



St Vincent de Paul Society Wellington Area

A cup of water given in my name - The hand of Christ blesses the cup
The hand of love offers the cup - The hand of suffering receives the cup

People Helping People

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts July 2012 – June 2013

President's Report

The Wellington Area Council has had a year of change, while remaining steadfast in its purpose to relieve need and address its causes. The Society has three key foci: fighting poverty, supporting the elderly and supporting migrants. Expenditure on Welfare activities over the year exceeded \$291,000 as detailed below.

Our fight on poverty includes the provision of food, furniture and household items, clothing and bedding for new babies, as well as financial contributions to the Men's Night Shelter and the Soup Kitchen.

Conference & Area Council Welfare Support Distribution

Numbers of People Supported	4,766
Total Individual Services Provided	7,580
Total Financial Support From:	\$291,428
Conference Welfare Support	\$32,372
Special Appeals	\$47,821
Migrants Education	\$2,320
Soup Kitchen & Night Shelter	\$14,267
Pregnancy Support services	\$12,300
Advocacy & Social Work	\$87,351
Home Services Support	\$12,804
Food Clothing & Furniture	\$82,193

Special Appeals include the Sri Lankan Appeal, the Vincentian Foundation and the Tokelau Young Adult Education appeal.

A total of 3,652 people were supported through Conferences and another 1,114 people received assistance through the Newtown welfare centre.

Welfare distribution is detailed in the graph

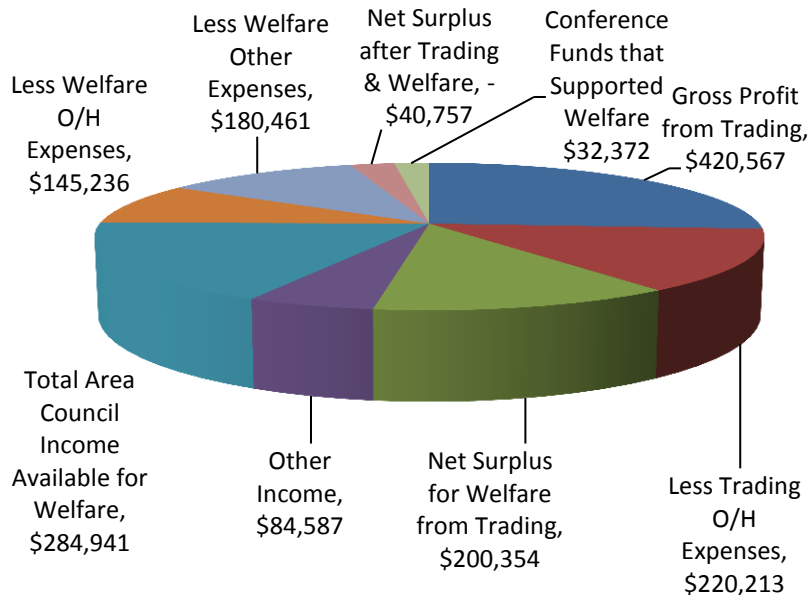
The Wellington conferences have continued their parish activities through personal contact with those in need. This includes visiting the elderly at home or in hospital, and assistance to the elderly and frail through our Home Support program.

New migrants are supported by Conference members, through advocacy and welfare support, and the English as a Second Language classes run during school terms.

Conference Activities

Our drive to increase Conference membership continues, with presentations held at local parishes. I extend a warm welcome to those who have joined the Society over the year, and thank office holders for their work on behalf of people in need in our community. We have expanded our Advisory Board to ensure a wider range of skills and knowledge is available to guide the Board and the Society as it evolves to meet the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century.

Our Youth Conferences remain strong with active Young Vinnies groups in the Catholic Colleges. We appreciate the Easter eggs, Christmas presents, food and donated goods, care packs for pregnant women, and help with our annual Street Appeal, food drives and book fairs, that we get through the Young Vinnies, and the other students and whanua at St Patrick's, St Mary's and St Catherine's Colleges.



The full year's trading from our six Vinnies shops and altar bread sales was up on last year by \$90,000. Operational expenses are 37% of the total turnover.

The final result from all operations was a profit of \$14,000 before adjusting for depreciation and after adjusting for other income and providing for Welfare expenditure.

The Annual Street Appeal raised \$11,800. Other income was received from St Patrick's College, St Mary's College, the Book Fair, private donors, bequests and Community Grants.

We have implemented additional financial controls over the year. My thanks to Jim Cahill for his monthly review of our finances.

My thanks to all Council members for their support over the past year and in particular Fr Patrick Bridgeman, our Spiritual Director, and the Manager/Secretary, John Rossbotham, for managing the Society's operations in Wellington and for his secretarial services to the Council. Thanks also to the staff of our shops, distribution centre and Ozanam Centre operations, and to all volunteers and benefactors who assisted with our Area Council and Conference activities during the past year.

