



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



St Vincent de Paul Society  
SA  
*good works*

*'Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach.*

*Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely.*

*It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good.*

*What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts, adding, adding to, adding more, continuing.*

*We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up during the first, second, or hundredth gale.'*

-Clarissa Pinkola Estes  
(American poet, psychoanalyst and post-trauma specialist)



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# WHO WE ARE

## Our Mission

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

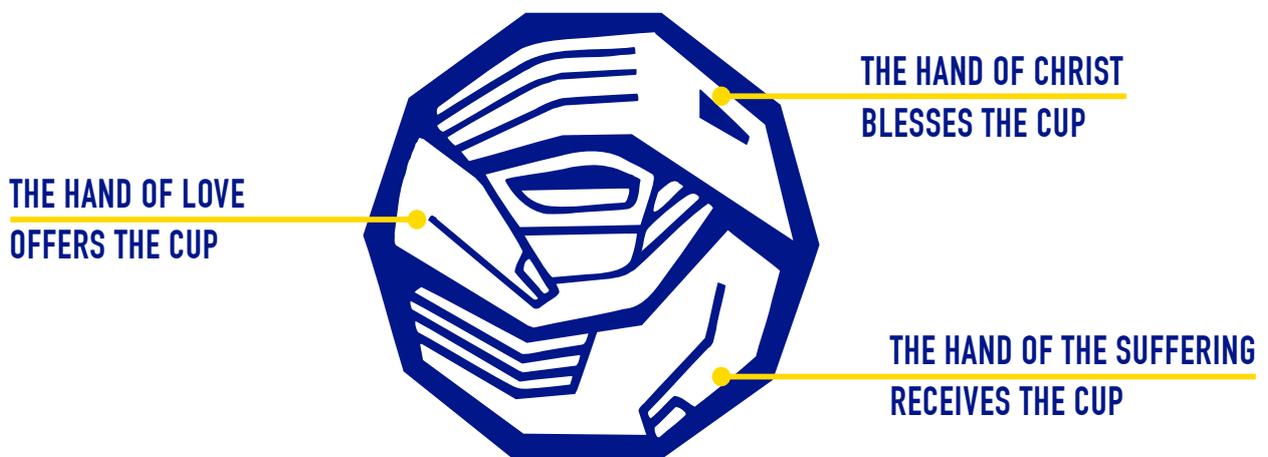
**Empathy** - establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception.

**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.

## Vinnies lends a hand

Providing a hand up to people when they need support is at the core of who we are. We extend a hand of unconditional friendship to the people we assist, so they can restore their hope, rebuild their lives and renew their faith. Our helping hands take many forms and we are privileged to have so many South Australians reach out to us every day.



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## WHAT WE DO

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a volunteer-based organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical support, advocacy and friendship to the most vulnerable within our community. Supported by dedicated staff, members and volunteers seek to 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.

**VINNIES ASSISTANCE VISITS** - We are the only charity to run a home visit program in South Australia, through which volunteers provide compassionate support and material assistance including food, clothing, household goods, access to qualified Vinnies financial counsellors, and emergency funds. We also support people to remain connected to their communities by assisting with transport, visiting those experiencing ill health in hospital or in their home, and we bring joy to families at Christmas by distributing hampers and toys. This work is carried out by Society members who work together in groups known as Conferences.

**CRISIS ACCOMMODATION SERVICES** -The 20 room Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre and 40 bed Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre provide emergency accommodation, including for children and pets at the women's centre. These services include meals, laundry, access to other Vinnies services, government and agency services, and more.

**FRED'S VAN MEAL SERVICES** - Vinnies Fred's Van meal services operate from 10 sites across South Australia, providing hot nutritious meals together with social support. Eight of these operate indoors, meaning our guests dine with dignity and comfort. Blankets and scarves or beanies are given out in winter and food is often provided to take away.

**REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER SERVICE** - This service provides a range of material assistance and advocacy services for recent arrivals who are struggling to make ends meet, many of whom receive no government support. In addition, support to participate more fully in community life is available, through English speaking lessons.

**DISASTER RELIEF** - We are the South Australian government's preferred partner in the event of a major disaster, supporting communities impacted by disasters by managing donated goods and, in some cases, by raising funds or distributing funding on behalf of the government.

**VINNIES YOUTH** - Vinnies Youth comprises young people aged between 16-35 who share their talents and skills volunteering in services and programs across South Australia, as well as advocating for relevant responses to poverty and disadvantage.

**VINNIES SHOPS** - Vinnies is one of the largest recycling organisations in Australia and is staffed largely by volunteers. Sales from the 34 Vinnies shops across metropolitan and regional South Australia fund our services, and are a valuable resource for people on low incomes, providing quality clothing, household goods and furniture, often free of charge.

**OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIPS** - 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.

# STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BRADLEY HOCKING

2021/22 was another big year for the St Vincent de Paul Society in South Australia. Although we continued to feel the impacts of COVID, lessons learnt over the course of the pandemic enabled us to navigate through the challenges a little more easily and members, volunteers and staff continued to deliver on our mission undeterred.

There have been many highlights in 2021/22, including the release of our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. Through extensive consultation across the organisation and beyond, this Strategic Plan will guide our work across the Society for the next four years. The Plan stays true to the five pillars that support our ability to deliver on our mission, underpinned by a number of measurable actions and initiatives.

