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## ***Welcome to the 8th Edition of Volunteering At Vinnies - Celebrating Volunteer Achievements***

December 5th is International Volunteer Day, a global celebration of the tireless efforts of volunteers around the world. This year, we want to shine a spotlight on your amazing contributions. Whether you're working in our stores, assisting with programs, or supporting our vans, each volunteer brings something unique to the table and we couldn't accomplish our mission without you.

As we celebrate International Volunteer Day, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for your commitment and hard work. Your time and effort help build stronger, more compassionate communities and make a real impact on the lives of those we serve. Together, we are creating a brighter future for those in need, and we couldn't do it without you.

Volunteers like you are to thank for the impact made for people we assist at the St Vincent de Paul Society. Here are some words of gratitude from the people you've assisted:

"I am so happy I found Vinnies. I love coming here and heading in the right direction." - Max

"I feel alive and grateful after going through the Vinnies services. I look forward to one day volunteering so I can do the same for others in the future." - Vanessa

"Before I got in touch with Vinnies, I was in a bad state. Everything in my life's turned around now. I just bought a car, I'm looking at starting work next week. It's really good." – Rahim

Thank you for everything you do. We look forward to celebrating International Volunteer Day with you.

# MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER STRATEGY JUNE 2024 - JUNE 2028

## SPOTLIGHT ON:

### Membership and Volunteer Strategy 2024-2028

The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW is proud to unveil the [Membership & Volunteer Strategy 2024–2028](#), a forward-looking plan endorsed by the State Council in October. This strategy aims to ensure the sustainability of the Society's vital work while growing and supporting its membership and volunteer base.

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## Happy International Volunteer Day



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## Good Works Across the Society



### A celebration of culture

Gumbaynggirr country set the scene for a celebration of the St Vincent de Paul Society's third Reconciliation Action Plan and the annual First Nations Staff Conference, held in September. The Society's latest Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), endorsed by Reconciliation Australia at the Innovate level, affirms our commitment to First Nations justice, strengthening ties to communities and creating opportunities for economic participation.

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### Sydney Alliance Convention

Leaders from 38 civil society organisations, unions, and faith groups within the Sydney Alliance gathered on Wednesday 30th October at Bowman Hall, Blacktown, for a landmark Convention joined by representatives from both State and Federal governments. The event highlighted the Alliance's collective commitment to advancing critical issues in housing, energy and climate action.



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### An online Vinnies Shop: coming in 2025

The opening of our first recycling and retail depot in Newtown in 1922 was revolutionary in a growing movement of charitable community assistance and is proudly now the longest operating thrift shop in

Australia. Over 100 years later, we approach a new opportunity for our network of over 220 shops as we prepare to launch the first Vinnies online shop in the first quarter of 2025.

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