the poor, we have an encounter with God's Love. Scripture says, "Jesus emptied himself" (Phil 2:6) Jesus lived amongst the poorer people of his community; he was born in a stable; he healed the sick and died abandoned on the cross for them, giving them hope and life. When we serve people, we are continuing Jesus's mission together. We are loving them and protecting them and giving them life.

Thank you for your courageous and hard work I am inspired by your love and service!

Blessings,

Father Adam Crouch  
Spiritual Advisor Spiritual  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
Northern Territory





## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### ROB LUTTER

It is an honour and privilege to be writing my first report as the CEO for St Vincent de Paul Society in the Northern Territory. As a new Territorian, I have felt warmly welcomed and supported by the Council, our team and my peers across Australia to continue the good work and leadership of those who have gone before me.

The challenging and necessary decisions implemented in our operations over the last year laid the platform to support the Society in the Territory to move forward in strength. The last 12 months have set us on a journey of consolidating what we do well and developing robust plans for growth.

During this reporting period, we have implemented sub-committees to reflect the new leadership structure and our strategic direction. Recruited for new roles and developed plans for growth that will see us extend our retail footprint and leverage opportunities for growth in housing, homeless and aged services over the coming years. Despite the changes, the team on the ground has not missed a beat continuing to provide high standards of care and support for those we serve in our community. I am grateful for the dedicated and hardworking team of members, volunteers and staff who demonstrate their compassion for those in need every day.

In our sector, strong relationships are the lifeblood of good works. Our relationships with the government continue to develop positively and this is evident in their ongoing support of our work.

Moving forward we will continue to build our presence with our communities and key stakeholders through strong marketing, communication and lobbying. The Society will grow through strong financial management, outstanding service delivery, capacity building and looking after our combined wellbeing.

I am grateful for the support and guidance of our President Jocelyn Cull, and the Council who give so much of their time and reflection to direct and guide the implementation of our Strategic Plan. Thank you to our members and volunteers without you we cannot achieve the amazing work we do. I also wish to acknowledge and thank my senior management team and all our staff.

It is the contribution of so many that have created such a strong and compassionate Society and I look forward to what we can achieve over the next 12 months.

Chief Executive Officer  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
Northern Territory

Jimmy and Rob at Ozanam House

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2020/2021

### AT A GLANCE

# 26,785

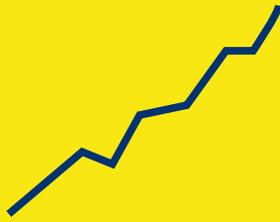
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#### HELPING HANDS

24% increase in members

71% increase in volunteers

-6% increase in employees



#### REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

Emergency relief services  
3204

Transport program



4,155 trips

Home maintenance



6,944 hours

#### HELPING THOSE IN NEED

\$140,103 direct financial assistance

\$202,783 in emergency relief



\$55,727 in kind support

#### OUTCOMES

\$2,596,422  
in Centres of Charity revenue

30% ↑

\$ 2,831,888  
in government funding

↓ 1%

\$1,161,696  
in client contributions

8% ↑

#### HELPING THE HOMELESS



11,020  
showers provided



4,552  
loads of washing



64,233  
meals provided

#### ACCOMMODATION

58,540 nights of accommodation provided. ↑ 23%



134 tenancies under management ↓ 1%



## WHO WE ARE

## ST VINCENT DE PAULS SOCIETY NORTHERN TERRITORY

We are principally a volunteer-based organisation with 52 members, 395 registered volunteers and 34 employees delivering emergency relief and other community services across Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

### OUR PEOPLE

Our people are a gift of grace. 72 years on from the establishment of the first conference in Darwin, the Society continues to rise to the challenge of supporting those who are marginalized and disadvantaged.

### OUR MEMBERS

At the core of our Society are our members known as Vincentians. They live out their faith and volunteer their time by joining together in a Conference. Conferences may be established within a parish, town, suburb, school, workplace or social group. They provide expertise to the Society and support the delivery of good works. Today, in the Territory we have four Conferences:

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

Ask a member why they give of their time and their first response will likely be "it is the work of Jesus Christ and that is what we are here to do."

### OUR VOLUNTEERS

St Vincent de Paul Society is blessed with devoted volunteers.

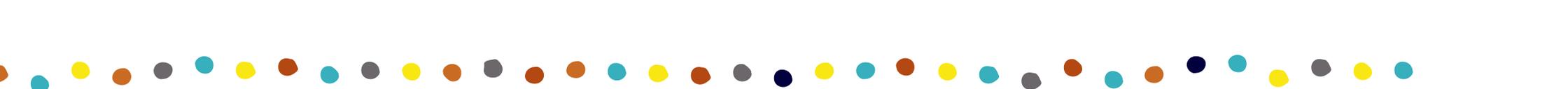
The important work of volunteers means that the Society can use its resources directly to serve the poor. Internationally, the Society operates in 153 countries and has over 800,000 members. In Australia, St Vincent de Paul Society has the largest volunteer base of any charity. Nationally there are 60,000 volunteers performing the work which, if paid, would mean that the Society could not reach those in need. In the Northern Territory we have approximately 395 people who give their time, when they can, to support the poor.

### OUR EMPLOYEES

Our employees provide operational support in executive and administrative roles to assist in the development of the organisation. They ensure the Society functions sustainably and delivers on our commitment to the community and those who fund our community service activities.

Ultimately, it is the wholehearted commitment to our companions, those we assist, that galvanizes each of us to respond to a plea for help. Our companions, with their challenges, their strength and resilience, inspire us daily to do more. They are our blessing.

Joan and Heather at Casuarina Centre of Charity



## FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

### TO LIVE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Our Conferences walk in the path of Jesus and work tirelessly throughout the year, devoting their hearts and hands to easing the burdens of the poor and disadvantaged.

While the faith of our members brings love, strength and hope to our communities, the challenges are ever present. A society with less compassion for the poor has placed increasing demand on our existing resources and membership, but Conference members and volunteers remain steadfast in continuing their good works.

All our Conferences are taking steps to develop their membership and attract new members to continue strengthening their work and contribution. However, while some things change, others remain the same. Our Conferences remain in touch with the needs of the communities they serve undertaking emergency relief services; visiting homes and hospitals. They distribute Christmas hampers to families and organise fund-raising activities.

While new members have joined this year, some long-standing, valued members have retired or passed away, but their contribution and

compassionate legacy lives on in the work of the Society for the poor. They each lived the Society's motto that 'No Act of Charity is foreign' we are grateful for the many years of generous service provided by all members who are no longer with the Society.

#### A HELPING HAND IN TIMES OF CRISIS

The people we assist, our companions, come to us seeking compassion. They may have drug or alcohol dependency, be escaping domestic violence, or be struck by an unexpected crisis such as serious illness or unemployment. In the Territory particularly, they may have ended up 'stuck in town' from an outlying community or be refugees in hope of finding work and a new life. Whatever their circumstance, they are all Children of God, deserving of respectful care.

In Darwin, our emergency relief services are provided through the dedication of our members, volunteers and staff. Where possible, our members follow up a meeting with a phone call to see how the companion is going. While Conference communities differ, most visitations and emergency relief provided is in response to requests for furniture, emergency food, clothes

or bedding. Sometimes assistance is requested for an unexpected large bill which can take a struggling household from 'just managing' to real hardship and hunger. At times, our companions need support to deal with a specialist service such as Legal Aid, financial counselling, or mental health services.

