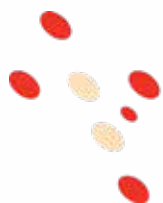


CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA

Annual Report 2021



Catholic Social Services
Victoria

...building a more just and compassionate society

Catholic Social Services Victoria acknowledge the Traditional Custodians and their Elders past present and emerging of the Kulin Nations of Victoria.

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Mission & Objectives

Mission of Catholic Social Services Victoria

To assist the Catholic Church in Victoria fulfil the gospel imperatives to stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised; and work for a just, equitable and compassionate society.

Objectives

Catholic Social Services Victoria is auspiced by the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Victorian Bishops, and its member organisations to act as a peak body for Catholic community service works in Victoria by:

- Discerning and promoting within the Church and its agencies and ministries a contemporary vision and focus of the Church's social mission
- Representing its members and the Church in responding to social welfare issues to bring about social change in accordance with Catholic Social Teaching
- Resourcing the Bishops, Religious Institutes, Church agencies, ministries, and other Church-based groups regarding their social welfare pastoral responsibilities and ministries
- Encouraging collaboration in the promotion of opportunities for service delivery and mission development
- Giving effective voice to the experiences and struggles of people who are disadvantaged and marginalised through researching, publishing, and speaking on issues of justice and equity.

Episcopal Vicar's Reflection

Fr Joe Caddy AM

Vicar General,
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
Episcopal Vicar for Social Services



At the end of 2020, I did not imagine that the disruption of COVID would continue for another year, 2021 however, was once again characterised by frequent periods of lockdown. I felt at times as though the whole year was spent planning for events that would never take place! Fortunately, with high rates of vaccination we are

now able to open up as a society, though many are still understandably cautious.

In some ways the isolation we all shared, in order to avoid the transmission of infection, is a taste of the isolation of so many in our communities who are aged, sick, homeless, seeking asylum or struggling due to poverty or addictions. As a human family, we are called into community and that sense of isolation diminishes our humanity to a large extent.

The legendary Fr John Brosnan, a prison chaplain for more than 30 years used to say that: *'There are three things needed by people upon their release from prison: A place to live that is decent. A job they can handle. And friendship, and the hardest to provide is friendship.'*

The role of so many of our social service organisations is to be that friend for those who are isolated. Visiting those in prisons and caring for those who are aged, for people with disabilities, for those struggling to find stable accommodation and for families dealing with violence in the home – these are all critical places of care provided by our Catholic agencies. Those who are isolated are seeking this friendship. A friendship that offers care, hope and growth.

Obviously, in the past year, new and creative ways have had to be developed to reach out to those in need. It has been remarkable how well our services have done working remotely and from home. Nevertheless, no amount of Zoom can make up for the warmth of human, face-to-face contact. Hopefully 2022 will see much more of that in our services and also in our personal lives.

Perhaps the social deprivation that we have all experienced will help our communities to grow in empathy for those, who because of their life circumstances, experience such social isolation constantly. It is my hope that such a renewed sense of empathy might be reflected in public policy and shared across the electorate as we enter a year that will see both federal and state elections.

Catholic Social Services Victoria will continue to advocate for social policies that are truly human. Policies that promote social inclusion and community cohesion and that are truly 'good news to the poor'.

As Episcopal Vicar for Social Services, I once again, thank everyone associated with CSSV for the valuable contribution each makes in seeking to bring Christ's face and friendship to all our sisters and brothers in need.



As a human family,
we are called into
community.



Chairperson's Report

Bernie Cronin

Chair of Council



The mission of Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) is to assist the Catholic Church in Victoria to fulfil the gospel imperatives to stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised; and work for a just, equitable

and compassionate society. CSSV is guided by the example of Jesus and the Gospel principles enshrined in Catholic Social Teaching.

The leadership role of CSSV is based on the collaboration of members as a peak body working in partnership with the Bishops of Victoria (the Bishops). It is the co-operation and connections of members which underpin the year's activities, ably supported by the CSSV Council and Secretariat. Council is grateful for the willing contribution of so many staff, board members and volunteers of members who have contributed to the many events, submissions, research, and policy formulation throughout 2021. Under the constraints of the pandemic, CSSV has maintained an active program in support of members, as noted in this Annual Report.

Throughout 2021, much effort has gone into developing CSSV's role within the Church. I highlight two important developments which will shape CSSV into the future – the Plenary Council and the current review of the CSSV constitution. Council has diligently represented the best interests of the members and people they serve in devoting considerable time and resources to these matters.

We are part of the Church. We need to actively influence the changes occurring within the Church. In mid-2021 the first session of the Plenary Council was conducted and CSSV put in a detailed submission at the start of the process. Two members contributed to writing the theme papers. In September, CSSV made a further submission in the form of an 'Open Letter' to Plenary Council members. It received overwhelming support from many people.

