

Vinnies NSW Sustainability Activities in 2020



The Society's vision goes beyond the immediate future, looking towards sustainable development and protection of the environment for the benefit of future generations.

From The Rule.

Conferences serve people every day whose disadvantage is driven by climate change:

- * Victims of extreme weather events**
- * Victims of flood, drought and bushfires**
- * People affected by increasing cost of living**
- * Refugees and asylum seekers fleeing the devastating impacts of all these factors in their country of origin**

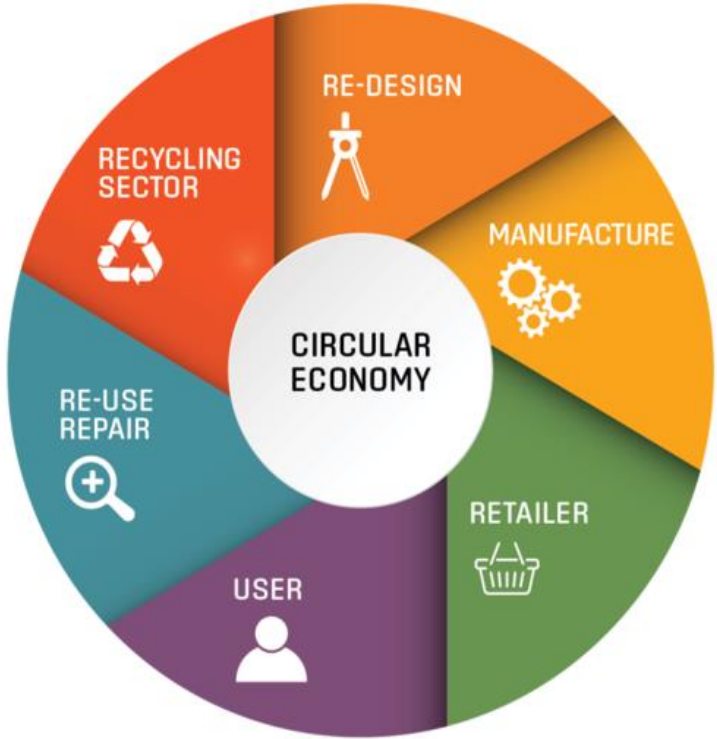
Unsustainable human activity and associated climate change is causing:

- * More extreme weather events**
- * More regular and more severe floods, drought and fires**
- * Increasing cost of living due to such factors as the costs of fresh food driven up through climate impacts and the unaffordability of paying for electricity to maintain a comfortable living environment during increasingly hot Australian summers.**

Our NSW Bushfire Response

- **\$8.6 million allocated to NSW from The Society's national fundraising with \$5.4 million already distributed and \$1.2 million committed for community grants**
- **Our members were often the first to render assistance in the immediate aftermath of the bushfires:**
 - **Emergency financial assistance including rent and mortgage payments, car repairs and registration, medical expenses**
 - **Food, clothing and household items**
 - **crisis accommodation when homes were destroyed or damaged or when people were evacuated, and**
 - **other financial and emotional support to help get people back on their feet.**

How else are we addressing climate justice in 2020 for the people we serve?



VINNIES RECYCLES RENEWS REBUILDS

Vinnies is undertaking a range of other activities across the organisation to reduce our environmental impacts. These include:

- * Replacing light fittings with low energy LED fittings**
- * Piloting solar energy on some of our owned properties**
- * Reviewing our waste services to identify improvements to how we sort for general waste and co-mingled waste such as cardboard, plastics and glass.**

ENTERPRISE AND SUSTAINABILITY

We will build a financial approach that makes us sustainable and able to invest to do more for the people we serve.

We will be entrepreneurial in our approach to raising funds to support our service delivery.

