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A newsletter for Members

The Vincentian

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The Third Edition of The Vincentian for 2024 is Here!

In this edition, there is so much to celebrate. We highlight the impactful work of Society members, beginning with news from Joy Kyriacou on a groundbreaking report documenting the true impact of members' work.

There's new information on resources for you and people we assist, including Social Justice Statements, EAPA and SSBI. We also feature community-driven events like a day of generosity at Ballina Bunnings and the revitalisation of the Holbrook Conference.

Achievements are celebrated, including the success of the Nowra NAIDOC Stall and youth empowerment initiatives. Finally, Solange Frost covers an enormous credit to you, the members whose advocacy led to the recent historic social housing boost in NSW.



The Society welcomes new NSW State Council President, Mr Peter Houweling

Over many years of Vincentian service, Peter has served in numerous leadership roles, since joining St John the Evangelist Parish Conference Dapto in the 1970s.

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SPOTLIGHT ON:

First-of-its-kind Report Reveals Enormous Impact

The work of Members of the Society across NSW has a real impact on people's lives and helps them to avoid falling deeper into crisis – that's the finding of a new report by the McKell Institute that included a survey of a record-breaking 900 clients supported by you, the members of the Society, over the past twelve months.

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WHAT'S NEW



2024 Member and Volunteer Survey Open!

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Modern Slavery: Society takes a Stand

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Focusing on Member and Volunteer Learning



The Society's new Social Justice Statements



School Student Broadband Initiative – until December

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MAVS Roadshow coming to a town near you!

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VINCENTIANS IN ACTION

Sizzling community spirit at Ballina's Bunnings BBQ

Tong-masters from two combined Conferences rolled up their sleeves on Saturday 27 July, successfully raising much needed funds for the Winter Appeal at Bunnings Warehouse, Ballina.



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Society Shines at Nowra NAIDOC Family Fun Day

A big congratulations to Sylvia Palmer and teams from Nowra St Michael's Conference, John Purcell House and Jim da Silva Farm for an excellent stall at Shoalhaven's NAIDOC Family Fun Day.

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'Levelled Up' Conference

Empowers Vinnies Youth

National Vinnies Youth Training Conference 'Levelled Up' gathered enthusiastic leaders from NSW to discuss advocacy, team building, and community engagement.



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Brian Millgate Honoured with Life Membership

Brian Millgate from St Patrick's Conference, Albury, has received a Life Membership of the St Vincent's de Paul Society for his long-time dedication and commitment to assisting people in need in Albury and beyond.

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Members credited for historic social housing boost

At the 2024 Vinnies CEO Sleepout, Rose Jackson MP, NSW Housing Minister, credited grassroots advocacy by organisations such as the Society for the government's massive housing boost.



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Mini Vinnies Gathering

What an incredible day! The Metro Schools Team organised a heartwarming and impactful Mini Vinnies Gathering, bringing together 25 schools from the Sydney, Parramatta, and Broken Bay dioceses.

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Revitalised Holbrook Conference in growing Riverina

Holbrook Our Lady of Sorrows Conference, was on the verge of closing amid growing community need. That all changed with



some help 'from above'.

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Neighbourly BBQ for members and residents

St Vincent de Paul Housing (formerly Amelie Housing) residents at Merrylands enjoyed a wonderful gathering during the July school holidays this year.

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