We thank our committed members, volunteers and staff, the Society would be unable to advocate within our community without your grace and faith in the gospel works.

## SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

### ANOTHER YEAR IN SERVICE OF THE POOR

Our achievements as a Society this reporting year are marked by our resilience in providing non-stop service to the poor. We focused on building our volunteer numbers, our Centres of Charity supply and fundraising, Community Housing Program and Emergency Relief Service.

As the COVID-19 pandemic affected the most vulnerable, government facilitated programs like Job Keeper and Job Seeker saw an increase of funding to existing supported companions. Leading the Society to see an increase in the need of emergency relief. Others, such as international students, were ineligible for government support needed significant financial assistance to meet basic needs. The Society was able to access significant donations from local businesses enabling us to respond more generously to companions in need. Darwin was lucky to escape much of the restrictions faced by southern states and territories. This saw a population boost and increased demand of affordable housing, leaving some Territorians behind. At the end of 2020, the rain swelled the rivers, leaving many homeless, unable to return to their regional communities. The June lockdown saw an increase of companions in need of our services and our 'essential service employees' were able to assist; our committed conference members & volunteers were unable to contribute until government restrictions lifted and they returned with energy, and generosity.

Our Emergency Relief Services exist to support people experiencing financial crisis. Our members, volunteers and employees work to the greatest needs of our companions

every day with patience, humility, good humour and grace. The Casuarina, Palmerston and Stuart Park offices continued operating for companions who are unable to meet their immediate needs. Our Emergency Relief Service provides somewhere to turn to for necessities such as food and clothing as well as advice on where to seek further assistance.

In 2017, the Society moved into aged care with the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). Since its commencement we have expanded our services, which has proved invaluable to our 'senior' clients. Our compassionate conference members and volunteers are a familiar, smiling face checking in over a cold drink. These simple acts of service are truly making a difference and allowing our senior clients to remain active in their homes.

Our proud community Centres of Charity delivered very good and much needed sales growth this financial year. By regenerating our roadside signage, store layout and merchandising functionality, plus implementing better policies and processes in our stores, we have significantly increased our fundraising gains.

The Society's Community Housing Programs are under stronger coordination and the Society can follow up with companions who may need more than an emergency response. There is still a deficit of community housing and we are working to gain access to more properties to help the poor. The Society proudly services 5 properties, Park Lodge in Stuart Park, Ted Collins Village and Bakhita in

Coconut Grove, Ormonde House and The Bernhard Centre in Katherine with 134 residencies across the NT.

The vital need of Ozanam House cannot be understated with one in ten of the city's homeless population relying on its services. Providing the dignity of a daily shower, clean clothes and companionship the committed conference members, volunteers and staff welcome companions with warmth and delicious hot meals.

#### STRENGTHENED OPERATIONS

This year saw the strengthening of the Northern Territory Society through the appointment of a dedicated Chief Executive Officer who reviewed our operations, clearly defining executive positions and responsibilities to maximise our resources and budgets. We continue to value the ongoing support from our Queensland colleagues in delivering our HR, Legal and Finance services. The SVDP 'Strategic Plan' supported our procedures, best practice systems and governance enabling the overall revenue to of the Society to increase and maintain higher income figures from prior to the pandemic. The vast distances between our centres is challenging, and the NT's online journey for a central online information hub is now active, with the obsolete server completely transferred to SharePoint. We are working toward our archiving goals by reaching out to NT Libraries and St Vincent de Paul's Society SA to align systems with the national archiving standard, thereby looking to offer our history of good works to the public record.

## STRENGTHENING OUR PEOPLE

We continue our commitment to develop and grow our people, providing more opportunities to connect, share knowledge and leverage their experience with the Society. We have employed several new highly skilled executive staff who support strategic operational initiatives. One of our full-time appointments was a dedicated volunteer. The Society offered training including Understanding Mental Health, Workplace Wellbeing, Cultural Awareness Training and Dealing with Difficult Behaviours. These trainings have equipped our committed members, volunteers and employees, to continue our good works.

## KEEPING SAFE

Throughout the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, our staff adopted the highest level of hygiene and safety, which continues to be practiced to keep everyone healthy and safe. The Society supports ongoing training in occupational health and safety practices and continues to engage in best practice policy and procedures. Our trackable online induction program is offered to all members, volunteers and employees to ensure all are better informed, feel safer and are more supported within the Society.

Our continued growth is indicative of the dedicated type of people who choose to work with the Society, to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy; to shape a more just and compassionate society.



Cavenagh Street Centre for Charity



## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

Conference Members



#### COMBINED STATISTICS

52

Conference  
Members

3

Associate  
Members

32

Conference  
Volunteers

687

Christmas  
Hampers



271

Companion  
Visitations

481

Companion  
Phone Calls

32

Emergency  
Relief Sessions

600

Kilos of Clothing  
Delivered

1590

Centres of  
Charity Hours

#### HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE

- The conference welcomed Fr. Bords, the parish priest of Holy Family as our Spiritual Advisor.
- Several members have undertaken workshops on Mental Health and Wellbeing and Cross-Cultural training, as well as the Emergency Relief on-line course.
- The “Food for Thought” social gatherings have continued with conference members past and present, including two new members.
- The piety stall has continued to be popular in offering goods to the parishioners. The proceeds have enabled the conference to assist six students through the SVDP’s “Assist A Student” program.
- The conference has continued to assist and support companions through home visitations and phone calls providing furniture, white goods and practical aid.
- Regular phone-calls made to further support to previously assisted companions.
- Many hours have been spent assisting at the warehouse sorting the donated goods.
- Holy Family have combined with St Paul’s and Holy Spirit Conferences to have regularly held barbeques at the Society’s residences of Ted Collins Village, Park Lodge and Bakhita to meet and chat with the residents.
- St Vincent de Paul Feast Day was celebrated with the festival Mass at Holy Spirit church, as well as in our parish with a SVDP video at Mass and a special morning tea.
- For the Christmas promotion, the ABC radio interviewed members and asked each for a favourite song. It was interesting to hear the answers and listen to the choice of music. Members were asked to attend school assemblies, where gifts and donations given by the students were acknowledged.
- Two past members, Molly and Sebastian Kattampallil were presented with their thirty year service award at the Christmas function.

## HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

- SVDP NT Festival Mass in September 2020 included the induction of our two new conference members.
- The conference arranged memorial Masses for two long term members who had passed away in 2020. Their families, fellow conference members and other SVDP NT conference members attended the Masses.
- One of our long-term Vincentian members, has been leading an important effort with a few others, to preserve and archive SVDP NT documents and photographs.
- Our longstanding Piety Stall does well thanks to the ongoing and long-term management by a conference member and his wife and members assisting in sales after Masses. We have been able to donate the profits to assist seven students through SVDP 'Assist a Student' program.
- Holy Spirit parishioners and the school provided generous donations for the hampers allowing 66 Christmas hampers to be delivered by conference members and 3 volunteers to 34 households.
- When COVID restrictions eased, our meetings returned to the church meeting room from the garden.
- Annual 'get-together' luncheon at the Casuarina Club was attended by the parish priests and was our first opportunity meeting our new CEO Rob Lutter.
- We were involved at Holy Spirit School's new Mini Vinnies initiative. Thanks to Religious Education teacher Emma McDonald, we presented the student's Mini Vinnies badges during assembly. We plan to support the children's fundraising and other activities whilst encouraging the future generation of St Vincent de Paul's members.
- We commenced a bread run in April thanks to St Paul's and Holy Family conferences on Thursday evenings with bread donated by Brumby's at Northlakes Shopping Centre. Members and volunteers deliver to two women's shelters, St Martin De Pores Church community, St John's College and Oznam House.
- We organised the priests at Holy Spirit and St Martin's \$10.00 'Essentials' food cards, 'Food for Life' vouchers and emergency relief information for the needy.
- We maintained contact and visited our companions and were able to further help with goods, lawn and garden maintenance, urgent motor vehicle bills and food vouchers.
- Our 'Vintertainers' singing, and music group continued to entertain at the local aged care home since lifting of Covid restrictions. One member moved interstate in June and new members are welcome.

## ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE

- Our conference was blessed with four new members, two of whom were inducted during the reporting period. One member stepped down, and Mr Bill Burford celebrated his 80th birthday.
- St Paul's Conference met weekly and during the year, and we were well supported by the St Paul's Catholic Parish and St Paul's Catholic Primary School.
- St Paul's 2020 Christmas hampers were delivered to around 456 for companions in Darwin and Palmerston.
- Conference members met in February for our annual planning day to set St Paul's priorities for the year.
- In February, teaming up with Holy Family Conference, we commenced delivering bread, donated by Brumbies Northlakes, to Bakhita and St Paul's Catholic Primary School and during school holidays. We continued our deliveries to the Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc.
- One member volunteered in St Vincent de Paul's Emergency Relief team during the period.
- Visitation and requests for support, which was down on previous years, remained a core work of the Conference including two members who visited Pearl Retirement Village weekly.
- We made contact with the Nightcliff Uniting Church and St Peter's Anglican Church to express our willingness to combine forces for particular projects in our local area.
- The Conference donated \$300 to St John's Catholic College for a pastoral activity for international students forced to remain at St John's due to Covid 19.

## ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

- The Conference has placed a strong effort on providing support to remote communities. Planning and delivering hampers to communities in Daly River, and the Emu Point, Wooliana and Woodycupdia outstations on the Wadey road.
- Members hosted a BBQ after Mass for parishioners at the Daly River Church in December.
- Conference members and volunteers organised the delivery of 120 Christmas hampers to the poor. Deliveries extended to Garden Point (Tiwis) and the community at Timber Creek and its outstations.
- Conference members transported one bale of clothing to the community at Emu Point with Fr Peter to distribute after Mass with the community.
- We liaised with Vinnies SA to organise a warm weather clothing distribution to Alice Springs and Darwin at no cost to the Society thanks to rail operator One Rail. Half the clothes were delivered by staff in Alice Springs to the community at Santa Teresa. The other half was delivered by conference members and volunteers to Fr. Peter and Kellie, the local School Principal to distribute to the community in Daly River, Wooliana and Woodycupdia.

## OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

“LET US DO WITHOUT HESITATION WHATEVER GOOD LIES AT OUR HANDS” - FREDERIC OZANAM



### JOCELYN CULL, PRESIDENT

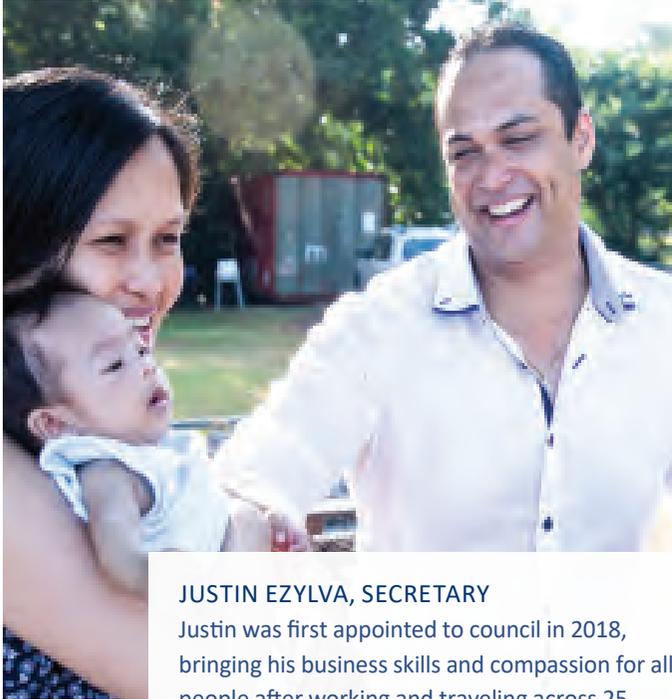
Jocelyn Cull is the President of the St Vincent de Paul Society (NT). She has been involved in the Society for about six years, first joining the St Mary's Conference in 2015. She has been a conference president and NT Council member, and extensively involved in the coordination of emergency relief activities. Jocelyn was also NT Council Vice President and Acting President of the Society before she was elected President in October 2020. Jocelyn is a lawyer by trade and has worked in both the public and private sectors. Her current role is with a local government entity where she works in the regulatory services sphere.



### KATHRYN PETTERSON, VICE PRESIDENT

Kathryn's first experience with the Society was many years ago, however she officially joined the Mary MacKillop Youth Conference in 2016 and was President for three years. In 2019, Kathryn re-joined the National Youth Team where she has represented the NT as Youth Representative. Kathryn is the Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator and is also a qualified High School Teacher. These skills, combined with her passion for social justice works within schools, has seen her develop the Mini Vinnies program across the Territory.





**JUSTIN EZYLVA, SECRETARY**

Justin was first appointed to council in 2018, bringing his business skills and compassion for all people after working and traveling across 25 countries. With an extensive career in the energy sector, he is passionate about assisting the transition to a renewable energy driven economy and providing a sustainable future for all.



**EMIL JOHN, TREASURER**

Emil's commitment to the St Vincent De Paul Society started in catholic school in India with many of his extended family members of the Society and close interactions with Vincentian priests over the years.

Emil was appointed to the council as treasurer in 2019. He holds an MBA from Liverpool UK and has been in the banking industry for over 10 years across SA and NT.



**FATHER ADAM CROUCH, SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**

Father Adam Crouch is a catholic priest with the Missionaries of God's Love. The Missionaries of God's Love charisms are working with young people and the poor. Father Adam moved to Darwin in February 2021. Over the past 5 years he has been involved with ministry to the poor at St Vincent de Paul in Campbelltown, NSW. Father Adam was also chaplain to the Sydney Swans Academy 2016-2021.

## OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

## CONFERENCE LEADERS



**KAY FITZPATRICK, HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

Kay's involvement in the Society began in the small country town of Hay, NSW in the late 1990s. She moved to Darwin in 2005 joining Palmerston's Our Lady Help of Christians Conference. After recovering from illness Kay moved to assist the hands of Jesus in the Holy Family Conference.



**DAMIAN LEGG, ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

Damian's commitment to the Society first began as a youth member. Having served on the previous Territory Council as Vice President Centres of Charity, from 2013, Damian has continued as a member of the current Council from 2016. He draws experience from a long career in the Public Service.



**FRANCES ABBOTT, HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

After retiring from a nursing career both overseas and in Australia, Frances joined SVDP NT initially as a volunteer in the Emergency Relief service in 2016. She was invited to join the Conference in 2018 and, voted to President after the resignation of Cedric Francis in December 2020. She appreciates the opportunity to serve God's people in this way and, the friendship and interaction with conference and society members.