Mike Keenan, Wellington Area Council President

Social Work Service

The latest year has been one of both successes and challenges for the Society's social work service.



Congratulations to Amy Ross, the Society's Community Social Worker and Newtown Union Health Service Social Worker Stefanie Döbl (pictured opposite), who have jointly developed a practice model and methods of collaboration that improve service to both organisations' clients, reduce duplication and ensure vulnerable clients are not 'falling through the cracks'.

A data base upgrade was implemented during 2011 and is proving to be a valuable tool for the Society's Welfare support team. In the year under review this investment has improved the Society's ability to dispense its welfare support to clients and to record and monitor support services and other statistics required for Charities Commission purposes.

The Society's data base statistics show a shifting demographic of those seeking assistance as more and more workers, despite being employed, are finding that their wages are no longer able to make ends meet and they struggle to afford the cost of basic necessities such as power and rent.

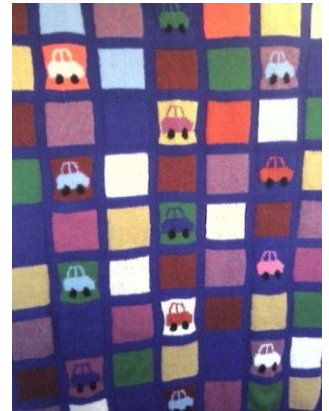
Pregnancy Assistance

Pregnancy Assistance helped 94 mothers and their babies in the year under review. Assistance included provision of clothing, nappies, and bedding. Value of the items provided exceeded \$12,000. A bassinet loan service has been operating for some time and was accessed by 38 mothers during the year.

We extend a big thank you to the many volunteers that have contributed to the work of the Pregnancy Assistance program over the year with donations of clothing and knitted items, assisting with staffing, sorting clothing, making up layettes and numerous other tasks. We take this opportunity to record those special people here and to thank them for their ongoing support.

Margaret O'Sullivan, Vivienne Soldera, the Ladies' Auxiliary in Island Bay, June Clarke, Jean Knowles, Mary McKechnie, Nancy Koopmanshap, Anne Conroy, Annie Curran, Mrs Bullinga, Mrs Duncan, Margaret Cliff, Sr. Ethel, Bridget, Jill O'Brien, Helen Hindmarsh, and Sr. Monica Quigg.

The Society's Board members value the work that volunteers do to help those people who are in need and who come to the Society for assistance. The car blanket opposite is a fine example of knitting done by one of the Pregnancy Assistance volunteers.



Conferences

An example of the work done by the Society's Conferences is provided by the Seatoun Conference. Brendan Quirk, Conference President, reports that the Conference covers the Eastern suburbs, providing a hand up to those in need. Examples of their current work include providing emergency food packs (supported by the current "June-Cans" and "July-Packets" donations), appeals for essential clothing and bedding, facilitating support for the most needy school students of Holy Cross School and St Anthony's School, transporting elderly people to services and the "Thursday Friends" Mass weekly and Compassionate Centre Social monthly, visiting rest homes such as the Vincentian Home in Berhampore and Rita Angus Village in Kilbirnie, checking in on the sick and lonely, assisting three local refugee families, and collecting for various Street Appeals.



Fighting poverty



Supporting the elderly



Supporting migrants

The Society's Conference members throughout the Wellington Area continue to be concerned not only with relieving need, but also with redressing the situations that cause it. Through personal contact, Conference members in each of the ten local branches help with a hand up, not a hand out. In the past year, Conference members assisted 3,652 people to address needs in many different ways. The financial value of this support exceeded \$32,000.

A Conference is the main link between disadvantaged people and the society. In visiting people, members find out what a person's or family's needs are, and how they can best assist that person or family. Their needs may be for material items such as food, clothing, shelter or warmth. Other areas of need could be financial stress, workplace or other type of bullying, or it may be a social need such as isolation, violence or unemployment.

Personal needs such as physical or mental health support and complex situations such as addiction, grief and loneliness issues are also accommodated. Conference members are able to access specialist support through the Society's Welfare Support service. Always the Society's aim is to help people in their time of need, to help them stand on their own feet and to take control of their own destiny.

ESOL Class (English as a Second Language)

The Society has hosted ESOL classes as part of its refugees and migrants welfare support program for a number of years. The year under review has been difficult for class members who have had to utilise alternative venues throughout the year due to seismic restrictions on the Society's Newtown building. Student numbers have remained consistent at around twenty.



Some Highlights

Ideas for topics to discuss generally come from the students, with “survival” English being very popular.

A particular highlight during the year was a study unit on “play” – where students talked about the type of toys played with across generations and cultures. One very sprightly Chinese woman in her seventies demonstrated skipping – non-stop for fifteen minutes!

