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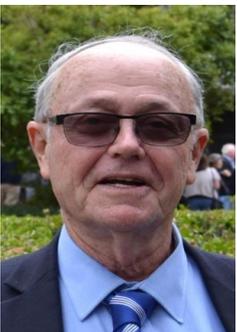
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BROKEN BAY CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT – JOHN DONNELLY

Hamper Newsletter



In February 2020 the annual Hamper Newsletter reviewed the outstanding partnership that Broken Bay Conferences have with their Parish, Schools and local communities.

Together they are able to enable so many in our areas to experience a much better Christmas. We begin 2021 with our Feb 2021 Hamper Newsletter illustrating this wonderful partnership for Christmas 2020 in spite of the necessary COVID-19 protocols.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo

In my August monthly report to Broken Bay I was able to comment on the meeting arranged by Michelle Chahine with Bishop Anthony and Peter McNamara, our SVdP State President and myself. The three of us were able to meet with our new Bishop at Pennant Hills Diocesan Offices. Because of COVID we were unable to have our Bishop celebrate our Festival Mass with our members, volunteers and staff.

Meet n' Greet – Online meeting of our 3 Central Councils of Metro region.

On Saturday 15 Nov, Gayl Purchase and her team coordinated an online meeting with the 3 Central Councils of Metropolitan region. Because of the COVID pandemic we could not meet face to face. This was an outstanding success

and hopefully Regional Presidents and other attendees will be able to take the discussion back to Regional councils and Conferences.

Other Online meetings – Central Council meetings and also bi-monthly meetings of Regional Presidents and CSO's.

Because of the COVID pandemic many of us became far more proficient in using online meetings. The Broken Bay Central Council (BBCC) had a number of such meetings, however, we were able to have a face to face for the Monday 14 December meeting. Because of the necessary restrictions of our Conference activities, especially home visitations in the traditional ways, our Client Support Centres were able to assist many of our client companions. Thus it was decided that bi monthly virtual meetings of Broken Bay Regional Presidents and our CSO's could be arranged by Neeru. These virtual meetings were extremely productive and illustrated how well our staff were supporting our members.

Our Vincentian tradition and call to holiness.

Our call to holiness through our Vincentian tradition and Good Works was experienced in a special walk on Sunday 15 November. This was by a pilgrimage or Founders Walk in the footsteps of Charles O'Neill and the early location of the Matthew Talbot Hostel. Three other such walks were organised. Friday 15 Jan; Monday 8 Feb; and Friday 12 March. volunteers have been able to be a major support to our client companions. A number of Conferences were able to conduct phone conversations with clients

and also, in a number of instances, support them with "letter box drops" of food vouchers etc. We have been able to have our Central Council Meetings as well as meetings with our Regional Presidents online. Our face to face meetings may have been greatly reduced but on line meetings and emails have been greatly beneficial in organising our activities to assist others.

Thanks to all our members, volunteers during this time . Let us pray for each other and for those whom we have the honour to serve in His Name.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR METRO - GAYL PURCHASE

2020 was a year like no other. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our valued members, staff, volunteers for their continued support, generosity of spirit and great efforts in supporting those who are most vulnerable in our community in the most difficult circumstances we found ourselves in last year. As centres reopen again to walk-ins I applaud the enthusiasm of staff, members and volunteers as we continue to work together and remain focused, passionate and determined to provide a 'hands up' to those who seek our assistance and support.

It is with hope I look forward to a healthy and fruitful year which will continue to impact positive change.





CONGRATULATIONS BRUNO !

ON RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE COUNCIL GENERAL INTERNATIONAL FOR YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE FELIX CLAVE CONTEST





Congratulations Barbara !