Informed by the Strategic Plan, what has been extremely pleasing over the past twelve months is the gains we have made in the advocacy space. The Society has always prided itself on offering a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out' to people in need, and we have really sharpened our focus on advocating for systemic change. State and federal elections provided unique opportunities to put forward our position on various matters that impact the people we serve and the community more broadly.

The election position statement we released in South Australia detailed five areas of focus for the Society:

- Housing insecurity – with a request for the state government to provide better access to affordable housing options for people on low incomes and those experiencing homelessness.
- Education for children and young people – with a call to create equal opportunities for children and young people across South Australia to fully participate in their education.
- Support to asylum seekers – asking for improved access to South Australian Government services for this cohort.
- Concessions equity – requesting a review to the concessions available to South Australians and to increase support to individuals and families living on a low income.
- Food insecurity – noting that access to food is the most basic human right and must be available for all South Australians.

We continue to work with the state government and other sector counterparts on how to address these focus areas, as well as refine our own practices to produce positive outcomes for vulnerable community members.

An example of this is our new 'Open Door' program which seeks to provide a wraparound service for people at serious risk of homelessness. These are people with few or no support networks who may be exiting

the corrections system; those being discharged from hospital after a long stay; or individuals and families we meet through our Conference network, whose circumstances could benefit from more intensive support.

As we grapple with extremely challenging times including the cost-of-living crisis and a severe shortage of affordable accommodation, Vinnies will continue to support those most in need now while working towards a more compassionate and just society for all through a range of innovative services.



*This report was written on the unceded land of the Kaurna People.*

# INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – MICHELLE KEMP

I write this report as the interim Chief Executive Officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society in South Australia, having taken the reins from Louise Miller-Frost who resigned from the role in September 2022 to pursue a career in federal politics. Louise was successful in her bid, and it has been heartening to see her pursue an agenda of change, in particular her support of the Raise the Rate campaign which calls for an increase in government payments to enable people to live with dignity.

With the introduction of the COVID supplement, we have solid evidence of the benefits of increasing government payments. Almost immediately after its introduction we experienced an overall reduction in demand for our services and support as many people were – for the first time – able to cover their basic expenses. Sadly, when the supplement was cut the number of people calling for assistance not only resumed to pre-COVID levels but increased as people struggled with rising costs of living including increasing rental costs.

While news reporting on COVID has all but disappeared, we are still experiencing its effects. At times we have had to close Vinnies shops due

to isolation requirements, and with an already lean workforce at our support office, employee absences are keenly felt. Throughout, staff and volunteers have remained committed to serving others even while experiencing their own personal challenges, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to them.

Along with the challenges there have been many highlights, including generous support for our various appeals that enable us to touch the lives of so many. Our network of shops has also enjoyed wonderful support evidenced by a significant increase in the donation of quality goods.

These donations allow us to directly assist members of the community with much needed items, and support our shop sales. This is vital for us to deliver on our mission, as proceeds from our shop network help to fund services.

After the wettest Vinnies CEO Sleepout on record last year, we enjoyed much milder conditions at the SA Museum and the participation of Premier Peter Malinauskas at his sixth event added extra interest. While we didn't quite reach the lofty fundraising heights of 2021, we have seen a greater and more sustained level of engagement from participants

who are supporting our work outside the event.

These relationships, along with more formal corporate partnerships and ongoing support from our donors are crucial to our ability to meet the growing demand for support. None of us are immune to the current cost of living crisis, but for people who are already living on the edge our support will be more crucial than ever.





## KEY STATISTICS



### Vinnies Assistance Visits

777 conference members

48,896 people assisted

19,126 visits

\$1.92 million in assistance provided



### Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre

Accommodation provided to:

368 men



### Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre

Accommodation provided to:

482 women

310 children

113 pets



### Fred's Van

10 locations

33,124 meals served

630 volunteers



### Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service

1,842 people assisted

\$0.23 million in assistance provided



### Vinnies Shops

34 shops

954 volunteers

# VINNIES ASSISTANCE VISITS

## The core of our work

This is the broad name given to how we offer support to people who contact us for assistance to access food, clothing and furniture, or help to pay bills including rent if they are having trouble making ends meet. While initial contact often occurs when people are in crisis, it is hoped that ongoing support of a more holistic nature can be offered if appropriate.

Visits are made by Vinnies Members who are part of local networks known as Conferences. These visits occur in people's homes or a meeting place in areas where there is high demand.

Over the past twelve months we have made significant gains implementing many of the suggestions that were gathered during Conference strategy development sessions held across the state in 2021.

A significant focus area has been increasing our advocacy work, and you will find out more about this further on in this report. This desire to provide a voice for the voiceless and contribute to systemic change speaks to the ideals of the Society's Founder Frederic Ozanam, who spoke about the need to interrogate the injustices which bring about poverty, with the aim of a long-term improvement.

There has also been a focus on better understanding multi-generational poverty and increasing awareness of the realities of poverty that might be hidden in plain sight. This has been further explored through the establishment of a Social Needs Analysis and Action Working Group that will examine the issues facing our local communities and determining how Vinnies can be more involved.

Along with some of these longer-term ambitions has been the implementation of key operational changes to enhance how we better serve people seeking assistance.

This included, for the first time in recent memory, the Vinnies Assistance Line remaining open for the majority of the Christmas/New Year period. A partnership with Foodbank ensured no one went hungry.

In addition, a new model of conference commenced in March 2022. Through the generous offer of landlord Joe Dimasi, the Society was offered a small shop in Pooraka on a two-year peppercorn lease. This has provided an exciting opportunity to assist more people face-to-face in high demand areas and is serviced by public transport.

