

FOUNDATIONS

Our Mission

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.

Our Vision

The Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering 'a hand up' to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope and encouraging those we assist to take control of their own destiny.

Values

Compassion	Empathy
Commitment	Advocacy
Respect	Courage
Integrity	

NATIONAL COUNCIL PURPOSE AND ASPIRATION

Our Purpose

To represent and guide the Society nationally, enabling the state and territory councils in achieving our Mission.

Our Aspiration

An Australia transformed by compassion and built on justice.

HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS

Increased well-being, independence and resilience among our companions measured against a 2020 baseline survey.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES 2028

Supporting our People

We will create the environment of increased Vincentian spirituality, diversity, and numbers in the Society.

Promoting and Protecting our Identity

We will be recognised as a safe, high-performing, and caring organisation by companions, the community, governments, and agencies.

One Society

We will foster productive collaboration across the Society, creating positive outcomes for our people.

National Advocacy

We will influence our nation's priorities, by being a voice for people who are experiencing disadvantage.

Sustainability

We will build the Society's capacity to effectively operate across the jurisdictions, sharing resources to most effectively meet our mission and our vision.

International Relations

We will empower national councils in developing countries to sustainably build their Vincentian vision and we will support CGI to grow the Society's impact worldwide.

Read the full
**Strategic Plan
2020-2023 here**

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Spirituality and Membership

- Support people in their Vincentian spiritual journey through a positive and supportive environment where people are welcomed, valued and committed to contributing to the mission.

2. Our Advocacy

- Influence Australian national priorities by connecting the voice of people experiencing disadvantage with people who can make a difference.

3. Our Governance and Leadership

- Provide the structures and support to serve our community and ensure our reputation is maintained.
- Support the Council General International (CGI) to grow the Society's effectiveness worldwide.

4. Our Work Together

- Further develop and utilise the capabilities within the National, State and Territory Councils to improve efficiency and effectiveness for the Society.
- Fostering initiatives that enhance positive outcomes for our companions.

5. Our Sustainability

- Ensure the Secretariat is adequately resourced to support National Council and provide the services required to carry out the strategic goals.
- Ensure financial sustainability of the Society in Australia.