On being one of the three 2020 successful Westfield Local Heroes for Chatswood. Barbara was nominated and voted for by the community and was awarded a \$10,000 grant for Vinnies. For more detail on Barbara's fabulous win, go to

<https://www.westfield.com.au/chatswood/story/48bTQ83JLZoAnoAy4pxOr/local-heroes-2020>



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BBQ at Bunnings Chatswood



Chatswood Regional President Barry Finch with a team of youth volunteers at BBQ Bunnings Chatswood

The BBQ Fund Raising event at Chatswood Bunnings has returned on 24th October 2020 after several months of hibernation due to restrictions. Conference members together with the Youth Volunteers assisted in the event and were able to raise \$1,500 for Vinnies. Funds raised will be used to support various programs to help those in need.

We thank all those who lent their time to serve and cook BBQ during the fund raising event.

Please reach out if you wish to participate and lend a helping hand in future BBQ fund raising event. You can e-mail Barry.Finch@vinnies.org.au to register your interest.

Community Engagement opportunities

Many conferences have continued community engagement activities as much as possible throughout COVID, and although COVID has severely restricted our opportunity to expand on this, there are several plans in progress to ramp up our engagement in 2021.

This includes a Vinnies stall at community market days with flyers and marketing give-aways, to inform the Community of the various works Vinnies are involved in, and how we can provide a hand up to those in need. Members may like to be involved in Aged Care visitation in the Chatswood area, to help reduce the social isolation of

the high percentage of residents that never receive visitors.

Besides giving back to the Community it's also a great recruitment exercise if people would like to volunteer for, or become a Member of St Vincent de Paul. Further opportunities will become available depending on the COVID environment and updates will be sent through your Regional Presidents.

Please contact Janice.Stoke@vinnies.org.au for further details.



Metro Regional Councils Meet and Greet Gathering

On Saturday, 7 November, a combined group of Metro Central Council Members and staff gathered from Parramatta, Broken Bay and Sydney Arch. It was an opportunity for Members of similar and different roles to acquaint themselves with those in other Central Councils and share how each worked.

The morning gathering was wonderfully supported by the Central Council Presidents, Regional Council Presidents and each Central Council's Member Treasurers, Spiritual Advisers, Twinning Officer, Youth Reps and others in key membership roles.



MEET & GREET

Each Central Council President shared a report. During the course of the morning, Members also reflected upon our share Missions and twice gathered in breakout rooms to discuss and share:

- ◆ *What do you enjoy most about your role?*
- ◆ *How do you feel it contributes to the Society's mission?*
- ◆ *What works well in executing your role?*
- ◆ *What are 2-3 strengths you bring to this role?*
- ◆ *What would you love to achieve or to do differently?*
- ◆ *If you could make 1 change to your role, what would it be?*
- ◆ *How you would like additional support for working with those we assist?*

The objectives were to:

- ◆ *Provides a forum to bring Conference members from the three Metro central councils together to meet, discuss their roles with others in similar roles, share ideas, knowledge and learning.*
- ◆ *Improve member experience and engagement*
- ◆ *Explore new and innovative membership models for the future*
- ◆ *Discuss proposals for member and community engagement initiatives and member recruitment opportunities.*



Social Justice

In the wake of this underwhelming NSW Budget, the [Catholic Weekly published an article by our Social Justice Representative for Broken Bay, Colin McKenna](#), reminding one and all why we need more social housing across NSW.

Insufficient affordable housing is a serious problem. The St Vincent de Paul Society of NSW wants to see 5000 more social housing dwellings built in NSW annually.

Member and Volunteer website

A reminder about the resources, news, contact and publications available for you on MAVS. Here you can find the latest on COVID19; Programs for assistance; Updates on Conferences and Spirituality; Social Justice content; Schools and Youth; Volunteers; Safeguarding Children and lot of resources available for your use.