**GRAEME FINCH, ST MARY'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

Hailing originally from South Africa, Graeme has seen poverty on four continents and recognises that the good works of the Society can make a real difference to the poor. With decades of experience in construction and development, Graeme has much to offer to support the Society in its good works.



## DAY CENTRE HUB

### HELPING THE HOMELESS

Shelter, or a place to call home, is a fundamental human need, and yet so many in our community continue to experience homelessness or live with the constant anxiety of being at risk of homelessness. The issues that lead to homelessness are complex. Relationship breakdown, loss of employment, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence, and multifaceted mental and physical disability can all result in a moment of crisis and sometimes a lifetime of hardship. Everyday our compassionate conference members, volunteers and staff connect with our companions, meet these challenges and build hope for the future.

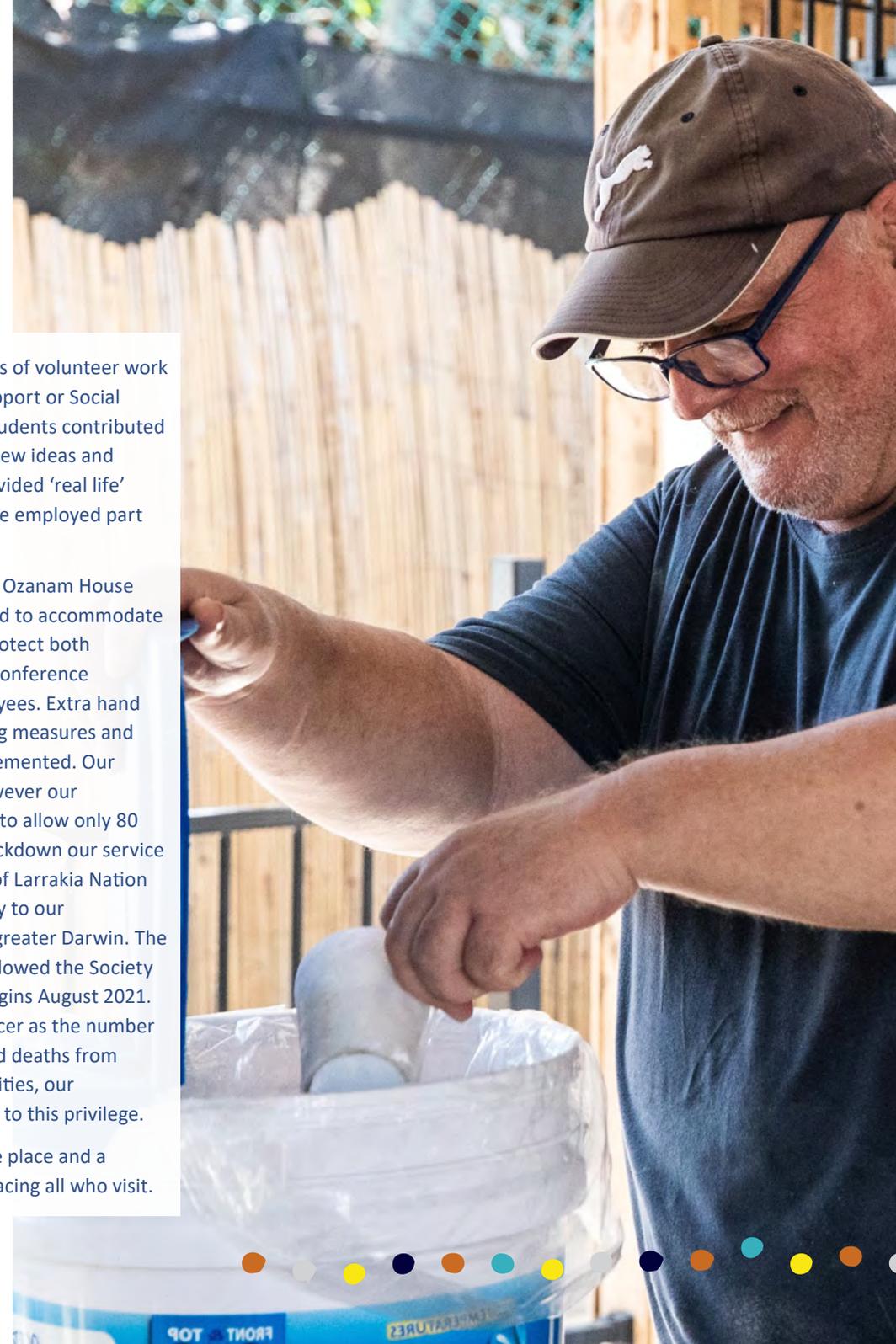
#### A PLACE OF DIGNITY AND RESPECT

Well known locally, Ozanam house is the largest Day Centre in Darwin and a lifeline to the poor. It is a place without judgment, offering hot showers, a good meal, laundry service and a nap zone, restoring dignity to our companions. Companions have access to support services to address their needs through case management, referrals to mental health, accommodation, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, financial counselling, and similar support services. We are grateful to local organizations like Darwin Community Legal Services, Orange Sky laundry service and Casuarina Community Health Clinic who visit Ozanam House weekly. Charles Darwin University students participating in the internship

program can have up to 400 hours of volunteer work to complete their Community Support or Social Work degrees. This year, seven students contributed to Ozanam House bringing their new ideas and theoretical knowledge, as we provided 'real life' experience and two students were employed part time.

During COVID-19 restrictions, the Ozanam House service delivery model was altered to accommodate the necessary requirements to protect both companions and our committed conference members, volunteers, and employees. Extra hand sanitation points, social distancing measures and 'The Territory Check In' was implemented. Our services have been non-stop, however our companion access was restricted to allow only 80 people per day on site. During Lockdown our service delivery increased with the help of Larrakia Nation delivering 250 - 300 meals per day to our companions living rough around greater Darwin. The national rollout of vaccines has allowed the Society to setup a vaccine service that begins August 2021. Advised by the Chief Medical Officer as the number one way to prevent outbreaks and deaths from COVID-19 in our remote communities, our companions will have easy access to this privilege.

Above all, Ozanam House is a safe place and a compassionate community embracing all who visit.



## COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAMS

### GOVERNMENT FUNDED

Housing is a human right and having safe homes provides our companions with a sense of self and somewhere to belong. This is transformative, reinstating a sense of purpose many people take for granted and is crucial in overcoming the cycle of homelessness. In line with St Vincent de Paul's Strategic Plan we continued to focus on improving our service delivery. In August 2020, the Society established housing for single women, which enables five women who are in need to receive a helping hand.

In Stuart Park, Park Lodge provides 20 tenancies for single men offering medium term or transitional Community Housing. To be eligible for this accommodation, tenants must be on the Territory Housing priority list. With individual bedrooms and communal living areas, the tenants gain experience in sustaining a tenancy while they work to secure permanent housing.

#### PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT HOUSING

Under an innovative program, 'Same House Different Landlord,' St Vincent de Paul Society leases two Darwin properties from Territory Housing to support women and families who are homeless as a result of domestic violence. We provide tenancy support for the first six months, assisting the family to manage the home and learn household skills including budgeting, financial management, cooking and cleaning. Upon demonstrating the ability to maintain the tenancy, the house is provided to the family on a long-term basis and they manage the home without the support of our tenancy team. Once a property is handed over, St Vincent de Paul Society secures another property, and the cycle begins again with another family.

