

# Service Directory

# Sydney Archdiocese Central Council







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## **Introduction**

Sydney Archdiocese Central Council (SACC) provides a range of support services across the Sydney metropolitan area from Crows Nest in the North to Helensburgh in the South, and from Waverley in the East to Mt Pritchard in the South West.

St Vincent de Paul Society SACC Members provide material and financial assistance to a diverse population residing in suburbs ranging from those comprised of large inner-city public housing developments and boarding houses to outer suburbs where there is widespread social disadvantage.

SACC also operates a broad range of services called 'Special Works' that have been established to meet the particular needs of local communities including; homelessness and disability services; counselling; and youth programmes.

For more information on SACC services and programmes please visit:

https://www.vinnies.org.au/findhelp#!nsw

SACC services and programmes provide volunteering opportunities for Society Members and those who wish to contribute to the good works of the Society.

#### For more information on volunteering please visit:

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get\_Involved/Become\_a\_volunteer/NSW/

# **Community Development and Support Services**

## 1. Community Support Centres

SACC Community Support Centres provide a welcoming, safe space where people experiencing hardship and/or social isolation can access a range of supports including:

- Advice and referrals to the Society's home visitation program and other relevant support agencies
- Early intervention support
- Financial and material assistance
- Social support

In general, an initial assessment is conducted by appointment at the Centre and follow-up support is then provided by Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society through home visitation.

Location	Regional Council	Address	Telephone
Auburn	Liberty Plains	Auburn Central, Shop P7B Cnr. Queen Street & Park Rd Auburn NSW 2144	(02) 96437794
Bankstown	Kingsgrove/Bankstown	2a East Terrace Bankstown NSW 2200	(02) 97961176
Burwood	Western Suburbs	143 Burwood Rd Burwood NSW 2134	(02) 97453744
Crows Nest	Northern Suburbs	60 Alexander St Crows Nest NSW 2065	(02) 94360725
Hurstville	St George	183C Forest Rd Hurstville NSW 2220	(02) 95802459
Kingsford	South East Sydney	1A Meeks Ave Kingsford NSW 2032	(02) 96627380
Mt Pritchard	Liverpool	248 Humphries Rd Bonnyrigg NSW 2177	(02) 98231222
Redfern	Sydney	317 Cleveland St Redfern NSW 2010	(02) 96905600
Rozelle	Rozelle	683 Darling Street Rozelle NSW 2039	(02) 98184365
Sutherland	Sutherland Shire	710 Old Princess Hwy Sutherland NSW 2232	02) 95323110
West Ryde	Macquarie	51 Ryedale Rd West Ryde NSW 2114	(02) 98092757

## 2. Food Barn

Food Barn, located in Auburn, provides assistance to Society operations and external charities by purchasing food and grocery items in bulk at wholesale prices and reselling the goods to these services at cost price across NSW. In addition, a range of purchased and donated furniture, linen and household items are stored at Food Barn for distribution to Society clients. *Contact* 

Email: sydneyvinnies@sydneyvinnies.org

## 3. Jacinta Villa

Jacinta Villa, located in the St George Region, is an independent living facility comprised of one bedroom units. This service provides affordable accommodation for 11 residents over the age of 65 with limited income and assets.

Contact Tel: 02 9350 9600 Email: sydneyvinnies@sydneyvinnies.org

## 4. St Joseph's Workshop

St Joseph's Workshop, located on the Central Coast, is a volunteer-based service that supports the work of the Society by manufacturing and refurbishing a range of high quality furniture items that are provided to people who are experiencing hardship. The service operates from a well-equipped factory and provides opportunities for volunteers to use their skills and/or learn new skills in a supportive and welcoming environment. *Contact Tel: 02 4323 9013* 

## **Disability and Mental Health Services**

SACC Disability Services provides a range of supports for people with a disability and those experiencing mental health issues including: emergency, medium and long term accommodation options for children; recreational day activities; and targeted person-centred programmes. These services are accredited under the National Disability Insurance Scheme and aim to support participants to connect with their local communities and develop their confidence, life skills and independence.

Referrals to SACC Disability Services can be made by contacting:Phone:02 8752 2500Email: Intake-DS@sydneyvinnies.org

## 1. Margaret House Respite, Gymea

Margaret House Respite provides short term centre-based accommodation in a homelike environment and social and recreational activities for children with an intellectual disability, enabling their carers to have respite from their often demanding role.

## 2. Margaret House Interim Accommodation Services

Margaret House Interim Accommodation provides short and medium term accommodation for children with disability who are homeless as a result of being relinquished by their carers or removed from their family home by the Department of Family and Community Services. This service currently manages three medium term accommodation homes that support ten children as well as providing emergency accommodation for children who cannot be cared for by their families in a range of accommodation settings until more permanent accommodation is available.

### 3. Mary MacKillop Outreach

Mary Mackillop Outreach, provides supported centre-based and community participation day programs for adults with disability. The service offers an extensive portfolio of educational programs designed to encourage social inclusion, personal growth and significant life skills. Located within the grounds is *The Cottage* which provides a range of manual arts, upholstery and woodwork activities and incorporates the Ashfield Men's Shed program for people living in the local area who may feel marginalized or isolated, including those with a disability.

#### 4. Como Social & Leisure Centre

Como Social & Leisure Centre provides day programs and support for people living with mental health issues in a safe, inviting and friendly atmosphere. The service provides opportunities for people to socialise participate in recreational activities and access other local community resources thereby aiding in the prevention of isolation and loneliness that is often experienced by those living with mental health issues.

## Homelessness Services

SACC provides accommodation and case management support for people who are experiencing, or are at risk of, homelessness and manages both crisis and transitional accommodation services.