This letter urged the Plenary Council to emphasise those actions that strengthen the Church within a contemporary cultural context. CSSV supports a future Church that clearly demonstrates the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, a Church which reflects values of gender equity, respect for the traditional owners of the land, embracing the multi-cultural and



immigrant make-up of society and committed to healing of the land and care for God's environment.

The Church has a strong tradition of service to the poor and marginalised, and those seeking asylum. This Christ-centred work gives life to the *dignity of the human person and preference for the poor*. The Church and its agencies can, based on principles of Catholic Social Teaching, have a strong public advocacy role. This entails a strong capability to do this work through ensuring the leadership and resources for Catholic social justice advocacy bodies are in place.

The Church relies on hard working social service agencies, including voluntary, professional, and religious. Many are struggling for survival and to have their voices heard. Increasingly, Government regulation restricts charitable agencies from a role in advocacy. This constrains efforts towards common good. This points to the critical importance of CSSV as an advocacy body and advisor to the Bishops. Strong advocacy requires a credible position, research, relationships, and communication. Members made this clear in the 2020 consultations for the Directions Paper.

CSSV is reviewing its constitution, in discussion with the Bishops. The review has progressed, informed by the position paper written by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, after extensive consultation with members. This process is essentially redefining the relationships between members, the Bishops and wider Church. It is critical to preserve the spirit of collaboration and commitment to advocate for the poor. CSSV provides connections and capability to enact the values of the Gospel and in the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, to show Catholic Social Teaching in action. We are seeking to strengthen this role in partnership with the Bishops.

In day-to day ministry, our member social service agencies deal with people in the context of their cultural existence, their trauma, and their real-life struggles. To be informed by this wealth of experience would allow us to shape a Church based on this Christ-centred work and the learnings brought to us by members. This brilliant work is proof of the principle of subsidiarity in action.

I thank the Council members, Committee Chairs and the many members who have freely given their time to the many working parties, standing Committees and Forums. On behalf of Council, I thank the Executive Director, Josh Lourensz and the Secretariat for their extraordinary efforts to make it all work despite the difficulties of the environment. The activities of 2021 as outlined in this Annual Report speak for themselves, but they have been delivered due to the perseverance, dedication, and patience of our people. Thank you to all.

Executive Director's Report

Joshua Lourensz

Executive Director



2021 has been a year marked by hardship for many Victorians, with 741 people dying due to the COVID-19 virus and despite continued sustained lockdowns in effort to curtail more tragedy, Federal Government support in the form of JobKeeper and the Corona Virus Supplement was removed from March/April 2021. CSSV has worked hard

to provide sustained advocacy on issues of shared priority and foster collaboration within our social service members – as a part of a network, a Church, a community who keep working, keep willing each other to think and act creatively, and keep providing solace and service under difficult circumstances to each other and the wider community.

As hundreds of thousands of Victorians experienced the profound inadequacy of JobSeeker payments, many for the first time, CSSV actively contributed to a broad collective push for an Australian welfare safety net that could be lived on. Our efforts were rewarded with an insubstantial increase of \$4/day, even as the lessons, faithfully collected from 2020, showed us that if we increased welfare income, the poorest individuals and families in our communities could live such better lives.

Amongst the many different campaigns, online events, consultations and network gatherings, CSSV supported a rare in-person gathering on Palm Sunday in early 2021 calling for Justice for Refugees. This was done in solidarity with our members who continue to provide support in a particularly hostile policy environment. Later in the year we would see yet another iteration of the crisis in Afghanistan, and despite a great outpouring of solidarity, generous offers of support from the Church and her agencies, countless meetings and advocacy, we remained with a Federal Government that for the remainder of 2021 would not increase its overall refugee cap. We were also unsuccessful in persuading the Federal Government to allow Afghan refugees who were already in Australia on temporary protection visas to reunite with their families and bring them to safety here. In March 2022, we have seen these efforts bear some fruit with 16,500 additional places being made available to refugees from Afghanistan.

CSSV has continued to promote broad thinking in response to the COVID crisis via our research collaboration with Australian Catholic University and our member organisations, delivering an interim report in November 2021 on the impacts of the broader economic environment on social services and those they work to serve. We have all borne witness to a 'bounce back' from 2020 with increases in rents and house prices, creating much wealth – but also a wider gap between those who do, and those who do not, own property. There are substantial and deep issues that will continue to require cooperative work for years to come to repair



and reimagine. It is just as well that CSSV is a part of such a dynamic network who are not only working to patch up the holes in our welfare system and provide social programs and services, but rather, are also willing to generously give time, resources and energy to work collaboratively for systemic change.