<https://mavs.vinnies.org.au/home/>

Broken Bay Central Council has our own page:

<https://mavs.vinnies.org.au/conferences/broken-bay-central-council/>

For requested updates, please email

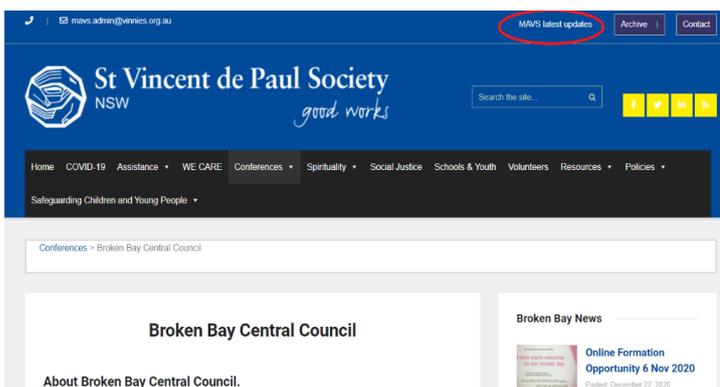
Janice.Stokes@vinnies.org.au. This is a great opportunity for sharing the news from our Conferences and Regions with each other.

Looking for a way to let your Community or Parish know more about Vinnies? For suggestions on additions to Parish Bulletins or a speaking notes for a few minutes after Mass about upcoming Social Justice events and the work Vinnies does to address Social Justice, please visit the Social Justice page <https://mavs.vinnies.org.au/social-justice/> and look for 'Social Justice Diary 2021 – Resource for Members'.

There are also lots of other updates happening on MAVS which you can check in on anytime here: <https://mavs.vinnies.org.au/mavs-latest-updates/>

The Vinnies Members Induction video has been updated - please refer to the bottom of this page.

<https://mavs.vinnies.org.au/resources/recruitment/>





Gosford and Woy Woy Vinnies Support Centres



October saw the Gosford Vinnie’s Support Centre gain two overseas students as volunteers for a term of approximately two months.

Sukhpreet and Maninder are studying their Diploma of Community Services through Stotts College, who have a MOU with the St Vincent de Paul Society. The Diploma will take two years for both gentlemen to complete. When their Diploma training is completed both men will go on to study for a bachelor’s degree. When asked about their time at Vinnie’s, Sukhpreet stated that they both enjoyed helping the clients and that the GKO software is easy to use. Maninder said that the staff were all friendly and that both he and Sukhpreet felt that they had fitted in well.

Both men love living in Australia as they have found the people to be versatile and friendly. They also like that the country is multi-cultural and

that there is less violence in Australia. Once all of their studies are finished both Sukhpreet and Maninder hope to gain permanent employment in the community services field.

GOOD NEWS STORY - WOY WOY VSC

The Commonwealth bank Woy Woy has generously donated five hundred dollars to the Vinnies Woy Woy Community Support Centre to assist people in our community experiencing homelessness this Christmas. This generous donation is certain to bring a little festive cheer to the most vulnerable people in our community with the purchase of items to full hampers with food and small gifts.

Many thanks to the Commonwealth Bank for their generosity and continued support.



CHRISTMAS AT GOSFORD REGION

We all know that 2020 has been tough on everyone. With job losses, money has been short, and this has affected all of us in the welfare field. The conferences of the Gosford Region banded together, all contributing to a general fund so that both the Gosford and Woy Woy Support Centre’s can still give hampers to the homeless. The hampers were made available to those conferences who had more clients in need this year than what they usually cater for. Our wonderful Regional President, Annette Johnstone, also accessed funds and contributed a sum of money.

On Monday 23rd November both Nikki Willmette (Woy Woy Support Centre) and Lisa Dalton (Gosford Support Centre) went to Woolworths to collect and order of Christmas goodies. This was a feat indeed! We put through \$1,000 of Woolworths Essential cards and loaded 2 cars with the treats. We would like to thank Woolworths for ordering our goods and organizing for staff to help load the cars and spend the time putting the Essential cards through. This was not a quick job.

We packed the hampers and ensured everyone had a happy and safe Christmas !



Marie Cradock packing hampers



SHOPS/RETAIL

FAREWELL KEVIN AND THANKS!!