#### SUPPORTING OUR REGIONS

In Katherine, The Bernhard Centre unit complex

equipped with one and two bedroom apartments, that provides 39 tenancies for singles, couples and families. Engagement with tenants and building local police support is helping to create a safer and more resilient community at the property. There is now a marked decrease in anti-social behaviour and the tenants are developing increasing respect and support for each other. Tenants feel safer and neighbouring businesses are reporting increased patronage as a result of the improvements.

#### CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING

Our dedicated team will continue to support those in need with a focus on education and training, promoting health, increasing safety and improving the quality of our community housing.

## COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAMS

### SOCIETY FUNDED

Since 1984, we have worked to assist vulnerable people transition from homelessness to permanent housing. With government funding, we assist to secure accommodation and provide the necessary supports and life skills to sustain a tenancy.

Ted Collins Village in Coconut Grove is made up of 20, two bedroom units to accommodate families. This program offers a 6 month tenancy in affordable housing which can be extended for up to 18 months. Staff assist tenants with managing their tenancy and ensuring they are linked to appropriate support services. Our dedicated Conference members and volunteers regularly host social functions such as BBQ's to engage with our companions at these residencies.

The Bakhita Centre, a Society owned property in Darwin that provides transitional housing and case management, with 36 beds for single men and 5 beds for single females. Our case management team develop strategies with tenants, providing linkages to appropriate services, training and engagement opportunities. Some tenants have trained and secured 'tickets' in Test and Tag, Forklift Operation, gained their Driver's license and Heavy Rigid license. Tenants are supported to attend medical appointments and encouraged to engage in social outings and

programs organised by our team. These case management plans make a positive impact on tenant wellbeing.

#### SERVICES IN KATHERINE

The Society owned property, Ormonde House, has provided supported accommodation for over 40 years. Today it is one of three community housing services in Katherine. Ormonde House assists 12 single men with accommodation and case management to develop life skills and links to support services. Through communal living, tenants develop confidence that so many of us can take for granted in skills such as cooking, cleaning, communication and appropriate social behaviour. All are skills important to sustaining a tenancy. Our team on the ground are maintaining connections with local agencies such as Anglicare, Catholic Care, The Hub and Venndale Transitional and After Care to deliver wrap around services.



Families Accommodation



Single men's accommodation



## COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

### ASSISTING THE AGING

Our good works continued during 2020/2021 with aged and vulnerable Territorians supported through the government funding of the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

#### CHSP

The CHSP provides funding for garden maintenance and transportation support services to assist frail, older people aged 65 years and over or 50 years+ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This support allows seniors and who have functional & cognitive limitations to remain living independently at home. The program's services are delivered in short-term, episodic, or ongoing arrangements.

#### HOME MAINTENANCE

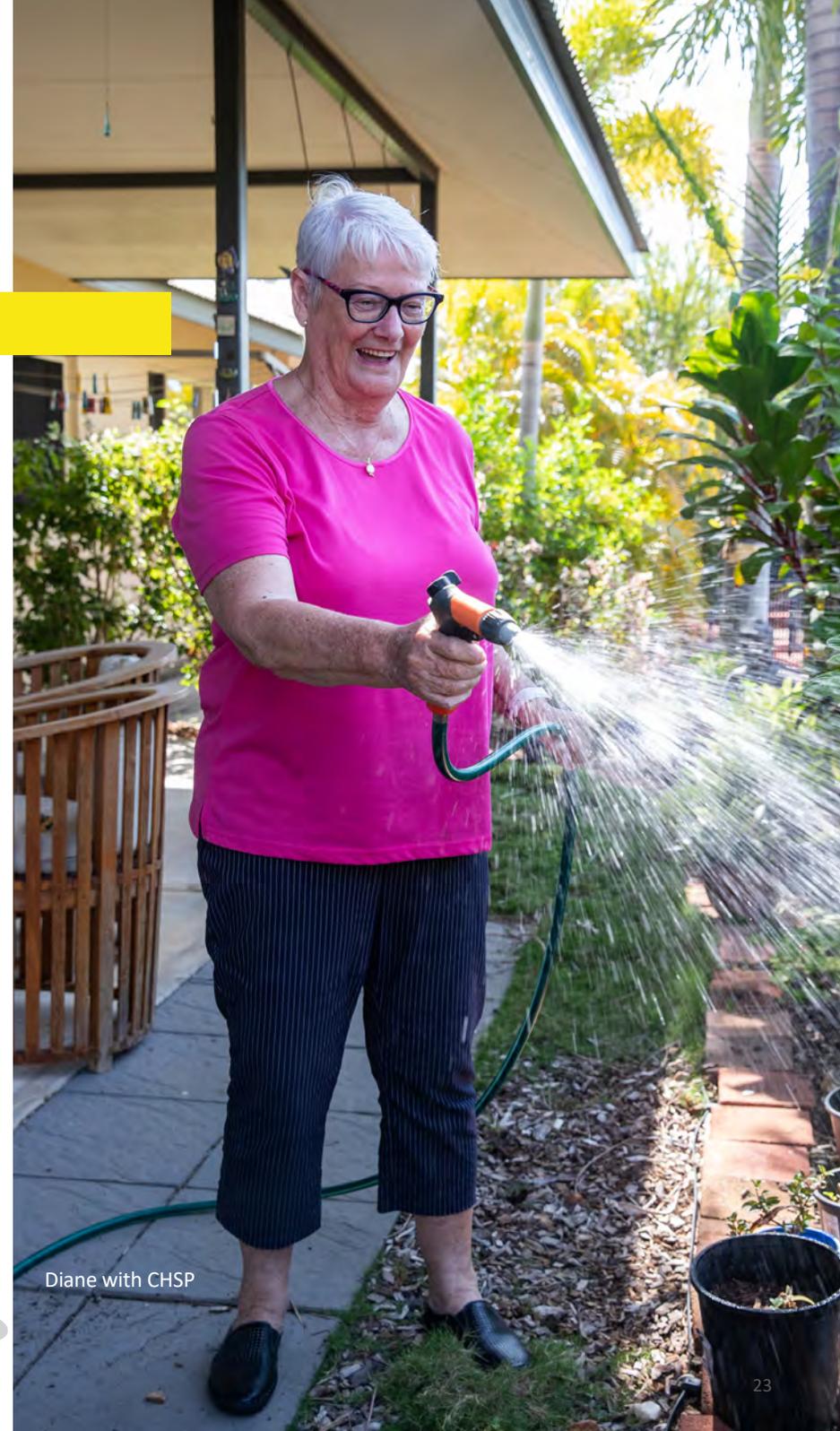
CHSP offers gardening maintenance services on a monthly basis during the dry season and fortnightly during the wet season. Services sometimes include rubbish removal, lawn mowing, cleaning of ceiling fans, high louvers and guttering. Some general handyman services may also be provided such as changing faulty light bulbs and smoke alarm battery replacement.

The CHSP program provided 6,944 hours of home maintenance services to approximately 394 companions this financial year. This is delivered by two home maintenance teams and one external contractor.

#### TRANSPORTATION

The CHSP is also funded to provide transportation to help people maintain their independence. Companions can receive up to ten \$20 CabCharge vouchers giving opportunity to attend medical or other appointments, and remain connected with their family and friends. We provided an average of 85 CabCharge vouchers weekly to 30 companions, in line with the programs annual target of 4,155 vouchers.

Our team has established a wonderful rapport with our clients – for some, our staff may be the only contact they have with the outside world. It's not just cab charges or home maintenance, we also offer security, safety, companionship and assist our clients to remain active with real quality of life. We are grateful to contribute to the quality of life for our older Territorians.



