

# The Vincentian

Editorial – Vincentian December 2023 • Edition 4

## ***The Final Edition of The Vincentian for 2023 is Here!***

Welcome to the final Vincentian for 2023! It's been an incredible year of growth across our Conferences and Member programs.

At Christmas we welcome the birth of the infant Jesus, the source of light, hope and joy to the world.

Each day, our Members are inspired by this and offer light, hope and joy to people we assist through inter-personal support and practical aid.

As we know, Christmas can be a challenging time for many individuals and families, and our Christmas Appeal with its iconic hampers is one way we are responding to the significant community need.

Recent highlights of activity include the new Mission and Legacy Micro-Course, the Rosalie Rendu Forum during Poverty Week, and the opening of the refurbished Bishop Fox Centre in Broken Hill.

I hope you enjoy reading about these and more in this edition of the Vincentian. Thank you for your dedication to our mission in 2023. We wish you and your loved ones a happy, safe and holy Christmas!



## **SPOTLIGHT ON:**

### **2023 Member and Volunteer Survey Open!**

We're excited to announce that the 2023 Member and Volunteer Survey is officially open,

and we would love to hear from you. This survey is your chance to provide valuable insights into what we're doing well, areas where we can improve, and your overall experience as a member or volunteer.

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## WHAT'S NEW



State Council Retreat 2023



Join our Board Committees!

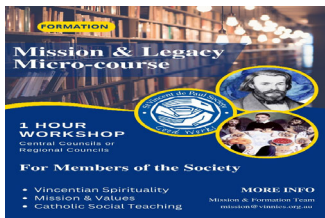


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## VINCENTIANS IN ACTION

## New Green Team for St Sebastian's Youth Conference

St Sebastian's Youth Conference in Wagga Wagga was looking for different initiatives to get more involved with the community and support the most vulnerable in new ways. After discussions, meetings, and few ideas they decided to start a Green Team.



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## Half century for refurbished Bishop Fox Meal Centre

Members, volunteers and employees recently celebrated 50 years since the Bishop Fox Meal Centre began supporting the Broken Hill community.

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## Member Engagement with Amelie Housing residents in Merrylands

The morning teas that are held monthly at Penrith Amelie Housing have provided a very welcome opportunity for residents to meet their neighbours and feel more at home and safe where they live.



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## How much more can we take? – Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

For more than a year, the effects of three seemingly innocuous words have been felt across the board: Cost. Of. Living. Three words that tell a story that is regularly dominated by the economic implications of 'cost' while, all too often, overlooking the human reality of 'living'.

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## Social Justice Committee's priorities and 2024 campaign

Are you interested in learning more about your Social Justice Committee? Wondering how you can get involved in making change for a more just and compassionate Society?

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK



### Please remember to update your email address

A reminder to please keep the Society up to date via [Membership@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Membership@vinnies.org.au) if your preferred contact email address has changed.

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### Strategy Road Show Highlights

The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW launched our new Strategic Plan "Strengthening Communities, Transforming Lives", setting our aspiration to Excel, Grow and Cultivate in a series of road shows across the state. [Click here](#) to view a video containing highlights of the road show events.



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