On Wednesday 3rd December 2020, Hornsby Retail bid farewell to Kevin, who was regarded as one of Vinnies Hornsby’s most essential members. At his farewell celebrations, Kevin was surrounded by the love, gratitude and support of his peers - the shop staff. Kevin is best known for his happy demeanour, strong work ethic, and brilliant smile. On behalf of the shop, Virginia gave a moving speech thanking Kevin for his immense and invaluable contribution.

Kevin was in high spirits and remained elated throughout the whole party. Kevin’s mother, Rose also attended to celebrate the efforts of her son, whose Vinnies career has extended well over three decades. In love with the job, Kevin has decided to actively continue at Vinnies as a volunteer.

A BIT ABOUT A CENTRAL COAST STORES

There are 11 stores here on the Coast and they are run by a very dedicated team of volunteers who have been with Vinnies for many years, with an average time with us of over 10 years.

We have approximately 350 volunteers here on the Coast, which to me is a credit to Vinnies in now being seen as a charity of choice when new potential volunteers look at who to give their time to.

Our age group for volunteers is anything from early 20’s to late 80’s. Every volunteer has some skill they bring to Vinnies, be it merchandising; business abilities; logistics and many other great qualities that they use all the time for us.

The volunteers are the backbone of the Central Coast and this is the reason why we have so many loyal customers and donors visiting our stores every week. These people come to be family to each other over time as many have different life situations and they see giving their time as something they look forward to every week for 1 or 2 days.

It is a pleasure to work for these people as their area manager. Without them there would be no Vinnies shops on the Coast.

There is poster that I display in a lot of the stores: *“Volunteers are not paid because they are useless but because they*

are priceless”. I believe this is very true in every way.

The volunteers here on the Coast understand what their customers’ expectations are and always exceed them, not only with great service but also in going that bit extra. When they have a customer that they see is not in a good place they will always greet them with empathy and kindness and also spend that little extra time to make sure they feel better by the time they leave the stores.

**Clive Moane, Retail Area Manager
Central Coast**





TWINNING



Christmas celebrations with inmates at the Raja Basa prison in Bandar Lampung



Distributing groceries to poor families



Sewing and distributing masks to people to prevent the spread of covid-19

St Tarsisius sent a beautiful letter and wonderful pictures, showing their great work during the Pandemic.

"Dear Our Twin in Australia

Best regards

I hope that you and all of your members will always be protected by the Lord Jesus

We SSVV ST Tarsisius conf would like to thank you very much for the twinning funds we have received to help for the elderly and suffering people.

We have received twinning assistance until the 3rd period of 2020

we also wish you a Merry Christmas 2020 and a New Year 2021

Please pray that we can continue to serve others sincerely.

May all Vincentians always be blessed by the Lord Jesus

Thank you and God bless"

Conversations Conference

The first session for Conversations Conference this year has commenced on 20th Jan for Beginners and 21st Jan for advanced participants. The session is currently being held on line via Microsoft Teams.



We thank our mentors Reg Wong, Maria Paino, Genevieve Bailey, Damien Ha, Ferak Dos Santos for facilitating the conversations and helping our community of non-English speakers to improve their English through the variety of topics being discussed each week. If you know any family members or friends who may benefit from this community to learn conversational English or participate as a mentor please contact Christian on 02 95680288 or via e-mail Christian.Salandanan@vinnies.org.au to register your interest.



Founders Walk



On Sun 15 Nov 20 Leo Tucker and his Team coordinated a State Council Founders Walk in the footsteps of our NNSW SVdP Founders. This is now available to our Broken Bay members and friends.

On Sun 15 Nov 20 we began at The Talbot, but in our Broken Bay Founders Walk we will begin at St Patricks, Church Hill with 10.30 am Mass meeting at 10.15am in the courtyard to collect the Walk booklets.

Station 1: After Mass we regather in the Courtyard to begin the 1st Station. It was in this Pioneer Church area to use the words of the plaque “ The inaugural Conference meeting of St Vincent de Paul Society, NSW, was held on this site on Sun evening 24 July 1881 in St Patrick’s School Room within the octive of the Feast of St Vincent de Paul.

