

The Vincentian

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The First Edition of The Vincentian for 2024 is Here!

Welcome to the March edition of the Vincentian! It's packed with updates and articles to keep you informed about the latest in the Society.

This issue features the launch of our new MAVS and Learning sites, offering enhanced resources and growth opportunities.

Stories highlighting members' compassion and commitment include the historic Moree First Nations Healing Day and Lismore's High Tea fundraiser, as well as Kate Scholl's stories of members spreading the Christmas spirit with Amelie Housing residents.

From May, we look forward to gathering in each Central Council with members, volunteers and employees in a round of Society forums.

We've updated resources for Conference Presidents and policies to maintain high standards of assistance to the vulnerable people we assist.

In this edition, we also honour Bill Fitzgerald's legacy and contribution to the Society.

As we journey through Lent, let's continue Paul Burton's call to action: "to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart."

Thank you for your support and dedication. Here's to a year of progress and collaboration.





SPOTLIGHT ON:

Vinnies Makes Waves at O-Week 2024: A Record-Breaking Engagement

Vinnies had a significant presence across major university campuses throughout February and March, aiming to seize students' enthusiasm and introduce them to the myriad ways they could get involved in the many good works of the Society.

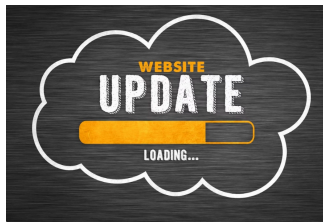
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Update on Learning System and new Member and Volunteer Site (MAVS)

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New Social Justice Committee representatives and 2024 Social Justice Forum

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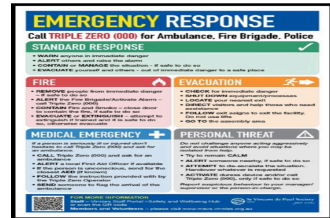
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VINCENTIANS IN ACTION

Healing Waters: Revitalising Community Spirit at the Guniinii First Nations Conference

The Guniinii First Nations conference in Moree, held a Community Healing Day at Moree Pool in December, attended by over 400 people. This was to bring the community together after the referendum's No result, to reinvigorate community spirit and provide Christmas hampers.



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Reflection on the life of former State President William (Bill) Fitzgerald (1925-2023)

Bill's long life of 98 years was one dedicated to service – service to his family, his faith and to others, especially those in need. An extraordinary storyteller, who could bring a sense of humour to the darkest of topics, his influence and impact were felt by all those whom he encountered.

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High Tea and Vinnies Vintage Fashion Parade

High Tea and a Vinnies Vintage Fashion Parade fundraiser were held by Lismore's Frassati Young Adults and St Carthage's Conference on 12 November 2023 at the Lismore Showgrounds.

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Sharing the Christmas spirit with Amelie Housing Residents

Conference members across NSW joined in the Christmas celebrations at our Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) Amelie Housing properties.

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Frassati Young Adult Conference - Operation Backpack

On 31 January, members from the Frassati Young Adult Conference gathered to organise and pack donated stationery items into backpacks for local students in need

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Generosity of School Communities in the Christmas Appeal 2023

School Communities demonstrating a commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of those most in need

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