Referrals to SACC homelessness services can be made by contacting the Sydney Archdiocese Central Intake Line:

Tel: (02) 9560 2656 Email: intakeofficer@sydneyvinnies.org

## 1. Accommodation Services

#### Dolores House

Dolores House, located in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, provides short term accommodation for up to 8 single women who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness, with a priority client group being single women experiencing domestic/family violence.

#### Killara House

Killara House, located in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, provides short term accommodation for up to 5 women with children who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness as a result of domestic/family violence.

#### Rosalie House

Rosalie House, located in the Inner West of Sydney, provides medium term accommodation for up to 6 single women over the age of 45 who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness as a result of domestic/family violence.

#### Claffy Lodge

Claffy Lodge, located in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, provides medium term accommodation for up to 4 single women/women with children exiting crisis accommodation services who are homeless as a result of domestic/family violence and are dealing with immigration issues.

#### Amelie House

Amelie House, located in the Sutherland Shire, provides short term accommodation for up to 7 single women/women with children who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness, with a priority client group being women with children experiencing domestic/family violence.

#### Marian Villa

Marian Villa, located in the St George Region, provides short term accommodation for up to 7 women with children who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness as a result of domestic/family violence.

#### Elsie's House

Elsie's House, located in the Inner West of Sydney, provides short term accommodation for up to 6 women with children who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness as a result of domestic/family violence.

#### Marian Centre

Marian Centre, located in the Inner West of Sydney, provides short term accommodation for up to 18 women with children who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness, with a priority client group being women with children experiencing domestic/family violence.

#### Liverpool Men's Centre

Liverpool Men's Centre, located in the South West of Sydney, provides short term accommodation for single men over the age of 25 who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness with a priority client group being men leaving correctional facilities.

#### St Jude's Centre

St Jude's Centre, located in the South West of Sydney, provides medium term accommodation for single men over the age of 25 who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness.

## 2. Case Management Services

SACC Community Support Services, funded by the Department of Family and Community Services, provide targeted support to people who are experiencing, or are at risk of, homelessness. Our case management services operate within a person-centred service delivery framework based on the principles of safety, trust, choice, collaboration and empowerment and incorporate both trauma informed and culturally competent practices.

SACC Community Support Services are comprised of:

- Inner West Families Homelessness Support Service, incorporating:
  - Marian Centre and Elsie House accommodation services, and
  - Rozelle and Redfern Community Support Centre early intervention services.
- Eastern Suburbs Adults and Families Homelessness Support Service, incorporating:
  - Dolores House, Killara House, Rosalie House and Claffy Lodge accommodation services, and
  - Kingsford Community Support Centre early intervention services.
- St George/Sutherland Integrated Adults and Families Homelessness Support Service, incorporating:
  - Amelie House and Marian Villa accommodation services, and
  - Hurstville and Sutherland Community Support Centre early intervention services.

- Homelessness Services for single men and Couples without Children Bankstown, Fairfield and Liverpool, incorporating:
  - Liverpool Men's Centre and St Jude's' Men Centre accommodation services, and
  - Bankstown and Mt Pritchard Community Support Centre early intervention services.
- South Eastern Sydney Domestic Violence Response Enhancement, providing an immediate response outside of normal business hours for women and children who are leaving domestic/family violence situations.

## Sydney Vinnies Van Services

SACC operates three mobile food services that provide meals and beverages, blankets, toiletries etc. – but most importantly companionship - to people who are living rough or in boarding houses, or are experiencing social or financial hardship. These services aspire to reducing the loneliness and isolation that many living on the fringe of society experience by promoting a sense of community and companionship and by engaging people with local support services. These services are staffed by over 2,000 volunteers and provide over 70,000 light meals a year.

Sydney Night Patrol operates every night of the year (except New Year's Eve) and consists of two vans that visit designated areas within the inner city of Sydney.

Contact Phone: (02) 9518 0303 Email: nightpatrol@sydneyvinnies.org

Liverpool Night Patrol operates five evenings per week, Tuesday to Saturday, within the Liverpool area.

Contact Phone: (02) 9518 0303 Email: nightpatrol@sydneyvinnies.org

Brekky Van operates every Sunday morning in inner city of Sydney providing a cooked breakfast, cereal and hot drinks.

Contact Phone: (02) 9518 0303 Email: brekkyvan@sydneyvinnies.org

## **Youth Services**

#### Youth Reach

Youth Reach, located in the Northern Beaches area of Sydney, provides life skills and recreational programs as well as case management and drop in support for young people aged between 11 and 24.

Contact Phone: (02) 9907 2604 Email: youthreach@vinnies.org.au

# Youth and Young Adult Programs

SACC provides opportunities for Youth and Young Adult volunteers to learn about social justice issues and develop leadership skills while making a positive difference in their community.

Contact Phone: 0418 441 797 Email: youth@sydneyvinnies.org

Buddies Days and Teen Days volunteers help facilitate one day recreational or educational activities that offer school-aged children experiences they may never otherwise have such as ice skating, visiting the Easter Show, going to the movies, a museum or zoo. These activities are organized at no cost to families and encourage children to develop friendship and self-confidence and to have fun.

Green Team volunteers support those in the community who are disadvantaged or marginalised, as well as Society accommodation services, through a garden maintenance program that includes pruning, weeding and planting. This program provides opportunities for volunteers to sit with those they meet, share stories and extend a hand of friendship to those in the community who are disadvantaged or lonely.

Homework Help volunteers work with trained volunteer tutors to support school-aged children to complete their homework and develop specific learning skills in a safe, supportive environment.