



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY COFFS HARBOUR and WOOLGOOLGA

Caring for Our Community – How You Can Help with Vinnies

Dear Parishioners,

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga is dedicated to supporting people in need in our local area. Our work focuses on 3 main areas, and we'd love your help and support in any way you can offer.

1. Vinnies Shops – More Than Just a Bargain

Our **Vinnies Shops** in Scarba Street, Coffs Harbour, and Market Street, Woolgoolga, offer quality pre-loved clothing, bed linen, towels, small household goods, and children's toys—all at low prices. These shops are a vital source of funding for everything we do. You can support the Shops by:

- Shopping with us.
- Donating good-quality items.
- **Volunteering your time.**

The Shops are entirely run by volunteers, and we're always looking for friendly faces to help sort donations, prepare items for sale, or assist customers. If you'd like to get involved, please contact your local Shop - we'd love to hear from you!

2. Vinnies Conference – Here to Help

Our Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga Conferences provide direct support to people going through tough times. This work is made possible by your generous donations through our Shops and seasonal appeals. If you know someone who needs support, please encourage them to reach out:

- **Coffs Harbour Conference:** Call 6650 0172 between 8:15am and 9:00am on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- **Woolgoolga Conference:** Call 6654 1819 between 9:00am and 9:30am on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We're also looking for **compassionate volunteers** of any age, gender or background, to join our Conference teams. You don't need experience - just a kind heart and a willingness to work as part of a team. If you're interested, please send an email to us or ask at the Parish Office for more details.

3. Special Works – Making a Lasting Difference

Our region is home to three incredible Vinnies services that offer meaningful support:

- **Pete's Place** (in the Community Village, Earl Street, Coffs Harbour—next to Coles) offers showers, toilets, laundry, light food, and a welcoming space for people experiencing homelessness.
- **North Coast Settlement Service** (also in the Community Village) supports migrant and refugee families as they settle into life in our area.
- **Vinnies Outreach Van** provides light meals for homeless people in our region.

Together, with your support, we can bring hope, dignity, and practical help to those who need it most.

Warm regards,

St Vincent de Paul Society

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