Diane with CHSP



# Vinnies

## CENTRES OF CHARITY

### VINNIES IS MORE THAN A STORE

Our Centres of Charity are a vibrant and visible presence in the Northern Territory with ten centres and a warehouse across Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. For a companion our centres can be a place to meet a need, whether for clothing, connection, household items, or on a more serious note, emergency relief. For our community, they are often a treasure trove of amazing bargains, vintage wear, a special costume for book week or sometimes a designer label – you just never know what you may find at Vinnies. To our operations, Centres of Charity underpin our capacity to deliver services, with the annual turnover exceeding \$2.5 million dollars this year, equating to an increase of 30% on last year's figure. In the Northern Territory our centres provide a footprint across vast distances and many communities. Keeping our centres and warehouse open would simply not be possible without a team of passionate and committed volunteers and members.

### WORKING TOGETHER

Behind the scenes we have collaborated to respond to the different needs of each community, identifying centres that have greater demand for a particular type of stock and distributing our stock accordingly. For example, in our Darwin centre, we have a lot of tourists and young travellers and party clothes appear to be in high demand. In Coolalinga there is a higher demand for general and practical working clothes such as long-sleeved shirts and work boots. In Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine where the weather can sometimes be a little cooler, we swap out winter clothing. The increased collaboration is enabled by monthly managers' meetings that are possible due to our very capable volunteers. We are conscious of not handling the stock too often to avoid additional operational costs. It is important to note that all our quality, usable donations that are donated in the NT, stay in the NT.

Sonya & Michael at Winnellie Centre for Charity



## HELPING COMMUNITIES

Through the Community Benefit Fund grant scheme we were allocated a mini van for Alice Springs, however due to staffing issues we were unable to action this service. We will re-investigate accessing remote communities, which will help facilitate surrounding communities in need. As well as improving Society fundraising, this service will benefit the community by empowering those who cannot get into town, to access affordable items.

## COPING WITH COVID-19

Thanks to our friendly customer service and range of quality donated items, the overall turnover has maintained higher income figures from prior to the pandemic. Sometimes stores

were unable to open, as many of our valued volunteers working in our stores are in the 'at risk' category. Despite closures, the decision to remain open when possible for people in need has enhanced our customer base and our average spend per transaction has increased from \$13.20 to \$13.71. The Coconut Grove warehouse 'open' weekend days for end of financial year were dampened with the lockdowns. However, the location still raised over \$12,000 over a weekend and a half comparatively to last year with over \$20,000 raised over two open weekends.

The cessation of government facilitated work programs during the pandemic also prevented many volunteers from attending various sites. The Department of Corrections

stopped external work for prisoners, which affected Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. Community Corrections and Work for the Dole Programs were also put on hold between March 2020 & February 2021. This reduction in workforce put a significant burden on the retail and warehouse team. We commend all those who pulled together during this difficult time and who committed to our mission, vision & values.



Cavenagh Street Centre for Chairty

## OUR GOVERNANCE

### ST VINCENT DE PAULS SOCIETY NORTHERN TERRITORY

The full name of the Northern Territory Society is “St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Inc”. Our Australian Business Number (ABN) is 11 300 386 527 and we are incorporated under the NT Associations Act 2015. The Society is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) and holds the appropriate Deductible Gift Recipient endorsement. As a Public Benevolent Institution, we are endorsed to access the following charity tax concessions:

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

Our insurance is held through Catholic Church Insurance and AON.

#### SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The Society has three categories of membership, Conference members, associate members and volunteer members. There are established procedures for registration as a member, and any person registered as a Conference or associate member has voting rights in relation to the Society.

#### OUR CONFERENCES

Our four Territory Conferences report quarterly to the

Territory Council and meet on a regular basis. All bank accounts relating to the Conferences are managed by their respective Treasurer and report to Council. Conference Presidents are elected for a term not exceeding four years, and the President appoints all other office bearers in their Conference. All Conference member and volunteer positions are unpaid.

#### THE TERRITORY COUNCIL

The Council is ultimately responsible for the oversight and review of the management, administration, and overall governance of the Society in the Northern Territory. Council responsibilities include:

- Meeting the Society’s objectives and reporting against the Strategic Plan
- Protecting members’ interests
- Upholding the values of the St Vincent de Paul Society and adhering to high moral standards and ethical behaviour
- Authorising policies and overseeing the strategic direction of the Society
- Establishing management goals and monitoring their achievement
- Approving major capital expenditure, major financial commitments and the annual budget
- Approving the annual report and financial statements
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations

- Monitoring the risk management strategy
- Providing a linkage between subsidiary Councils and Conferences to the National Council.

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

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

The Territory Council meets at least once every quarter and is currently composed of ten members and a non-voting ex-officio member, being the Spiritual Advisor. The Territory Council President is the Society’s representative on the National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. The Territory Council delegates management of the Society’s resources to the Executive team under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, to deliver the strategic direction and goals determined by Council. A financial audit is conducted by an independent auditor chosen through a select tender process.

#### INVESTING IN OUR COUNCIL

During the reporting period, our President, Jocelyn Cull,

Treasurer Emil John and Council member Graeme Finch, completed training with the Australian Institute of Company Directors. The Council members participated in 'Cross-Cultural' training and 'Understanding Mental Health' and 'Workplace Wellbeing' workshops.

#### CHANGING FACES

Kathryn Pettersen accepted the Vice President role and Frances Abbott joined as President of Holy Spirit Conference.

#### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AND OCHRE CARD

The Society is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children. All staff, volunteers, and members of the Society complete a current 'Working with Children' check through SafeNT.

#### WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY VISION

The Society is committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of its employees, volunteers, and the community by increasing awareness of workplace safety; providing a safe place and safe systems of work and eliminating or reducing hazards that could result in injury or ill health.

#### NOTIFIABLE INCIDENTS

There were no notifiable incidents to NT WorkSafe during the 2020-2021 financial year.

Council Member	Meetings entitled to attend	Meetings attended
Jocelyn Cull	5	5
Kathryn Pettersen	5	5
Emil John	5	3
Justin Dezyuva	5	3
Damian Legg	5	5
Kay Fitzpatrick	5	5
Fr Peter Hendriks	3	2
Frances Abbott	3	3
Cedric Francis	3	3

#### Other committees

Finance Committee	Reviews monthly financial reports, budget and end of year statements. Reviews policies and procedures relating to finance. Provides advice on financial implications of any significant decisions or investments. Issues are reported to the Territory Council.
Membership Committee	Supports implementation of 2019-2022 Strategic plan. Committee is at initial stages of development.
Governance Committee	Supports the Council in review of policy and recommends to Council training opportunities to improve knowledge as well as understanding of governance.
Housing Advisory Committee	Provides advisory skill base to give Council recommendations on any housing issues and strategies.
Social Justice Committee	Provides advisory skill base to give Council recommendations on any Social Justice issues and strategies.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

EMIL JOHN

We have all been going through a period of great change and uncertainty in the recent past. This has provided us a unique perspective on how to make sure that the Society delivers on our most important mandate, helping the homeless. The bedrock of any organisation is to be able to deliver on its goals and objectives. The freedom to be able to effectively operate rests on having a sound financial position to support the activities of the Society.

It has been my absolute privilege to be able to support the society, the council, the CEO, staff and above all our members. It is rewarding to be able to play a small part in ensuring that the Society is financially stable and sustainable.

