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Welcome to the 11th Edition of Volunteering At Vinnies - October 2025

As we step into spring, this edition is full of stories that highlight the heart and impact of volunteering across our Society. From celebrating the feast days of our founders and patrons, to sharing the journeys of dedicated volunteers like Ann-Maree, Daniela and Natalie, we are reminded of the power of service to transform lives both for those we assist and for those who give their time and compassion.

We also mark milestones, including the launch of the Vinnies Service Medallion for high school students, progress on our 2024–2028 Strategic Plan, and inspiring recognition of members like Fran from the Engadine-Heathcote Conference. At the same time, we pause to remember and honour the extraordinary life of long-time volunteer, Marianne Odum, whose 22 years of service at Matthew Talbot Hostel leave a lasting legacy.

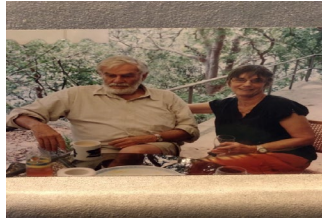
Thank you to each and every one of you for the kindness, commitment, and humanity you bring to Vinnies every day. Together, we continue to build communities of care and hope.

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Discover current opportunities to contribute directly to community initiatives. This page features practical, hands-on roles where your time and skills can make a meaningful impact.

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Vinnies Vans Spotlight: Daniela & Natalie's Volunteering Journey

On a recent Winter Monday day, the Vinnies Van cooked up a feast at Belmore Park, next to Central Station. What began as a simple volunteer shift became a powerful reminder of the impact one meal and one conversation can have. That afternoon, I met Daniela and Natalie, two long-standing volunteers whose dedication embodies the spirit of the St Vincent de Paul Society.



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