We heard and responded to Members who were keen to upskill in the area of mental health awareness. A number of sessions have been rolled out and well attended and elicited positive feedback from participants. More of these are planned in the future across the organisation, to ensure people feel confident that they can respond to companions appropriately.

As a nod to the longevity of the St Vincent de Paul Society in South Australia, we took time to celebrate two important milestones, celebrating 80 years of service for the Port Augusta Conference, and 100 years of service for the St Vincent de Paul Mount Gambier Ladies Conference. Conferences are integral to regional centres, quietly support community members in need, and these two have served with distinction.

# VINNIES REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER SERVICE

## From little things, big things are growing

The Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service settled into its new premises in Kilburn, and farewelled retiring Coordinator Mary Ireland who played an influential role in establishing and growing the service. From humble beginnings in a small office on Port Road, Mary's vision saw the service expand to premises at the rear of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hindmarsh, and finally to larger, more, flexible premises at Kilburn.

Along with a more expansive office space, the service offering continues to expand. There is a renewed focus on moving beyond providing emergency relief (although this continues and is still vitally important), towards improving the quality of life and connection to community for asylum seekers and refugees who access the service.

One of the popular offerings is assisting refugees and asylum seekers to learn about living in Australia and to develop English skills and the confidence to communicate with the broader community. For many, who are quite socially isolated, the program in its delivery and accessibility promotes social inclusion by covering topics that affect their everyday lives. As an example, one of the topics covered was the 2021 Census and how to complete it.

Other initiatives included volunteer Sister Mary Symonds continuing her invaluable migration legal assistance; weekly physiotherapy appointments plus optical and dental clinic pop-ups providing access to otherwise unattainable health care; and we collaborated with SA Health to hold a pop-up COVID vaccination clinic onsite, followed by a shared luncheon. We are in a unique position of being able to communicate directly with communities who may otherwise have limited health literacy.

In November we were delighted to acknowledge receipt of a significant donation by the Vietnamese Boat People Monument Association towards an education fund to help companions with employment prospects. It was a lovely full-circle moment, as it was recalled that in the 70s and 80s Vinnies members greeted Vietnamese refugees arriving at the Pennington Migrant Hostel and played an important part in their resettlement as new Australians. Since then, the Vietnamese community has generously assisted Vinnies to continue our good works.

Vinnies State President Brad Hocking gratefully receives the significant Vietnamese Boat People Monument Association donation.



## Fred's Van continues to deliver

Demand for Fred's Van is climbing again, after a drop in the number of meals served last year due to the impacts of COVID and the understandable reluctance of vulnerable people to venture out into the community. The decrease last year could also be attributed to the introduction of the COVID supplement which enabled people to cover the basics, including putting food on the table.

Conversely, on a miserable night at the Gawler Place service in the depths of winter recently, 90 people queued for a hot meal. This alarming number speaks to the spiralling effects of cost-of-living increases (including rental increases) resulting in more people seeking assistance.

Fred's Van volunteers continue to rally to meet this increasing need, even while the shadow of COVID still looms and impacts on volunteer availability at times. We are heartened by the volunteers' ongoing commitment and willingness to step in at short notice to ensure that no one goes hungry.

Amongst the growing disquiet regarding the increasing demand, there have been many highlights.

Long-serving volunteer Richard Hearn was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2022 Queens Birthday Honours List. Richard was acknowledged for his significant service to aged care and to the community, having served as CEO of Resthaven for 26 years, and as a Fred's Van Team Leader for an incredible 28 years.

We were very glad to have Richard's expertise available to us when we were forced to redesign the Fred's Van service to ensure we could continue operating in a COVID-safe way at the height of the pandemic.

We were grateful recipients of a 'Feed Appeal' grant which enabled us to install industrial fridge/freezer facilities at the Elizabeth Fred's Van service. They replaced the existing domestic freezers which were not easy to access and made rotating stock and items challenging. The new set-up means we can better utilise produce and stock from food rescue organisations such as Second Bite and OzHarvest, dramatically reducing operating costs and providing greater variety for guests.

Thanks to the CMV Group Foundation and CMI Toyota, we were delighted to take receipt of a new Fred's Van vehicle - a Toyota HiAce - which is used to deliver our Gawler Place service six nights each week. The brand-new vehicle was a welcome upgrade, being more accessible due to its larger size and automatic transmission which allows for greater flexibility as more volunteers can now get behind the wheel. Enhancements to the HiAce van including power, lighting and food storage compartments were donated thanks to Scrap Hotline and completed through Willshire Motor Trimmers. Through the design we have tried to maintain a sense of the character of the old van, while paying homage to St Vincent de Paul Society founder Frederic Ozanam through the use of a graphic designed by George Zikas, Operations Manager of the Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre.

Fred's Van in Port Lincoln celebrated its 10th year in operation. During that period, 175 volunteers have served more than 15,000 people and been a constant support in the community. We welcomed the Port Lincoln Mayor and CEO to a service marking the occasion.

The service enjoys wonderful community support including supply of food by restaurants, cafes and schools, and this support will be crucial to ensuring we can continue to respond to growing demand.



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## Always there when needed

2021 marked 60 years of operation for the **Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre**. It has been a source of comfort and stability for men experiencing homelessness by providing a range of support services under a philosophy of privacy, dignity and respect. Centre staff and volunteers are to be commended for their commitment, particularly during some recent challenging times including COVID and a loss of government funding under sector reforms which saw vital funds that support the crisis accommodation model redirected to an alliance of other agencies. We are currently sub-contracting delivery of the service to the Toward Home alliance to ensure there is continuity of crisis accommodation in the Adelaide CBD.