We have been able to, for the financial year 20-21 achieve a net surplus of \$1.33 million compared to a deficit of -\$227,321 for the 19-20 financial year.

This can be largely attributed to a concerted effort on a lot of fronts mainly being;

- Our Centres of Charity retail operations, being one of the few areas where we have the discretionary delegation on our resources have

managed to display a robust performance declaring a net surplus of \$1.14 million compared to \$387,524 for the previous year.

- Diligent and targeted cost saving measures (some a one-off cost) has created a lot of operational efficiencies within the organisation. These ensure that our resources are targeted and optimal in service of the poor. This is evidenced by reduction in overall operational expenses by \$1.2 million this year. While this margin will change in the coming year, the trajectory of the movement in expenses is in the right direction and the right velocity.

One of the more pleasing and prouder things to note is that we have managed to ride through the uncertainty of COVID without reliance on government funding. The Society only having accepted the federal government cash flow boost payments up to \$37,500.

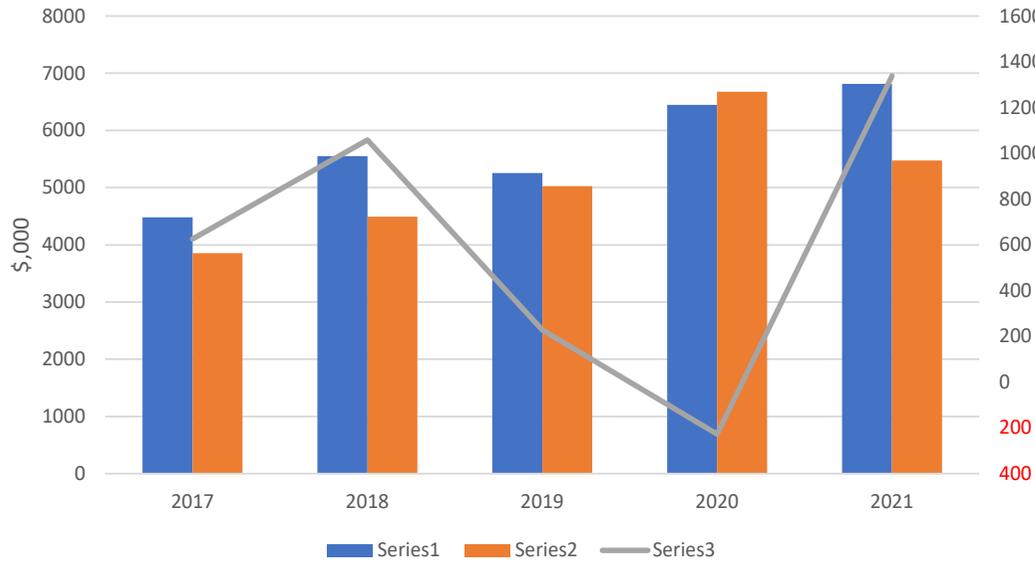
We have also been able ensure further stability and comfort for the society by increasing our net asset position by over \$1.3 Million to \$ 18.84 Million as of 30th June 2021.

The future holds a lot of promise for the society with a comprehensive plan to deliver to the strategic objectives of the society. I believe that we are well positioned to support our plans and we are adequately prepared to face any headwinds we may encounter.

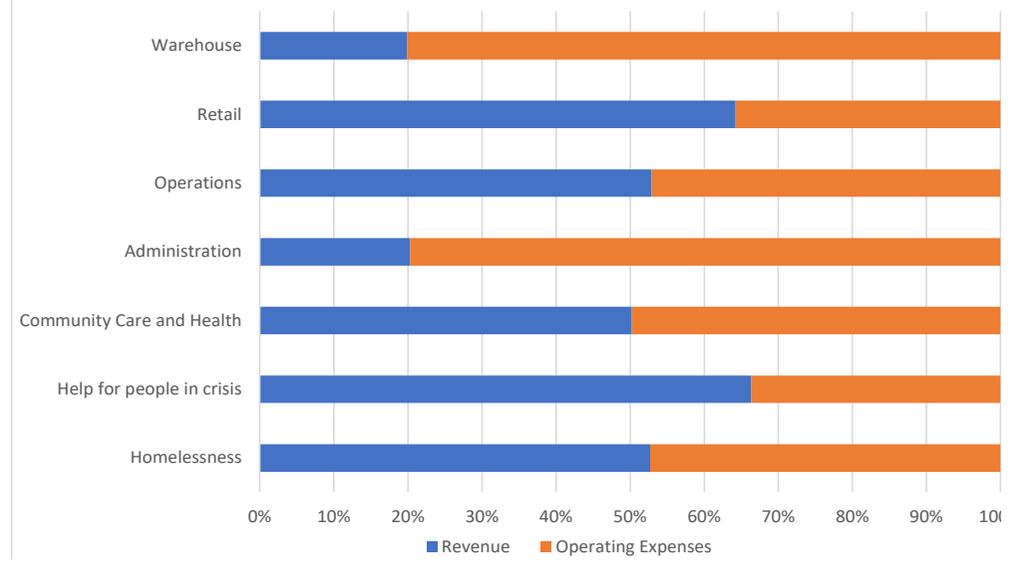


Treasurer  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
Northern Territory

Performance Trend



Revenue vs Expenses



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2021			2020		
	Revenue	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)	Revenue	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)
<b>Community Services</b>						
Homelessness	2,678,833	2,403,255	275,578	2,584,495	2,825,564	(241,069)
Help for People in Crisis	556,257	281,792	274,465	410,539	422,925	(12,385)
Natural Disaster Relief	-	-	-	700	-	700
Migrants, Refugees & Overseas	-	1,040	(1,040)	-	2,600	(2,600)
Youth	(302)	-	(302)	-	-	-
Community Care & Health	782,349	775,055	7,294	966,645	1,000,698	(34,054)
	<b>4,017,137</b>	<b>3,461,142</b>	<b>555,995</b>	<b>3,962,379</b>	<b>4,251,787</b>	<b>(289,408)</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>						
Administration	43,055	169,393	(126,338)	101,872	221,542	(119,670)
Operations	85,433	76,010	9,423	310,593	197,504	113,089
Retail	2,585,401	1,439,293	1,146,108	2,004,879	1,617,355	387,524
Warehouse	81,219	327,304	(246,085)	67,020	385,876	(318,856)
	<b>2,795,108</b>	<b>2,012,000</b>	<b>783,108</b>	<b>2,484,364</b>	<b>2,422,277</b>	<b>62,087</b>
	<b>6,812,245</b>	<b>5,473,142</b>	<b>1,339,103</b>	<b>6,446,743</b>	<b>6,674,064</b>	<b>(227,321)</b>
Total Surplus			1,339,103			(227,321)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,875,387	2,505,916
Trade and other receivables	6	67,525	82,511
Inventories	7	-	-
Other assets	8	100,268	206
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>4,043,180</b>	<b>2,588,633</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9(a)	17,083,413	17,481,658
Right of Use	9(b)	717,565	518,610
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>17,800,978</b>	<b>18,000,268</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>21,844,158</b>	<b>20,588,901</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	357,192	276,436
Borrowings	11	208,784	192,915
Provisions	12	171,254	184,861
Grants in advance	13	238,738	413,882
Lease Liabilities	14	167,094	103,369
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>1,143,062</b>	<b>1,171,463</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	11	1,165,103	1,376,148
Provisions	12	78,376	73,718
Lease Liabilities	14	573,241	422,299
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>1,816,720</b>	<b>1,872,165</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,959,782</b>	<b>3,043,628</b>
<b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>18,884,376</b>	<b>17,545,273</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	15	3,307,508	3,307,508
Accumulated funds	15	15,576,868	14,237,765
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>18,884,376</b>	<b>17,545,273</b>

Notes are available with the audited financial report.

