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The Vincentian #2 2025

This edition spans the generations and we celebrate Vincentians - the long-standing, new Vincentians, and the Society's enduring, inspiring mission.

The recent Reconciliation Week 2025 built connections through, "Bridging Now to Next", and we share two new cross-generational initiatives: a Poster Competition and 'Everyday Reconciliation'.

A moving prayer was circulated after retreats in Wilcannia-Forbes. Thank you to David McIvor of Broken Hill, who wrote it while facing cancer. David thanks Vincentians - people in whom he truly sees the presence of God, and we will surely pray for him in return. The impact of quiet goodness shining from Vincentians is also clear to Paul Trezise, new Oceania International Territorial Vice-President. We want everyone to know just how transformative it is to be a Vincentian!

Many young adults are joining after our most successful O-Week campaign! Well done to the Youth & Member teams for a zeal evoking Frederic Ozanam. St Brigid's Conference Marrickville, youthful and longstanding, marked 135 years. To preserve the Society's many-generation legacy of service, we request Volunteer Archivists.

This is now the 100th year of the legacy of Venerable Matt Talbot's life. Matt's big reversion in his 20s, alcohol dependence recovery, and rich life of joy and generosity inspire globally, including Australian Vincentians.

As this edition shows, people with true goodness will inspire anyone with eyes to see and hearts to feel its world-transforming power.



SPOTLIGHT ON:

The Society's response to Mid North Coast Floods

The Society's members, volunteers and employees in Mid North Coast Recovery Centres have already assisted nearly 1,600 impacted households, with over \$320,000 in disaster relief grants. Vinnies Vans and Shops are also providing essential items, with more support planned in coming weeks.

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WHAT'S NEW



MAVS & CAMS Tour: West & North-West Next

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Spiritual Reflection Guide May – August 2025



New Records Guide for Members



Vinnies Reconciliation Movement: Calling creative Kids!



History Buffs! We Need Volunteer Archivists





Share Your Stories, Pictures and Videos of 'Everyday Reconciliation'



VINCENTIANS IN ACTION

Engineer of Compassion: Foley leads Wagga Central Council

In February, Wagga Wagga Central Council celebrated its new President, Anthony Foley, in a Commissioning Ceremony held at Sacred Heart Church, North Albury.



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New Aussies Finding Home: A Vincentian Australia Day

A last-minute call, just before the Australia Day long weekend - a request for help for a mother and two daughters who recently arrived in Australia from the Middle East.

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Paul Trezise: Oceania's New International Territorial Vice-President

Australian Vincentians are delighted at the news of Paul Trezise's appointment as the St Vincent de Paul Society's next International Territorial Vice President for Oceania.



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Marrickville Milestone: St Brigid's Turns 135



St Brigid's Conference Marrickville was established on Sunday 4 May 1890 and recently celebrated our 135th anniversary!

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30 Years of Serving: St Joe's Workshop According to Bob

Congratulations Bob! Thanks for sharing memories of three decades of mighty service, as Volunteer & Associate Member



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2025 Youth Week Rallies Students to Justice & Hope

Youth Week 2025 was a vibrant celebration of youth, service and leadership, from 9-17 April. It centred around the theme "We are the future, and the future is now."

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New Wollongong Support Office Officially Open

Friends, members and leaders gathered for the blessing and opening of the new Wollongong Central Council Support Office in a lovely refurbished site in Warrawong.



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A PRAYER FOR VINCENTIANS
Lord, I thank You
for these faithful Vincentians.
In their quiet service and generous hearts.
I have seen You.
Bless them as they face the demands of this mission. Strengthen them in their work. renew their spirit, and let them always find You in those they serve.
May we walk together with courage, humility, and joy- united in the Gospel and guided by Your love.
AmenDavid McIvor

Grace & Grit at Wilcannia-Forbes Retreats

Spiritual Retreats were held recently in Parkes and Broken Hill, crafted and led by Sr Elizabeth Young RSM, Wilcannia-Forbes Central Council Spiritual Adviser.

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University Campus Recruits: New Vincentians!

Following our biggest ever O-Week Campaign in early 2025, new Youth Members and Volunteers are being warmly welcomed to the Society.

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The Hand That Offers the Cup: Gosford Members Reflect

Conference members gathered at the Gosford Support Centre on 26 February for a Gosford & Woy Woy Member Support Day to celebrate good works.

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Mini Vinnies & Parish Drives Thrive in Concord

St Ambrose's Conference Concord West has built strong relationships with the Parish & Primary Schools that bear many fruits.



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Shoalhaven Welcomes Anne, Honours Veteran Vincentian

Members on the NSW South Coast, from Berry to Ulladulla, can celebrate their new Shoalhaven Regional Council President, Anne Hayward.

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