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Welcome to the 7th Edition of Volunteering At Vinnies - Celebrating Volunteer Achievements

Welcome to our 7th Edition of volunteering at Vinnies. Each Volunteer plays a crucial role in the heart of our organisation, and your unwavering commitment continues to shape our mission in profound ways.

Throughout the year, we have witnessed remarkable acts of kindness and selflessness from each corner of our volunteer community. From lending a helping hand in times of crisis to bringing joy through your dedicated service, your impact resonates deeply within the lives of those we serve.

In this newsletter, we celebrate your achievements and highlight the stories that illustrate the power of volunteerism. Whether you're a longtime volunteer or have recently joined Volunteering at Vinnies, your dedication inspires us all to strive for greater compassion and solidarity.

In this issue, you'll find updates on upcoming initiatives, reflections on recent events, and some relevant updates. We encourage you to take a moment to reflect on your journey with us and to celebrate the impact we continue to make as a team.

As we navigate through challenges and triumphs together, we are reminded that our collective efforts create ripples of positivity that extend far beyond our immediate reach. Your willingness to share your time, skills, and passion embodies the true spirit of volunteerism, and for that, we extend our heartfelt appreciation.

Thank you for being the driving force behind our shared mission. Your dedication is the cornerstone of our success, and we are incredibly grateful to have you as part of our St Vincent De Paul Volunteer Community.

Chantelle Sharma – Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator NSW



SPOTLIGHT ON:

Staff spotlight - Christina Gilio

Christina Gilio is our talented Youth Engagement Team Lead. In this role, Christina develops and implements strategic plans and goals for School and Youth Engagement across New South Wales. Her responsibilities include recruiting and retaining volunteers aged 2-35, providing educational and formative opportunities for young people, identifying opportunities for youth involvement in the Society, and designing and delivering youth initiatives, programs, and events. Christina ensures these efforts are adapted to meet community needs and service standards, effectively supporting those we assist.

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Women's Winter Care Packs

Loreto Kirribilli, Junior School students, hosted their annual Winter Appeal donation drive & Pyjama Day for our "Women's Winter Care Packs".

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Impactful Work of Volunteer Val

In the mountains, we get some beautiful donations of winter knits featuring vintage and natural fibres. Sometimes they might have a small hole or something that can be repaired easily to make them saleable.



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A Vinnies volunteer helps a struggling grandmother

A caring Vinnies volunteer at one of our Support Centres was chatting with a grandmother who came in looking for help with some essentials - formula, food, nappies, and warm clothes for her grandkids.

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Vinnies Wyong VSC Volunteer Spotlight - Sue Donoghue

For the past 6+ years Sue Donoghue has been volunteering at the Wyong Vinnies Support Centre (VSC) in her various roles including hamper room volunteer and admin assistant.



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Vinnies Wyong VSC Volunteer Team Spotlight - "MY DREAM TEAM"

Vinnies Wyong attended the Volunteering Central Coast awards held at Erina. Vinnies Wyong attends this award each year because it's important to recognize & appreciate the time, skills, and experience every volunteer brings to the organisation.

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BIRTHDAY HIGHLIGHT Happy Birthday May May

Thank you for 15 years of unwavering dedication and hard work volunteering at Epping Vinnies. Your commitment has made a tremendous impact!



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