However limited in its success, this work is in fidelity to the common good, human dignity, and to a society in which we can all flourish. This is the prophetic work that CSSV has a privilege to play a part, bearing witness to the transformative simplicity of the Gospel message, even if we do not always see the changes in the immediate.

Our network is committed to collaboration. CSSV's 19 community consultations and 49 convened meetings throughout the year are only part of what it takes to enable a broad shared mission, a set of work, attitude and programs that pull toward a mission and community that is dynamic and potentially transformative. Without the significant financial investment and other supports provided by the Bishops of Victoria and our Member organisations we would not be able to exist.

Likewise, without the tireless hours of our committees and working groups and many other collaborators throughout social services, education, health, parishes and beyond, we would not be able to speak with authority or generate even the possibility of cut-through.

This Annual Report details some of our outputs – how we collate good information and get it in front of people who make far-reaching decisions. It shows, in the Finance Report, how we run a very lean and resource-light team. But what I really hope this report shows, is that we are focused on issues that are at the heart of the Gospel message. We are person-centered in our approach and rather than necessarily being dictated to by efficacy, we strategically focus our efforts by listening deeply to the signs of the times and the experience of our members. This means that sometimes regardless of whether there is likelihood for substantial political or social change on an issue or not, we work for change. This takes leadership and wisdom, and I extend my thanks to the Council and Committees of CSSV, who continue to expertly guide our finite resources, priorities, and focus.

Who We Are

In supporting and enhancing the work of its members and the Catholic Church in Victoria, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) works to fulfil the gospel imperatives to stand with and serve those who are disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

315 parishes across
4 dioceses serving
1.2 million Catholics

42 MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

7,000 staff
17,000 volunteers
Serving over
200,000 people in need

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA

Working together to fulfil the Gospel imperative to stand with the poor and marginalised, building communities of grace and centres of service across Victoria.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA COUNCIL

6 elected by members
6 appointed by the Bishops of Victoria
Chair Elected by members

COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

- Governance & Finance
- Catholic Ethos & Identity
 - Policy & Advocacy
 - Domestic Violence Working Group

Our Approach

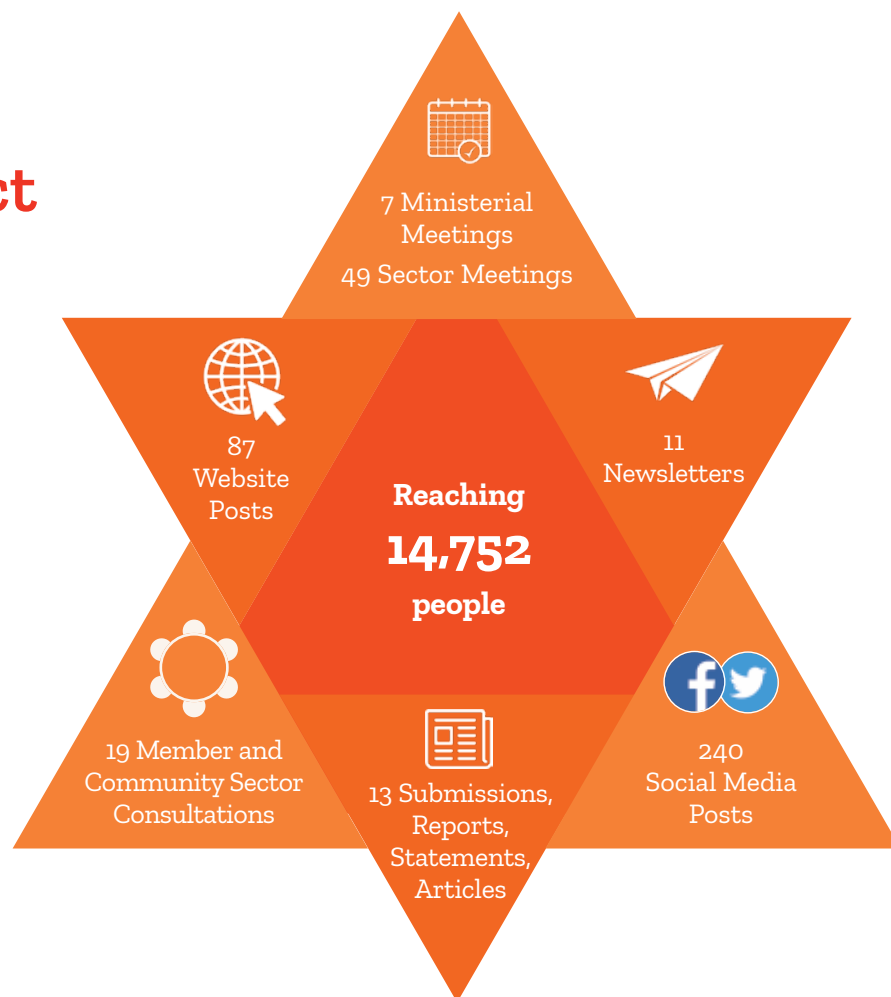
CSSV's work is fundamentally about coordination, collaboration, and cooperation. Our focus is on the wellbeing of those who are placed on the margins by our society. As a peak body for Catholic social services, this means that we pay particular attention to the pressures and causes of injustice and inequity as well as looking to approaches of care and service delivery that are most suitable.