Other aspects of student work during the year are writing personal information (tied in with the national census), various celebrations (Kiwi ones and those from participant's own cultures), going to the doctor, including understanding medicine labels and discussions of non-Western remedies and emergency preparedness.

Altar Bread Department

The Altar Bread department has undergone significant change during the year under review. Machinery used to manufacture the hosts was replaced with state of the art equipment during the year. The significant investment in the department will enable the Society's “special work” of providing employment for people with an intellectual disability to continue and will ensure that high productivity standards are maintained and service delivery to the Society's customers is uninterrupted.



Victor and Brent make host sheets



Paul cuts the host sheets



Karin and Donna sort, count and bag hosts

Unfortunately there was some delay in delivery of the new machines so it is appropriate that the Board and management extend a big thank you to staff and customers for their support and patience during the transition. It is pleasing to note that the Society's altar bread quality improvement programme is completed now that the new machines are installed and fully operational and we look forward to continuing this special work with the support of staff and customers.

Manager/Secretary Report

Strategic issues of significance facing Wellington Area in the year under review were: Conference membership, finance, governance and succession planning. I am pleased to be able to report that those issues are being addressed with some degree of success.

I extend my thanks to the Wellington Area Council President for his support and to the Society's staff, volunteers and Conference members. Their hard work and diligent effort during the year has enabled the Society to “be there” for many hundreds of people who rely on the Society's help. Thank you to each and every one of you.

John Rossbotham - Manager/Secretary

Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2013

	Jun 30, 13	Jun 30, 12	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Savings/Investments	276,603.93	410,719.51	-134,115.58
Accounts Receivable	18,334.98	12,695.97	5,639.01
Other Current Assets			
Advance to National Council	207,766.00	207,766.00	0.00
Accrued Income	24.50	0.00	24.50
Accrued Interest	2,246.31	4,235.49	-1,989.18
Altarbread stock	14,804.08	8,614.08	6,190.00
Warehouse/Shop stock	114,422.00	133,000.36	-18,578.36
Total Other Current Assets	339,262.89	353,615.93	-14,353.04
Total Current Assets	634,201.80	777,031.41	-142,829.61
Fixed Assets			
Buildings(a/depn)	0.00	-20,560.00	20,560.00
Buildings	345,000.00	514,000.00	-169,000.00
Furn & Equipment(a/depn)	-139,269.55	-122,166.92	-17,102.63
Furniture & Equipment	339,664.76	326,781.76	12,883.00
Land Value	685,000.00	720,000.00	-35,000.00
Plant & Equipment(a/depn)	-22,321.63	-9,603.40	-12,718.23
Plant & Equipment	186,842.59	61,180.99	125,661.60
Motor Vehicle	38,946.58	38,946.58	0.00
MV accumulated depreciation	-27,819.00	-22,255.20	-5,563.80
Total Fixed Assets	1,406,043.75	1,486,323.81	-80,280.06
TOTAL ASSETS	2,040,245.55	2,263,355.22	-223,109.67
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	40,060.27	44,113.72	-4,053.45
NET ASSETS	2,000,185.28	2,219,241.50	-219,056.22
TOTAL EQUITY	\$2,000,185.28	\$2,219,241.50	-\$219,056.22

A copy of the full accounts can be obtained by contacting the Manager/Secretary on 04 3897122 or by email: svdp@xtra.co.nz or through our website www.vinnies-wellington.org.nz

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A Registered Valuer’s re-valuation of the Society’s Newtown premises (Ozanam House) was carried out in June 2013 in line with the Area Council policy to re-value land and buildings at five yearly intervals. The building requires seismic strengthening and as a result, the building value reduced by a net amount of \$183,500. Wellington Area Council has committed to a seismic strengthening program in first quarter 2014.

The Society’s shops benefited from a steady stream of donated clothing, bric-a-brac and furniture during the year. From time to time, additional efforts to attract donations of good furniture and other items were required and this generally resulted in positive responses.

Distribution Centre operations were managed effectively from the front office and by a dedicated team of people working out of the Ozanam House sorting and distribution centre and the Society’s van.

Efforts to attract funding from Trust and legacy sources were largely unsuccessful during the year and therefore the Welfare spend was very much reliant on Vinnies shop sales and surpluses.

There was no increase in waged staff numbers during the year under review however it was pleasing to note an increase in active volunteer numbers from eighty one to eighty seven. The Society relies heavily on its volunteers and values the contribution that they make to the day to day running of the organisation.

YES! I would like to make a donation to support the Society’s work

Donations of \$5 or more are tax deductible

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St Vincent de Paul Society Wellington Area Council
 P O Box 7319, Newtown, Wellington 6242

I would like to make a regular monthly donation of: \$ _____ or

I would like to make a one- off donation of: \$ _____

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