

The Vincentian

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The Final Edition of The Vincentian for 2022 is Here!

Welcome to the final edition of The Vincentian for the year.

Member and Volunteer Survey

It's the time of year when we are busy supporting local communities in the lead up to Christmas -- and also when we ask that members and volunteers have your say. Please help us to reflect on the year and share your views on what the Society is doing well -- and what we could do better in the [Annual Member and Volunteer Survey](#). The survey only takes about 5 minutes to complete and closes on 9th December.

In this Edition

We celebrate the work of Ian Wray for being awarded Volunteer of the Year for Orana region.

We also reflect on the success of the Regional Presidents' Forum, in which Regional Presidents from across the state united for a day of leadership and recognition.

And we bid farewell to John Kearney, the Society's longest-serving member, who sadly passed away in October aged 96, after 70 years of serving his community in Trundle.

There are stories about a special Buddies Day event organised by our young members, our Society's statement ahead of the 2023 NSW election, the winners of the annual Christmas Card Competition, and regional Vinnies Community Sleepout events across NSW.

We hope you enjoy this edition of The Vincentian!



SPOTLIGHT ON:

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WHAT'S NEW



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New Strategic Plan to be Delivered in 2023

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Say Merry Christmas with a Card Designed by one of our Young Vincentians

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Recent Changes to the No Interest Loans Scheme Make it Easier to Provide a Hand Up

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VINCENTIANS IN ACTION

Peter Doris Welcomed as Wollongong Central Council President

On Saturday 26 November, Peter Doris was sworn in as the new Wollongong Central Council President at the Annual Festival Mass and Commissioning Ceremony at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Bowral.

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NSW Community Sleepouts Shine a Light on Homelessness

Regional community sleepouts raise much-needed funds for local homelessness services.

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Congratulations Ian Wray: Orana Volunteer of the Year

Bathurst Central Council is proud to announce that Ian Wray has been awarded Volunteer of the Year for Orana region.

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VALE – John Kearney 13/9/1926 - 6/10/2022

Australia's longest serving member, John Kearney passed away on 6th October at the age of 96, following 76 years of service with the Society.

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Special Buddies Day Event for Families

The Amelie Housing site in Penrith hosted a fun dress-up event for kids doing it tough at the time of Halloween

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