## ASSISTING OUR COMPANIONS

### SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS

Our Conference members live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope, and joy; to shape a more just and compassionate society.

#### OUR STORIES

- A distressed elderly companion reached out to St Vincent de Pauls Society, with English as a second language, her needs were unable to be voiced. Our dedicated conference member and his volunteer wife who spoke the companion's language visited the troubled companion to understand the reasons for her anxiety. The loyal Vincentians were thus able to ease the companion's issues.
- Struggling financially, a young widow with small children was faced with a serious health crisis. By reaching out to our conference members, St Vincent de Paul Society was able to pay an emergency dental bill, preventing any escalation of the condition. The dentist confirmed post procedure that if not treated the companion would have become gravely ill.
- A devastating house fire led a companion and their family to lose all their possessions. Fortunately there was no one home at the time and no one was injured. The Society's emergency relief program allowed the companions vouchers for food, clothing and footwear for the family. Thanks to our members, volunteers and donors we were able to provide bedding, kitchen goods and appliances, a washing machine, refrigerator and curtains, hand sewn by a conference member, whilst other agencies assisted the companions with furniture. The fire occurred just prior to the Northern Territory 'snap lockdown' in June. Our compassionate members and volunteers connected by phone with the companion daily, providing moral support for her distress.
- A recently widowed mother of two children needed assistance to build a chicken coop for the family. Our Conference members and volunteers sourced materials and supported the grieving family in companionship, industry knowledge, tools and time.
- Our Vincentians travelled to central Australia and were approached by a most grateful companion who had lived at the Bakhita Centre. He now has a young family and is living and working within an Aboriginal community 700 kilometres out of Alice Springs.





## THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS

## HOW YOU HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

### OUR LOYAL DONORS

We are indebted to the generous financial assistance provided by our loyal donors. This support assists the many activities undertaken by the Society and can be directed to a specific special work or general works. St Vincent de Paul Society NT is registered by the ATO as a “Deductible Gift Recipient” charity organisation.

### GIFTS OR BEQUESTS IN WILLS

We are grateful to the gifts bequeathed to our Society. Such legacies live on through the assistance provided to our companions.

### DONATIONS OF GOODS

We thank all the individuals and organisations that have donated their excess goods throughout the year. Our Centres of Charity are reliant on the donations of quality second-hand clothing, furniture and household goods to generate revenue to support our mission.

### WORKPLACE GIVING

We are grateful to individuals who choose to make donations from their employee salaries. These employees can elect to give a portion of their salary each pay period by their payroll department, providing regular support, contributing to our good works.

### OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

We appreciate and commend our dedicated members and volunteers who are the lifeblood of this organisation. We thank those who have donated their time, energy and talents to the Society, without their service the Society could not reach those in need.

### OUR CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

We thank those organisations that collaborated with our Conferences and the Society. Whether through volunteering, financial assistance or donations in kind, this support is invaluable to our good works.

Building 1 - Bakhita in Coconut Grove



## THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS

## SHAPING A MORE JUST AND COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY

We acknowledge the support of Parishes and the Catholic Diocese of Darwin, Bishop Charles Gauci, Bishop Eugene Hurley and our Spiritual Advisor, Father Adam Crouch.

### PARISHES

- Holy Family
- Holy Spirit
- St Mary's Star of the Sea
- St Paul's
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
- Our Lady Help of Christians
- St Francis of Assisi
- St Joseph's
- St Martin De Porres
- St Francis Xavier (Daly River)

### RELIGIOUS PARTNERS

- Christian Brothers
- Nightcliff Uniting Church
- Order of Malta
- St Peter's Anglican Church

### GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

- Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities
- Department of Health, Northern Territory

- Department of Chief Minister for Northern Territory Government
- Department of Jobs and Small Business, Australian Government
- Department of Social Services, Australian Government
- Department of Health, Australian Government

### ORGANISATIONS WHO PROVIDED GOODS AND SERVICES IN KIND

- Food Bank NT
- Brumbies Bakery Northlakes
- Barkley Work Camp
- Charles Darwin University
- Ward Keller
- Orange Sky laundry Service
- Share the dignity
- Darwin Community Legal Service
- Casuarina Community Health Clinic
- Danila Dilba

- Larrakia Nation
- Italian Ladies Group
- Nightcliff Sports Club
- Foreshore Café
- Cool Spot
- Simon Orange and Sons
- Nightcliff Woolworths
- Rachael Designer Cakes
- Greenies
- Outback Bakery
- Casuarina Club
- ABC Radio
- One Rail
- Anglicare
- Catholic Care
- The Hub
- Venndale Transitional
- After Care
- Two Two One Training and Assessment
- Larrakia Nation
- Sitzler
- Northline
- Louw Group

- Randazzo Properties
- Outback Stores
- Big W
- Darwin Trailer Boat Club
- BMD Urban
- Portuguese Timorese Club

### SCHOOLS

- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Alice Springs
- St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School
- Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- St Paul's Catholic Primary School
- O'Loughlin Catholic College
- Parap Primary School
- Holy Spirit School
- Holy Family School
- St John's Catholic College

### SPECIAL THANKS

- Vinnies National Council colleagues
- Vinnies South Australia
- Mini Vinnies
- The Administrator of the NT Vicki O'Halloran AO
- Chris Best
- Genevieve Donohue
- Danielle Aspinall
- Anonymous family who supports weekly with food donations at Ozanam House
- Food 4 Thought Darwin
- Principal Kellie (Daly River)
- Fr. Peter Hendriks
- Ozanam House Christmas Band
- Andrews (Legs) Arthur
- Mathilde Mercadier
- Melodie O'Meara

- Graham Ring
- Melanie Reid
- Jennie Attrill
- Crystal Robbins
- Wayne Wright
- Frank Spry
- Erin Conart
- Richard Grace
- Norm Keegal
- Kevin McCarthy
- REST IN PEACE AND BE REMEMBERED
- Sr Rose Glennen
- Mick Fox



# OUR HISTORY IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## OUR STORY



Vincent de Paul  
born in France

1581

St Vincent de Paul  
Society founded  
by Frederic Ozanam  
-Paris



1833

First Australian  
Conference  
founded  
in Victoria

1854

First Conference  
founded in  
Northern Territory  
-St Mary Star of the  
Sea Darwin

1949

Centre of Chairty  
opens  
-Stuart Park

1967

First regional  
Centre of Chairty  
established  
-Alice Springs

1968



Ozanam House day  
centre established  
-Darwin

1974

Second regional  
Centre of Chairty  
established  
-Tennant Creek

1975



1983

Third regional  
Centre of Chairty  
established  
-Katherine



Ted Collins Village housing for families established -Darwin



Centre of Charity opens -Winnellie

Centre of Chairty opens -Palmerston

Centres of Charity opens -Coolalinga -Fannie Bay

1984	1987	1988	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Bakhita Centre housing for single men established -Coconut Grove

First regional Housing Centre established Ormonde House -Katherine

Centre of Charity opens -CBD Darwin

New office established -Casuarina

Bakhita Centre additional housing opens





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