

St Vincent de Paul Society

The Grovely Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society was established in 1951 to service the local communities of: Arana Hills, Keperra, Ferny Grove, Everton Hills, Ferny Hills, Mt Nebo, Mt Glorious, Wrights Mountain, Samford, Bunya, Upper Kedron, parts of Mitchelton and McDowell.

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity, offering a hand to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

EMERGENCY HELP is requested through the local "Call Centre" (3010 1096). The following day, two Conference members will visit the caller in their home at the earliest convenient time, all information collected is strictly private and confidential.

Mission Statement

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

What does the St. Vincent De Paul Society do?

Community Assistance:

- Emergency food hampers or vouchers.
- Fortnightly food hampers to pensioners and struggling families.

- Medical scripts and small items of medical equipment.
- Furniture, Clothing, and Budget plans.
- Emergency payment of electricity or gas bills. (where related to medical conditions).
- Relocation costs and Rent emergencies.
- C/link forms, and letters to financial institutions.
- Back to school expenses for uniforms, shoes, and books.
- Weekend bread deliveries.
- Distribute Christmas Hampers donated by St William's Parish.

Other forms of Conference assistance:

- Assistance with No Interest Loan Scheme applications, for white goods, furniture and medical equipment.
- Directions for StepUp: Loans (\$800 to \$3000), and Addsup Savings Program.

Fundraising Activities:

With the recent closure of the Fundraising Market due to Council Red Tape, our activities are now more towards assisting Noel and Ann Stallard prepare for the bi-monthly "Verse for Vinnie's", with such things as baking and setting up the venue as directed. Also the running of Parish Raffles and Fundraising activities in conjunction with St William's and St Andrews Schools.

Membership

Description of a Vincentian:

- A prayerful people who are inspired by the gospel message in their outreach to the poor.
- They hope to lead the poor by example to love God and to see God's great love for them.

- They are never in a hurry, they give their time and attention, their sympathy, care and compassion.
- They are willing to make sacrifices in their service to the poor.
- They preach the gospel – NOT with words but through their kindness and compassion.
- They strive to raise the poor to the dignity of self-sufficiency.
- They give thoughtful consideration to the noble task of assisting the poor.
- They look for underlying causes and plan carefully how to help the poor help themselves.
- They deepen their own faith as they grow in love for the poor.
- Vincentians know that the manner in which they serve the poor is of far greater importance than any materials they may provide.
- A Vincentians outreach to the poor, therefore, is essentially a journey towards holiness, both for themselves and those whom we serve with Christ-inspired compassion.

God has blessed our endeavors greatly we continue to go from strength to strength.