While the loss of funding presented a significant challenge, we worked with the new government to secure funding for an innovative new program known as 'Open Door'. The purpose of the program is to provide more intensive supports for people at serious risk of homelessness, working to secure permanent housing to provide better outcomes and ease the strain on the need for crisis accommodation.

While we are hopeful that the Open Door program will help divert people from homelessness, there remains significant need for crisis accommodation and while in our care at the Vinnies Men's Crisis Centre, guests are supported to engage with other services and agencies, and we welcomed Hair Aid volunteers to provide free haircuts. Orange Sky laundry continued their fortnightly visits so guests could take care of their personal belongings, and we were pleased to welcome school students back to the Centre to cook barbeques and provide an opportunity for guests to socialise.

While the future of the Centre remains somewhat uncertain, we continue to work with the Toward Home alliance and the SA Government to ensure that crisis accommodation is available when needed.

While the **Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre** is a relative newcomer to the sector having opened fewer than five years ago, it has quickly gained a reputation for delivering an outstanding service and is the preferred domestic violence crisis accommodation service for Women's Safety Services and homeless agencies.

This is in no small way due to the efforts of staff and volunteers who work incredibly hard to create a safe haven for women and children, the majority of whom come to the Centre as a result of fleeing domestic and family violence.

Since the Centre opened in 2017 it has accommodated a staggering 4,000 women and children, plus more than 500 pets. As most guests come to the Centre having experienced some sort of trauma, the focus is on providing a 'soft place to land' and time and space for guests to make decisions about what's next.

With a change in leadership there has been an increased focus on providing guests with opportunities to experience empowering activities such as self-defense, mindfulness and yoga. Centre staff have also undergone mental health awareness training to provide them with the skills to respond appropriately in what can be a challenging environment.

The Centre continues to enjoy wonderful community support, regularly receiving donations of clothing, care packs and even pet food. The value of these donations cannot be underestimated, as many guests arrive with nothing.

We have recently completed works to improve the amenity of the Centre, including refurbishing a number of rooms and installing the long-awaited playground donated by Foodland, which was delayed due to COVID. It is wonderful to hear the sounds of children playing and laughing, giving us all hope.

# YOUTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Developing young leaders

Frederic Ozanam, the Founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society, was just 20 years old when he saw people in need and established what has become a worldwide movement in more than 140 countries. Frederic demonstrated that age is not a barrier to action, and just one person can make a difference.

The Vinnies Youth & Community Engagement program seeks to capitalise on these beginnings, aiming to help young people understand that the actions they take make a difference in their own, and other people's lives.

Our work with young people, particularly in schools, also opens the door for them to make a practical contribution to the work we undertake. Fundraising events, donation drives, the supply of food to Fred's Van, and the collection of toys for distribution at Christmas time to children who may not otherwise receive a gift, are just some of the ways that young people are able to learn about the challenges that others face. It is often also a time for reflection and gratitude.

Beyond these philanthropic actions, schools also visited Vinnies project and program sites

to learn more about the background work and effort that goes into delivering services to the community. We are committed to building a community of young leaders who respond to the needs and injustices prevalent in the community, with the holistic approach endorsing both components of philanthropy and advocacy.

We again experienced excellent support from young people in schools who participated in Sleepouts during the year. These always provide great insight into the experience of homelessness - even if just for one night - as well as being an important source of fundraising for our works.

Great strides were made to reactivating a Vinnies Youth Conference that will be based in Ozanam House. This Conference will support the Adelaide Conference with home visits and support other conferences with phone calls and follow-up with companions. The Conference will also run other social activities and advocacy projects involving other young people.



Sacred Heart College Students enthusiastically participated in a School Sleepout.

## Providing a voice for the voiceless

2021/22 has seen significant activity in the advocacy space. While advocacy has always been part of the organisation's remit, it has gained a renewed focus over the past twelve months due to closer engagement with Conference members who are observing a tsunami of demand for support and want to truly live our 'hand up' philosophy. At times it can seem that our actions are merely stemming the tide rather than effecting real change.

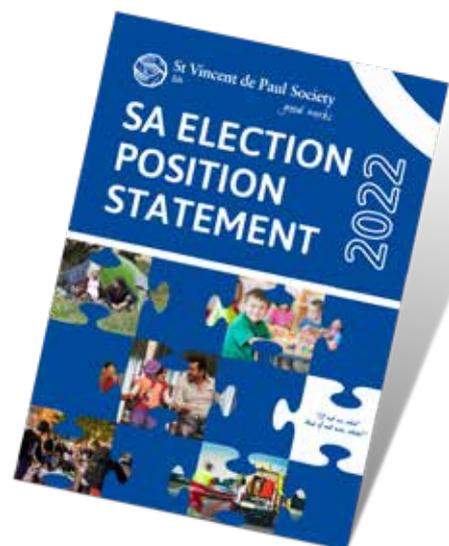
With that said, the main body of work revolved around the state election in March 2022 and the preparation of a Society position statement. The statement announced that as an organisation we wanted to have a greater say in policy decisions that affect the people we work with, and the community more broadly. It proved an effective tool in starting dialogue with the main political parties and we continue to work closely with decision-makers for the benefit of the people we serve.