President Charles Gordon O’Neil” The other Office Holders were also listed

Spiritual Adviser Rev fr. Charles Heuze SM

Station 2 was the Home of Charles O’Neil – 200 Cumberland St nearby

Station 3 was the 1938 location of Matthew Talbot Hostel – 420 Kent St - now the Genesian Theatre

Station 4 – Campbell and Castlereagh Sts – the original site of St Francis Church, Haymarket – the second Sydney Conference was on this site in 1881.

Refreshment Break = Harmony Park, Goulburn St – neat the Police Centre

Station 5 – this was the site of the Charles O’Neill Centre - “The Charlie’ . now a SVdP Crisis Centre especially for Women and Families . The former “ Charlie’ has a strong attachment to a number of Davidson Conference members.

Station 6 – Sustaining our Mission – Darlinghurst Vinnies Store, Oxford St.

Station 7 – Green Park, Darlinghurst Rd, near St Vincent’s Hospital Chapel. Charles O’Neill died in this vicinity in 1900

Requirements for the Walk

Bring water and refreshments for the Harmony Park Break

This is about a 6 Km walk/pilgrimage

Some may only wish to attend the first few Station

A Backpack could be opportune !!

Scheduled Walks: Fri 15 Jan 21 ; Mon 8 Feb & Wed 10 Mar 21

Conference work through a pandemic.

One of the Broken Bay Conferences provided a couple of examples of how they managed through the pandemic.....

Since outbreak of the CORONA virus and imposition of constraints, The Pennant Hills conference visits have been phone visits, predominantly in response to GKO requests for assistance. After assessment of the type of the appropriate assistance to be provided, it was mostly delivered by drop offs into letter boxes (e.g. Food Vouchers) or, in some unavoidable cases, dropped off face to face, without entering the client’s home.

To ensure that people did not miss out on assistance during the pandemic, we additionally systematically contacted our active clients proactively to determine whether they needed assistance. This was appreciated, as at least some of our clients had assumed that Vinnies had suspended service provision during the virus crisis.

Our conference continues to provide any service requested during the Christmas New Year period, without interruption.

As the safety and risk constraints imposed by COVID-19 prevented face to face meetings, we have been conducting our fortnightly conference meetings via ZOOM. This has proven to be very workable and, if anything, tended to make the meetings more efficient and convenient.



“From St Ives to Jannali with love.....”

Just before Christmas, a donated motor scooter was collected from a lovely gentleman in St Ives (thanks Burt) and delivered to a beautiful lady who is doing it tough with multiple health issues. Tears of joy and surprise came just before words such as “I am so grateful” and “This will change my world.”



In the words of Tony Cranney: “How wonderful someone giving a gift such as this to a complete stranger. What’s also nice is Svdp working together as I received an email from our Broken Bay colleagues (thanks Barry) saying this was available to a good home... so from St Ives to Jannali with love....”

And a beautiful thanks received from the new proud owner of the scooter:

“I have been sitting here with this email open, trying to find any words that can to express how truly grateful I am. Thankyou doesn't even come close.....This is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me...and is going to make it possible for me not to be so afraid of pain.



God bless you all involved in this.

Having a Financial Conversation with a person you’re assisting

We know there are benefits of having a conversation with long term clients around how they may be able to manage their money a little differently. Shirley Kelynack recounts a story, showing how spending time with people we’re assisting to ask about why they are asking for assistance and how they spend their money, is very worthwhile for both them as well as for the Society.

“A single mother with children was always asking for assistance and looking at her finances it seemed as though she would be able to manage. However, I found there was nothing put away for ongoing bills. The money was spent as soon as it came in; no money was left in bank. I encouraged the lady to put

money away for rent and bills, before spending and leave some in the bank. There were other tips that I could share: if she went to the supermarket just before closing time, fruit and vegetables would be less expensive. Purchasing a BBQ chicken at the end of the day was cheaper and could provide a baked dinner that night, sandwiches for lunch the next day and add the bones that were left to make soup. Purchasing fruit and vegetables by the box at the markets and asking neighbors to buy half.