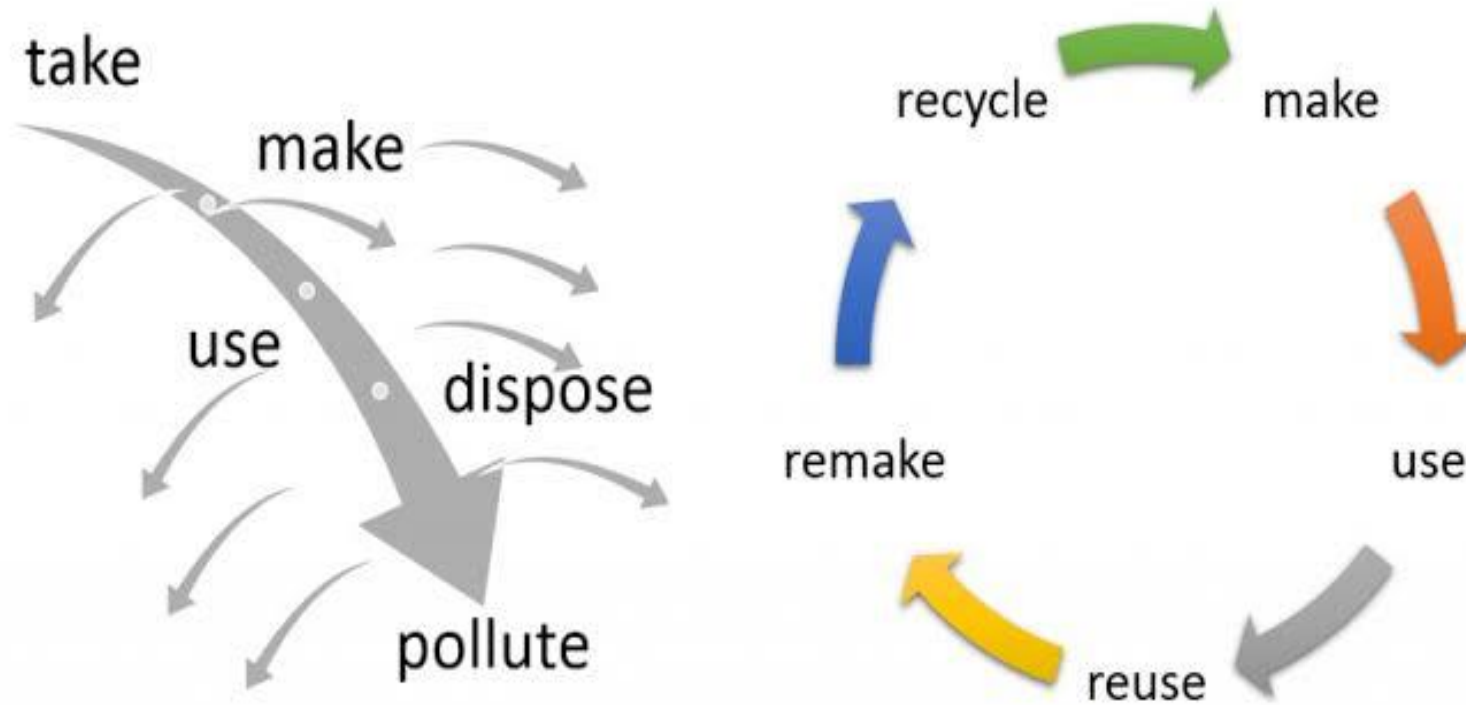
We will:

- ensure that we have a sustainable financial base to support and sustain our mission
- create an innovative social, retail and commercial strategy which promotes environmental sustainability and strengthens income generation to support our mission
- develop a united and innovative fundraising culture that generates significant revenue to support our mission.

**Implementation Plan 2020:
We will implement recycling initiatives
which can deliver reduced volumes
going to landfill and waste**

VINNIES RECYCLES RENEWS REBUILDS

Which system do we want to be part of?



Circular Textiles

- Increase waste textiles to export for recycling back to fabric
- Participating in National and NSW government and industry led conversations about how to reduce textile waste and increase textile re-use
- Participating in the national charity op shops Moving the Needle Campaign to increase donations and reduce landfill





Vinnies re/CYCLE Range

Every item has an impact. With the current fast-pace of fashion consumption, nearly 6000 kilograms of clothing and textile waste goes to Australian landfills every 10 minutes.

Meet re/CYCLE, our new eco-friendly range of blankets, throws, rugs, and cushions. Made from 100% recycled textiles & materials, our new circular approach means some of our pre-loved items along with many other diverted textiles are being used to create a range of classic yet colourful styles with minimal impact on the environment.





How do Automated Depots work?

Automated depots (AD's) are specialist return and recycling centres serviced by staff. Simply hand your eligible containers to a service assistant for automated counting while you wait. Once completed the assistant will issue you a refund.



LOTS OF CONTAINERS?

TRY OUR BULK CONTAINER DEPOSIT CENTRES!



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What can you do next?

- Encourage good quality donations to our Vinnies shops to help keep household goods, especially clothes, out of landfill.
- Share the link to information about our Container Deposit Scheme sites to help keep drink containers out of litter and out of our waterways
 - [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Shops/NSW/Vinnies and Return Earn Scheme/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Shops/NSW/Vinnies%20and%20Return%20Earn%20Scheme/)