There were a number of other advocacy pieces undertaken, including:

- Low Cost Housing Advocacy Working Group which was established to build relations with the local Housing SA office and any key community housing providers, while acting as the housing contact referral point for the regional Conference members. This group is comprised of one member from each region in SA who is responsible for developing an understanding of the housing context that our companions live within, and identifying ways that Vinnies can implement tangible positive change to better tackle low-cost housing issues in SA.
- The Central District Social Needs, Analysis and Action Working Group was created to focus on raising the well-being of children, reducing the crushing effect of living in poverty, and drawing attention to structures and systems that result in reliance on welfare assistance.

- We progressed our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and our Reflect RAP was endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. A number of initiatives were implemented to advance reconciliation including the roll out to Conferences of the NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission) Cross Cultural Competency in a Catholic Context.
- We held a forum during Anti-Poverty Week to explore social and economic barriers to housing in SA. The forum was well attended by representatives from the sector, MPs, and strengthened our relationship with Anti-Poverty Network South Australia, with whom we-co-hosted the event.

The enthusiasm with which our people are embarking on this advocacy work is most welcome, and we look forward to continuing this important demonstration of our Mission, Vision and Values.



## Vinnies shops bouncing back

Vinnies is one of the largest recycling organisations in Australia and is staffed largely by volunteers. The 34 Vinnies shops across metropolitan and regional South Australia are a valuable resource for people on low incomes, providing them with quality clothing, household goods and furniture, often free of charge. They are a place that people in need can come, secure in the knowledge that they will be treated with dignity and respect.

After a rocky few years due to COVID, the Vinnies shops network is bouncing back, although from time to time shops have had to close unexpectedly due to staff and/or volunteer unavailability due to contracting or being exposed to COVID. However, our staff and volunteers continue to bring great energy to their roles and have proven very resilient to ever-changing conditions.

Likewise, customers continue to display incredible loyalty to Vinnies shops, with foot traffic growing and donated goods reaching unprecedented levels. In what is an extremely competitive market we remain committed to drawing attention to our point of difference, educating customers about how their purchase or donation enables us to support people in need.

With the disruption to staffing it has been difficult to make headway on some of the strategic objectives that have been outlined to increase revenue and improve productivity, however we were able to conduct some in-store promotions to reach new customers.

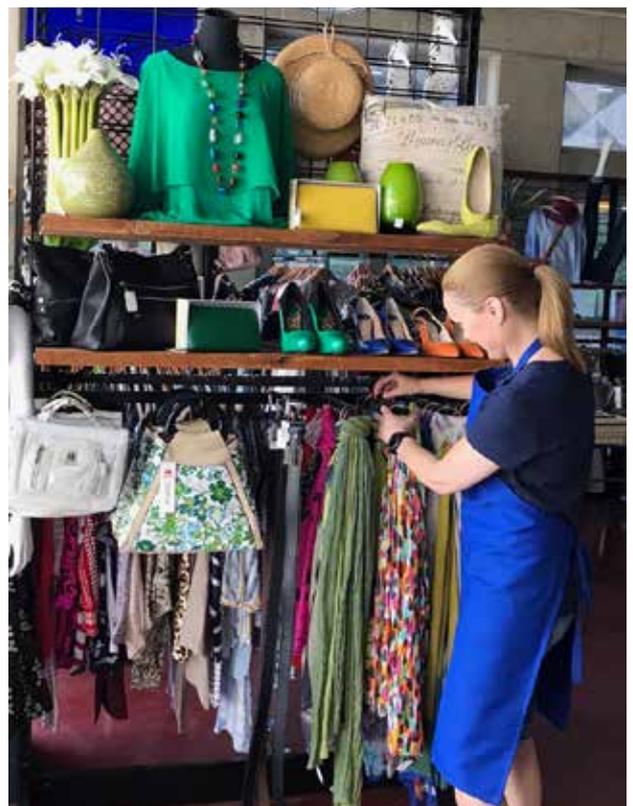
One of these was the 'Rip & Reveal' promotion during which shoppers who spent \$10 or more in any Vinnies shop received a 'Rip & Reveal' ticket. Inside they found a discount or Vinnies gift card to be used on a future purchase, enticing them to return.

We also held two clothing sales to attract new customers and clear stock, as well as a 'Blue

Friday' sale to capitalise on the traditional Black Friday sales frenzy. Supported by radio and social media advertising, sales were strong and exposed new shoppers to our brand.

Our Tailm Bend shop re-located to a more accessible part of town, and consequently has experienced a surge in trade. It was 'all hands on deck' to get the premises refurbished and ready to trade, which was greatly appreciated.

We know that many shoppers support Vinnies because we are one of the largest recycling organisations in Australia. We continue to work closely with Charitable Recycling Australia, a not for profit organisation that represents the collective interests of charitable reuse and recycling enterprises through advocacy, capacity-building and education. With them, we advocate for a circular economy in which goods that are produced are used for a longer period of time and kept out of landfill.



# VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

## Leaders come together in an historic setting

The rain stayed away for this year's Vinnies CEO Sleepout, welcome relief after having endured a record amount of rainfall in 2021. In fact it was a relatively mild night at the SA Museum where the historic buildings provided a beautiful backdrop to proceedings.

South Australian business and community leaders came together to raise awareness and funds for homelessness, with sixth time participant and now Premier of South Australia, Peter Malinauskas, an enthusiastic contributor. It was the first time a sitting State Premier had participated in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout anywhere in Australia, and we were very pleased to have the Premier's support.

The Premier's fundraising efforts almost saw him take out highest fundraiser honours, however this accolade ultimately went to Jon Whelan, CEO of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, who raised an admirable \$45,300.81. It was Jon's first Sleepout and he did a remarkable job raising funds and awareness.