The client came to me to show she still had \$5 in the bank at end of fortnight. The children were asking for more than the budget would allow, so we brought the children in and we made them part of the budget. The children became very happy about the budget and did not want her to spend money - they wanted to watch the bank grow. The

children were encouraged to deliver papers etc, which they did and started their own savings.

When the mother had \$150 left in the bank after all bills accounted for, the children and mother came in and bought me a KIT KAT - the very best I have ever tasted. It can be an exciting journey for the clients as well as the helper from Vinnies.”

For further information, links to budgeting courses are listed below:

- <http://www.moneyminded.com.au/>
- <https://moneysmart.gov.au/>
- <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/youre-the-boss/be-the-boss/>

My Budget [Blog](#)
Griffith University Budgeting 101 - [Needs vs. wants 2020](#)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=budget+101



Some Christmas Hamper donation stories.....

Some of the items donated by Our Lady of The Rosary school in Waitara. The children were so excited loading my car ,I had to make two trips .The children were so lovely and friendly and so happy to donate their collected items to us. One little girl so proudly told me she had donated some Jelly and other things. They are always so supportive of Vinnies. The head mistress was there to watch the children hand over the items.



One conference member had so many hampers delivered before Christmas, that rooms were literally overflowing. The Youth team did a great job in picking up hampers after the quarantine period and delivering for the Waitara conference. The first hamper to arrive was delivered by a special little boy with his Mum.





FUNDRAISING

Chatswood Fundraising Event

Cailin Geraghty who is an upcoming Youth Conference Lead in the Chatswood region, together with her brother Sean Geraghty, volunteered on 13th December 2020 to raise funds for those in need.

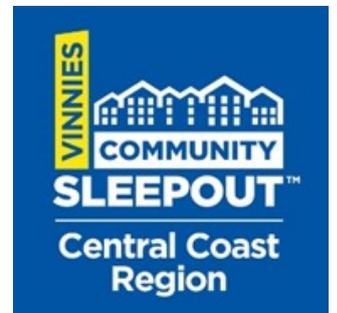
On this weekend total funds raised was \$800. Thanks to the Chatswood community for your generosity, every dollar counts. Cailin and Sean, we look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Thank you for your good work.



FUNDRAISING - Vinnies Community Sleepout - Central Coast Region

Despite COVID restrictions, the Vinnies Community Sleepout went ahead last year in 2020 as a virtual event. The Central Coast Region joined forces with eleven other locations across the state to shine a spotlight on homelessness and disadvantage in regional NSW. The state wide event raised over \$160,000 for Vinnies Services and Programs with the Central Coast Region raising over \$8500.00 which will fund crucial assistance provided by the Community Hubs at Wyong, Gosford and Woy Woy. It was a great result for the Central Coast's inaugural event and an incredible effort by less than 10 registered fundraisers. Sincere thanks to everyone involved.



The Community Sleepout will take place once again in 2021 on Friday 27 August with plans to revert back to the traditional physical event model. Registrations are already open and you can sign up as an individual or a team with your family, work colleagues, sport team or community group. To take please part click here <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-central-coast-region-2021>. Share the link and help us spread the word.

We are also seeking expressions of interest to be a part of the organising committee. Please email your interest to Ai-Lin Crisford, Fundraising Development Manager ai-lin.crisford@vinnies.org.au

EXPERIENCES
FROM THE
FRONT LINE



Do something about it





SCHOOLS AND YOUTH

Vinnies Metro Youth consists of a diverse group of passionate and fun young people from Broken Bay Central Council, Sydney Central Council and Parramatta Central Council. These amazing youth volunteers and Members give their time and talents to help those in their local communities all throughout our Region. We have volunteers who participate in our youth programs such as Buddies Days, we have Members who meet regularly with their Vinnies Young Adult Conference, and we have volunteers who serve on various Vinnies leadership teams, they truly are a passionate and skillful group. If you would like to know more about or connect with Vinnies Youth in your local area, please get in touch with Kate Conroy, Vinnies Metro Youth Engagement Officer kate.conroy@vinnies.org.au

