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### The Second Edition of The Vincentian is Here!

Welcome to the second edition of The Vincentian.

In this edition we reflect on a very successful 2022 University O-Week Recruitment Campaign, in which a record number of young people expressed interest in participating in the good works of the Society and putting their faith into action.

We also celebrate the work of members and staff in the Northern Rivers Region, led by Central Council President Gail Gaudron and Regional Director Clare van Doorn, to ensure Vincentians were first on the ground during the recent flood emergency, but are also supporting devastated communities over the longer term.

You can find out about other opportunities for you to support the people we serve, such as the No Interest Loan Scheme, social justice advocacy, and social inclusion for Amelie Housing tenants.

And there are stories about the Mass of Commissioning for our new State Council President, Paul Burton, a recent youth social justice workshop held in Armidale, the placement of the first plaque acknowledging traditional owners in Wilcannia/Forbes, and the creation of a new youth Conference in Wollongong Central Council.

We hope you enjoy this edition of The Vincentian!

P.S. In May, we celebrated National Volunteer Week and the more than 3,000 members and more than 7,000 volunteers, who are the backbone of the Society! Click here to watch messages from our State Council President, Paul Burton and CEO, Jack de Groot.



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## **SPOTLIGHT ON:**

#### Statewide University O-Week Recruitment Campaign a Huge Success

The Society received over 1,000 expressions of interest and has since welcomed about 120 new Young Adult Conference Members thanks to a successful university recruitment campaign.

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## WHAT'S NEW



New Legislation in Place to Protect Children.

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NSW Social Housing Wait List could be Cut by Three Quaters.

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No Interest Loans Provide a Hand Up to Those in Need.

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## **VINCENTIANS IN ACTION**

#### Supporting Flood-affected Communities in Northern NSW

After catastrophic floods hit Lismore earlier this year, Society members, volunteers and staff swung into action to assist devastated communities.



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# Acknowledging Traditional Custodians in Forbes

In March, local First Nations peoples, along with Society members and volunteers, gathered to recognise and celebrate Wiradjuri traditional custodians.

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#### Armidale Holds Its First Youth Social Justice Workshop

The Armidale Youth Social Justice Workshop shone a spotlight on local issues, while helping students gain the skills they need to make a difference in their communities.



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#### Commissioning of the State Council President, Paul Burton

On this special day that marks both the birth of the Society, and Frederic Ozanam, we gathered to witness the Commissioning of our new State Council President.

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#### New Initiative Connects Conference Members with Amelie Housing Residents.

The 'Point of Difference' project is an exciting new member-led initiative that allows Members to make a positive difference to residents of our social and affordable housing properties.



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#### Southern Highlands Welcomes a New Young Adult Conference

Young people in the Southern Highlands are keen to get involved in the good works of the Society and support people doing it tough in their local community.

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