Pleasingly, Jon's impact surpasses just one night, as he recently shared his department's plans to embed requirements into construction contracts to give people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage a pathway to employment.

The final event fundraising tally was \$705,269.42 which will go towards Vinnies' homelessness services including our two Crisis Centres and the Fred's Van Meal Service. Funds will also further our one-on-one work with individuals and families in the community who are at risk of homelessness, providing financial assistance, household essentials and support to help build capacity to face future challenges.

We look forward to another successful event in 2023 at The Drive - formerly known as Memorial Drive Tennis Centre - which has recently undergone a significant redevelopment. It's fourth time lucky for this location, with plans to hold the 2020 event there being scuttled by COVID, and the venue being unavailable for the past two years due to works.

Registrations are now open at [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au)



Uncle Mickey O'Brien performs the Welcome to Country ceremony at the Vinnies CEO Sleepout



# VINNIES APPEALS

## Thanks to our supporters

Once again, the response to our fundraising appeals, even during these uncertain economic times, has been heartening and we are grateful to our donors and supporters who provide the Society with the funds we need to support people in need. A special thanks must also go to conference members whose tireless work makes an enormous impact on our fundraising revenue.

Our Christmas Appeal focused on Heidi and Nikolas, who had been living in a tent in a local park. Vinnies members John and Sharni heard of their situation and visited them to see how they could help.

The situation was even more dire than first thought, as Heidi was heavily pregnant. John and Sharni sprang into action and were able to find Heidi and Nikolas a place to stay that night. It wasn't long-term, but it kept them safe and out of the weather. They then managed to move Heidi and Nikolas into some temporary accommodation and eventually into something more permanent where their baby Jake was born.

With just a little bit of support, and a hand up, the changes to the lives of Heidi and Nikolas have been immense. Nikolas has found work concreting, and since then the couple have had enough money to buy extra furniture and turn their house into a home.

Heading into winter, we shared Leah's confronting story of abuse: at 11, Leah's mother left her caring for her younger sister with a father who was verbally and physically abusive. At 16, she found herself couch surfing and then living in a youth hostel. At age 17, Leah was pregnant to a physically abusive boyfriend.

After fleeing the violence, Leah delivered a baby daughter six weeks premature. Alone, at 18, Leah then met her second boyfriend, and the couple would be together for the next two years.

During that time, he was physically abusive, and financially controlling. Eventually, Leah ended up in hospital which led to her being connected to Vinnies and she was supported to find housing, food, clothes, furniture and white goods.

Along with these practical supports, for the first time in her life Leah had people around her that she could rely on. Leah's focus now is on providing her daughter Charlotte with the childhood that she missed out on.

Family and domestic violence is the most common reason given by people seeking help through a specialist homelessness service, but sadly these services are unable to meet demand. With the ongoing support of our generous donors, Vinnies will continue to be there for people who have nowhere else to turn.



With the help of Vinnies members, Heidi and Nikolas have turned their lives around and are enjoying family life with baby Jake.



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## OUR SUPPORTERS

St Vincent de Paul Society was founded on one individual's idea to take action to make life better for people in Paris who were living in poverty. However, Frederic Ozanam quickly got his friends involved, with the knowledge that to have a real and lasting impact, he couldn't act alone.

Centuries later, meaningful partnerships are more important than ever, and we are very grateful for the support we receive from the community, whether it be from individual supporters, parishes, schools or businesses. We would like to take this opportunity to recognise the formal partnerships we have with some key corporate organisations that are vital to Vinnies being able to continue supporting our most vulnerable.

### IGA

IGA retailers play an important part in their local communities, giving back wherever possible with various campaigns designed to raise funds and awareness about some of the challenges faced by vulnerable communities, or those who have been impacted by drought or bushfire. IGA has also been a strong supporter of Vinnies in the past by providing goods for Christmas hampers which were distributed to people in need so that they could have a more joyful and dignified Christmas. Last Christmas they raised funds by encouraging shoppers to purchase a \$2 token or selected 'community chest' products, proceeds of which went to Vinnies.



### Scrap Hotline

Recyclers SA/Scrap Hotline continued their generous support of Vinnies in a variety of ways, most notably through the 'Tinnies for Vinnies' initiative.

In addition, our new Fred's Van vehicle was kitted out with power, lighting and food storage compartments thanks to Recyclers SA/Scrap Hotline.



### Cops for Kids

Cops for Kids is a registered children's charity run by a dedicated group of current and former South Australia Police (SAPOL) employees from metropolitan and country areas.

The Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre was the beneficiary of their fundraising efforts, which realised a shade cover for the Centre's new playground.



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### CMI Toyota

The team at CMI Toyota, through the CMV Group Foundation, presented Vinnies with a brand new Toyota HiAce van to deliver our city Fred's Van meal service. The van includes the latest technology and safety features and has an automatic transmission, ensuring all volunteers are able to drive it.

*We love to see you CMI'ling*



### Foodland

Foodland continues its generous support of Vinnies and, after a delay because of a materials and labor shortage, we were delighted to declare the Foodland-funded playground at the Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre open, providing children who are staying at the Centre with a fun and safe play environment.

Foodland again held a fundraising lunch to mark International Women's Day, with proceeds of the lunch going towards the Centre.



### MumKind

MumKind, a collective of women who are focused on sustainable efforts to improve the lives and livelihoods of women and children who face adversity whilst raising a family, continued to support women and children staying at the Vinnies Women's Crisis Centre through a range of initiatives.



