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## ***The Milestones That Make the Society***

There is much to celebrate within our Society, and in this edition of *The Vincentian*, we capture some recent milestones.

Members in Sydney Archdiocese Central Council celebrate two centenaries this year: the establishment of Sutherland Shire Regional Council in 1922, and, in the very same year, the establishment of the first shop, a 'waste collection depot' in Newtown.

Members and volunteers in Wilcannia Forbes have been celebrating and recognising traditional custodians, with the placement of plaques on buildings, and small local gatherings to mark the occasions. The Society is committed to walking alongside First Nations peoples, as their struggle for a Voice to Parliament progresses. You can read more about our commitment in an article from our social justice team.

Wollongong Central Council celebrate the re-opening of the lunch service at the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown, which has been very well-received by the local community. They also share news of the Illawarra Van Service, which is flourishing thanks to the commitment of local schools, community groups, and businesses. In other van news, the Sydney 'Brekky Van' has emerged from the shadow of COVID-19 to again provide companionship, and a hearty breakfast, to those in need.

The Mission and Spirituality team have been busy holding pastoral care skills workshops. You can read about the success of a recent workshop in Armidale Central Council. Mission and Spirituality are also preparing to again run the Facilitating Faith in Action Course, and we let you know how you can sign up.

We also celebrate a new milestone for the CEO Sleepout. This year's event has been the most successful to date. In NSW alone more than 1,400 business and community leaders participated from Sydney, Newcastle, and Wollongong, raising well over \$3 million.

Finally, we dedicate this edition of *The Vincentian* to Tony Corkeron, who passed away recently. Tony was one of our most dedicated, long-standing, and influential members, and passed away in July after a long illness.



His illness did not, however, deter him from contributing to the work of his conference and the Society more broadly. As Sydney Archdiocese Central Council President, Tony Cranney, put it: "Tony died with his boots on as President of the Georges Hall Conference."

Tony's time with the Society spanned more than 60 years, beginning in Goulburn, before

he made significant contributions at Summer Hill, Bass Hill, and Georges Hall.

During that time, he also held many senior positions within the Society. He is remembered by Former State Council President, Denis Walsh, as being a source of great help to both him and his predecessor Ray Reynolds during their terms. "Tony was a great asset to the financial stability of the Society and was involved in the Society's successful bid to win a tender under the NSW Government's Social and Affordable Housing program." The Society's contribution to that program resulted in 502 social and affordable housing units being built where more than 750 people now live.

Tony was loved and respected by his fellow Vincentians for his leadership, generosity, intelligence, faith, and commitment to the Society's mission. CEO Jack de Groot extended his condolences, and those of the St Vincent de Paul Society in NSW at large, to Tony's family, friends, and everyone whose lives he touched through his efforts.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON:**

### **Vinnies CEO Sleepout Achieves a Record Result in 2022**

The biggest event on Australia's fundraising calendar raises more than \$9.6 million for homelessness in 2022.

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## **WHAT'S NEW**



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## VINCENTIANS IN ACTION



### Sydney Archdiocese Central Council Celebrates Two Major Milestones this Year

There has been much to celebrate in Sydney Arch Central Council this year, with the centenary of the very first Vinnies shop, and that of Sutherland Shire Regional Council.

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### Young Vincentians Keep the Brekky Van Tradition Alive

Sydney Vinnies Youth and Young Adult Conference and Chatswood Youth Conference are serving up a hearty breakfast every Sunday morning to those in need.

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### Nagle Centre in Campbelltown Re-opens for Lunch

Staff at the Nagle Centre have been delighted to see some familiar faces at their re-opened lunch service.

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## Wilcannia Forbes Takes Action on Reconciliation

The Society's Reconciliation Action Plan has inspired members and volunteers in Wilcannia Forbes Central Council to recognise and celebrate First Nations peoples.

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## Armidale Conference Members Brush Up on Their Pastoral Care Skills

Pastoral care sessions are helping members build on their existing skills, so they can better support the people we serve, and look after themselves.

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## Community Cooperation Key to the Success of the Vinnies Illawarra Van Service

The Illawarra Van has school students, community volunteers and local businesses to thank for helping it reach out to vulnerable people in the Illawarra.

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