We would like to introduce you to one of our wonderful Metro Youth Volunteers, who is also a BBCC & SACC Youth Member - Jacinta McGrath. Jacinta has been part of Vinnies Youth since 2017 when she began as a volunteer on Vinnies Broken Bay Buddies Days and Kids Camps, as well as participating in social justice initiatives at her school Brigidine College that supported Vinnies in the Chatswood Region. After finishing school, Jacinta continued her involvement with Vinnies by participating in

Vinnies Metro Van Services; becoming a Member of the Sydney Uni Young Vinnies Conference and she was recently elected to join the Vinnies State Youth Team as the Vinnies NSW Youth Social Justice Representative. On top of all that, Jacinta is currently studying a Bachelor of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy at Sydney University.

Jacinta is particularly passionate about youth, both the youth supported by Vinnies, and engaging youth in becoming involved in the works of Vinnies. Of her involvement with Vinnies she says, "I love the community both between volunteers and between volunteers and clients – whatever the event or gathering in the name of Vinnies, it is such a warm and welcoming affair."



Chatswood Young Adult Conference

2020 ended on an exciting high note for Broken Bay Youth, with the opening of a new Vinnies Young Adult Conference in the Chatswood Region. The excited and bright group of young people is currently made up of recent school leavers, who are keen to continue their support and involvement with Vinnies as they embark on the next stage of their lives. They



have hit the ground running by actively participating in Chatswood region fundraisers and making Christmas cards. The Young Adult Conference aspires to target the social justice issue of homelessness in order to make a tangible impact both in the Chatswood area and on a larger scale within the Vinnies network. Thank you to Barry Finch, Chatswood Regional President, for support and guidance in opening the new Conference, and to El Herlianto, Regional Council Member, who is working with the new Conferences as they find their feet in the Chatswood Region.