### MRASA Toy Run

For more than 40 years, the Motorcycle Riders' Association SA has organised the iconic Toy Run event which brings excited spectators out to see around thousands of motorcycle riders ride from Victoria Park to Callington with their cargo of toys and Christmas cheer. Toys are collected by the Society to be given to children who may otherwise miss out.



# FINANCIALS

## Summary Statement of Financial Position

|                                      | 2022              | 2021              |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                | \$                | \$                |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 6,507,979         | 5,636,290         |
| Trade and other receivables          | 219,727           | 176,563           |
| Inventories                          | 244,689           | 64,468            |
| Other current assets                 | 111,027           | 240,184           |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>          | <b>7,083,422</b>  | <b>6,117,505</b>  |
| <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>            | \$                | \$                |
| Financial Assets                     | 1,657,280         | 1,629,222         |
| Property, plant and equipment        | 17,666,303        | 17,906,575        |
| <b>Total Non Current Assets</b>      | <b>19,323,583</b> | <b>19,535,797</b> |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                  | <b>26,407,005</b> | <b>25,653,302</b> |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>           | \$                | \$                |
| Trade and other payables             | 447,131           | 400,705           |
| Provisions                           | 846,719           | 896,634           |
| Other current liabilities            | 12,971            | 50,893            |
| Lease Liability - Current            | 1,354,746         | 1,252,405         |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>     | <b>2,661,567</b>  | <b>2,600,637</b>  |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>       | \$                | \$                |
| Provisions                           | 110,100           | 123,960           |
| Lease Liability - Non Current        | 5,083,451         | 5,257,833         |
| <b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b> | <b>5,193,551</b>  | <b>5,381,793</b>  |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>             | <b>7,855,118</b>  | <b>7,982,430</b>  |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                    | <b>18,551,887</b> | <b>17,670,872</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                        | \$                | \$                |
| Reserves                             | 492,014           | 603,931           |
| Accumulated Funds                    | 18,059,873        | 17,066,941        |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                  | <b>18,551,887</b> | <b>17,670,872</b> |

# FINANCIALS

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other - Comprehensive Income

|  | 2022              | 2021              |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>   | <b>\$</b>         | <b>\$</b>         |
| Revenue from Contracts with Customers                              | 8,529,410         | 8,993,475         |
| Government Funding   | 528,003           | 4,400,409         |
| Donations  | 2,558,919         | 3,115,662         |
| Bequests   | 1,219,324         | 826,056           |
| Companion Contributions - Accommodation                            | 2,419,820         | 1,379,176         |
| Interest   | 4,122             | 8,120             |
| Dividends and Distributions Received                               | 83,274            | 57,154            |
| Other  | 331,127           | 110,556           |
| Profit on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment                    | 5,772             | 364               |
|  | <b>15,679,771</b> | <b>18,890,973</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  | <b>\$</b>         | <b>\$</b>         |
| Administration   | 480,402           | 481,485           |
| Assistance   | 2,021,056         | 2,837,102         |
| Companion/Resident Services  | 151,481           | 122,183           |
| Depreciation and Amortisation                                      | 1,881,256         | 1,900,840         |
| Interest Paid  | 200,616           | 228,850           |
| Fundraising Expenses   | 215,227           | 163,901           |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses   | 135,235           | 129,712           |
| Personnel  | 6,819,657         | 6,354,520         |
| Professional Fees  | 117,296           | 185,493           |
| Loss and Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment                     | 9,826             | 38,422            |
| Property Expenses  | 1,164,712         | 1,059,320         |
| Purchases for Sales  | 312,309           | 286,933           |
| Repairs and Maintenance  | 46,595            | 65,131            |
| Telecommunications   | 119,756           | 147,063           |
| Travel and Accommodation   | 10,158            | 10,351            |
| Waste Disposal   | 261,325           | 227,713           |
| Other  | 739,932           | 569,192           |
|  | <b>14,686,839</b> | <b>14,808,211</b> |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>   | <b>992,932</b>    | <b>4,082,762</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>                            |                   |                   |
| Fair value gains/(losses) on financial assets                      | (109,917)         | 250,512           |
| Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss |                   |                   |
| Total Other Comprehensive Income                                   | (109,917)         | 250,512           |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>                                  | <b>883,015</b>    | <b>4,333,274</b>  |

# FINANCIALS

## Statement of Cash Flows

|  | 2022               | 2021               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                | \$                 | \$                 |
| Receipts from customers                                    | 10,257,276         | 10,529,987         |
| Government funding   | 528,003            | 4,400,409          |
| Donations, bequests and sundry income                      | 4,099,544          | 4,052,006          |
| Interest received  | 4,122              | 8,120              |
| Interest paid  | 0                  | (30,225)           |
| Interest (AASB16)  | (200,616)          | (198,625)          |
| Dividends received   | 83,274             | 57,154             |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                        | (12,244,530)       | (13,741,827)       |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b> | <b>2,527,073</b>   | <b>5,077,000</b>   |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                | \$                 | \$                 |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment        | 5,772              | 400                |
| Payment for property, plant and equipment                  | (407,546)          | (230,762)          |
| Proceeds from Sale of Financial Assets                     | 125,726            | 0                  |
| Payments for Financial Assets                              | (265,750)          | 0                  |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b> | <b>(541,798)</b>   | <b>(230,362)</b>   |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                |                    |                    |
| Reduction of Lease Liability                               | (1,113,586)        | (1,236,013)        |
| Repayment of borrowings                                    |                    | (2,180,000)        |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b> | <b>(1,113,586)</b> | <b>(3,416,013)</b> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash                            | 871,689            | 1,430,626          |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year                | 5,636,290          | 4,205,664          |
| <b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>               | <b>6,507,979</b>   | <b>5,636,290</b>   |

### NOTE 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION 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 2022

- The summary financial statements are derived from, and consistent with, the audited financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012; and
- The full audited financial report of St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2022 can be provided upon request or downloaded from the ACNC website ([www.acnc.gov.au](http://www.acnc.gov.au))



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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SA) INC.

### Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and note to the summary financial statements are derived from the audited financial report of St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

### Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

### The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 13 October 2022.

### The Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements on the basis described in the note to the summary financial statements.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd

G K Edwards  
Director

Adelaide, 21 October 2022

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# GOVERNANCE

As at 30 June 2022

## Members In Office

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| State President      | Bradley Hocking |
| Vice President       | Sandro Canale   |
| Vice President       | Alice Clark     |
| Treasurer            | Des Quirk       |
| Spiritual Advisor    | Vacant          |
| Youth Representative | Hannah Yates    |

## Regional Presidents

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Central District | Geraldine Hawkes |
| Eastern          | Maxwell Ormsby   |
| Eyre             | Alicia Griffiths |
| Fleurieu         | Kevin Liston     |
| Hills Murray     | Tom Neilson      |
| Northern         | Neil Dwiar       |
| Riverland/Yorke  | Vacant           |
| South East       | Shane Gabriel    |
| Southern         | Mary Camilleri   |
| Western          | John Sullivan    |

# GOVERNANCE

As at 30 June 2022

## Ex Officio

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chief Executive Officer | Michelle Kemp (Interim) |
| Minute Secretary        | Jenny Papps             |

## Committees

Commercial Advisory Committee  
Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee  
Regional Presidents Advisory Group  
Work Health and Safety Committee  
Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Committee  
Low-Cost Housing Advocacy Working Group

## Working Groups

Spirituality Working Group  
Central Districts Social Needs Analysis Working Group  
Fleurieu Region Initiative  
Reconciliation Working Group

# CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

As at 30 June 2022

|                       |                          |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Aberfoyle Park        | Greenacres/Walkerville   | Norwood          |
| Adelaide/St Francis   | Hallett Cove             | Ottoway          |
| Barmera               | Hectorville              | Para Hills       |
| Berri                 | Henley Beach             | Payneham         |
| Blackwood             | Hindmarsh                | Port Adelaide    |
| Bordertown            | Kadina/Wallaroo/Moonta   | Port Augusta     |
| Brighton              | Kingswood                | Port Lincoln     |
| Clearview             | Lefevre                  | Port Pirie       |
| Colonel Light Gardens | Lockleys                 | Prospect/Kilburn |
| Coober Pedy           | Maitland/CYP (in recess) | Renmark          |
| Croydon               | Millicent                | Salisbury        |
| Dernancourt           | Modbury                  | Seacombe Gardens |
| Dulwich               | Morphett Vale            | St Marys         |
| Edwardstown/Plympton  | Mount Barker/Strathalbyn | Stirling         |
| Elizabeth North       | Mount Gambier/St Pauls   | Tea Tree Gully   |
| Elizabeth West        | Mount Gambier Women's    | Thebarton        |
| Gawler                | Murray Bridge            | Tranmere         |
| Glen Osmond/Parkside  | Naracoorte               | Victor Harbor    |
| Glenelg               | Newton                   | Whyalla/OLHC     |
| Goodwood              | Noarlunga                | Willunga         |

# SHOP LOCATIONS

As at 30 June 2022

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adelaide                           | Naracoorte       |
| Barmera                            | Norwood          |
| Brighton                           | Parkside         |
| Campbelltown                       | Port Adelaide    |
| Cooper Pedy                        | Port Augusta     |
| Croydon                            | Port Lincoln     |
| Elizabeth                          | Port Pirie       |
| Gawler                             | Prospect         |
| Hawthorn                           | Royal Park       |
| Kadina (closed for building works) | Salisbury        |
| Kidman Park                        | Semaphore        |
| Maitland                           | Tailem Bend      |
| Millicent                          | Taperoo          |
| Morphett Vale                      | Valley View      |
| Mount Barker                       | Whyalla          |
| Mount Gambier                      | Whyalla Westland |
| Murray Bridge                      | Victor Harbor    |

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) relies on the generous support of individuals, community groups, schools and businesses who are committed to building a more just and compassionate society.

## To support our mission

### Make a financial donation

Credit card donations can be made by visiting our website or calling the donation hotline on 13 18 12. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

### Leave a gift in your Will

The Society is able to assist thousands of people because of the generosity of those who have remembered us in their Will. For more information or an information booklet, speak to our Bequest Officer.

### Volunteer your time

If you would like to make a direct impact on the lives of people in need, you can become a member of a conference or volunteer your time to assist people in your community through any Vinnies services or shops.

### Donate goods

Donations of quality clothing, small furniture items and household goods can be made at any Vinnies Shop.

### Involve your school

Get your school involved to support their local community and learn about issues affecting the community such as poverty, homelessness and social justice.

### Host a fundraising event

From BBQs to bake sales and everything in between, you can get creative and fundraise your own way for Vinnies. Fundraising is a great way to get your friends, family and community together to have fun and make a difference for people trying to get back on their feet.

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