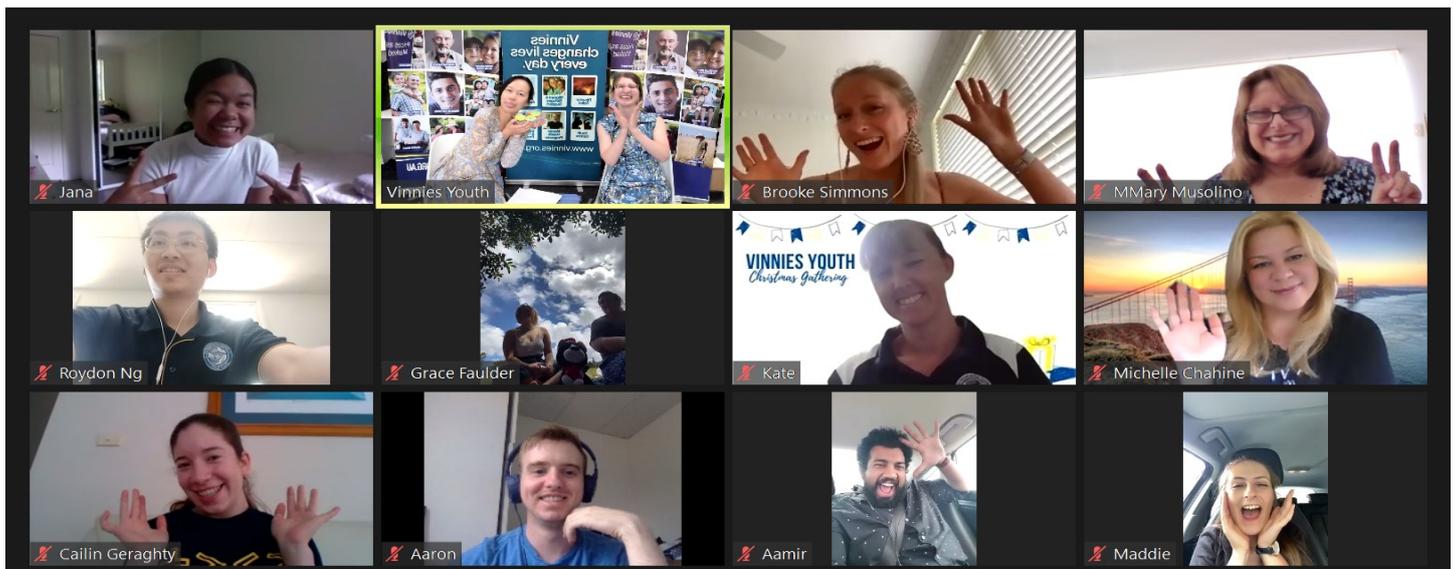


SCHOOLS AND YOUTH

Metro Youth *virtual* Christmas Gathering

Vinnies Metro Youth held their annual Christmas Gathering despite the challenges faced for meeting in large groups. Youth Reps worked with the youth & schools staff to organize and host a virtual gathering that included fun activities & games on zoom.

It was an opportunity for Vinnies Youth Members & volunteers to connect with one another across the Metro Region, to thank and acknowledge all the work and time they put into serving Vinnies in 2020 and to have a fun end to what was for many a challenging year.



Broken Bay Central Council February Newsletter – Schools:

For the 2020 Vinnies Christmas Appeal, schools were approached to support their local Conference Christmas Appeal first and foremost. Schools were advised to liaise with their local Conference President and if they did not have an existing relationship with their local Conference then they were advised to contact their Regional President.

Below is a list of schools who were very supportive:

- ***Our Lady Help of Christians, Epping: non perishable food items (CSO)***
- ***Sacred Heart Primary School, Mona Vale: 25 boxes of donations for Christmas Hampers (CSO)***
- ***Brigidine College, St Ives: 60 Hamper Boxes (CSO)***
- ***Stella Maris College, Manly: 60 Hamper boxes (Conference)***
- ***St Augustine's College, Brookvale: 80 hamper boxes (CSO)***
- ***Mercy College: 30 Hamper Boxes (Conference)***
- ***Corpus Christi: 10 boxes of donations (CSO)***
- ***Holy Family, Lindfield: Hamper Boxes (Conference)***

Our thanks go to all our Broken Bay schools for their ongoing support of the Society.



Anniversaries

Congratulations

A big thankyou and Congratulations to our following Members celebrating these milestones!

Celebrating 60 years of service

- Philomena Curtis

Celebrating 50 years of service

- Cyril Littrich

Celebrating 30 years of service

- Dorothy Bainbridge
- Siva Markandu
- Patrick McArdle

Celebrating 20 years of service:

- Michael Berry
- Maureen Brown
- Adrian Calleia
- Anne Christopher
- Bernadette Deverson
- Sam & Josephine Fiore
- Anne Garben
- Jeff Langley
- Pamela Lubrano
- Judith McCallum
- Marie Sheppard
- Kathleen Woodside

Celebrating 10 years of service

- Michael Bass
- Patrick Bone
- Jennifer Callaghan
- John Calman
- David Carson
- Philippa Chiswell
- Maureen Clarke
- Joan Connell
- Martin Deehan
- John Desborough
- Robert Francis
- Susan Gearside
- Loretta Glover
- Judith Harris
- Pam McDonnell
- Cheryl McParland
- Ethel Mehl
- Michael Moore
- Paul O'Callaghan
- Kayte Pancirov
- Christy Ratnakumar
- Kathleen Riley
- Jill Rolleston
- Rita Sarkis
- Maria Sfirse
- Mary Sherwood
- Hope Taylor
- Mary Jane Trujillo
- David Vea
- Brian Wiseman
- Margaret Wiseman
- June Wong