CSSV draws upon the Gospel approach enshrined in Catholic Social Teaching, which brings together human dignity, the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity principles as part of 'an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, #139)

To do this we convene working groups and committees with a cross section of experts. We listen to our colleagues in the sector and the experience of our members, consult widely and gather this collective wisdom. We interrogate what Catholic Social Teaching principles might say about our contemporary situation. These teachings augment our approach in person-centred care and calls for a wholistic approach – considering spiritual, physical, social, and economic dimensions in our approaches to policy and the advocacy required for systemic change.

We host events that develop and inspire the mission of our member organisations – not just as another service, but as unique and important parts of a positive transformation of society. We humbly celebrate the Catholic ethos and identity of our member organisations, build inter-organisational relationships, and create coordinated action.

2021: Our Impact



2021: What We Did

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) focusses its work in three broad areas – Catholic formation and leadership, network development and member support, and policy and advocacy. Within each of these areas, CSSV either leads the collaboration and advocacy among its members and the broader social services sector and Victorian parishes, or joins with others to lend its weight, knowledge and expertise to important issues that fall within our scope of work. Here's a snapshot of what we've done over 2021.

CATHOLIC FORMATION & LEADERSHIP

CSSV hosted its annual
'Mission Inspired Leadership' program

CSSV auspices the
Emerging Young Leaders Network

CSSV facilitates a
Mission Leaders Network

CSSV Open Letter and
follow up statement to the
First General Assembly
of the Plenary Council

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT & MEMBER SUPPORT

CSSV Annual General Meeting and
Social Services Commissioning Mass

Mental Health First Aid Training Program
(CSSV in partnership with the Diocese of Sale)

Victorian Multicultural Commission
Multifaith Advisory Group

Holding the Light Ecumenical Service of Lament
for those impacted by Domestic Violence

CSSV Forum: Reflections on the National Summit on Women's Safety

Spiritual Health and Wellbeing Symposium –
its presence & impact in the lives of people with
intellectual disability (in partnership with SJOG Accord)

CSSV Pilot Program: Whole-of-Church Response to Domestic Violence
(Diocese of Sale)

Diversity Accreditation Consultation

POLICY & ADVOCACY

Participation and Collaboration with the community and broader sector:

Australian Catholic
Housing Alliance

Asylum Policy Network

Catholic Alliance for
People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA)

#ActionforAfghanistan – response to Afghan crisis

Victorian Government's Big Housing Build Consultation

Jobs Victoria Employment Services Program Monitoring

Raise The Age Campaign

Raise the Rate Campaign

Everybody's Home Campaign

Smart Justice for Young People coalition

Victorian Multicultural Commission's Multifaith

CSSV Coordinated Consultations:

Member Consultation on Criminal Justice System

Consultation regarding Specialised Courts

Consultation with faith-based service providers on proposed reforms to
Equal Opportunity Act (Religious Exceptions)

Inquiry into Disability Support Pension

Afghan Crisis and Refugee Response

CSSV Domestic Violence Working Group Victorian Budget submission

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2022

Published:

Submissions to: Senate Inquiry (Raising the Rate of Jobseeker),
Inquiry into the Criminal Justice System,
National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Children (2022-2032),
Inquiry into the Purpose, Intent and Adequacy of the Disability Support Pension,
and The Cultural Review of the Adult Custodial Corrections System

Interim Report: *Ongoing Ramifications of COVID and Impacts on Social Services*,
in Partnership with Australian Catholic University and St Mary's House of Welcome

Budget Priorities Discussion Paper:
Creating a State of Well-being in a COVID Normal Context

Highlights

CSSV's areas of strategic policy and advocacy focus are **homelessness and housing, domestic violence, and justice and equity**. Within this context, CSSV recognises the compounding and devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our already vulnerable communities. In 2021, CSSV sought to address this across its work. Here are some of our work highlights:



Homelessness and Housing

CSSV held consultations with our members and submitted to the *Inquiry Into Homelessness in Victoria*. Our submission argued that policies need to work on preventing homelessness as well as meeting the crisis needs of those who experience it. By having adequate housing stock that is affordable and secure, through all forms of social housing, and within private rental arrangements, as well as home affordability, we can build pathways out of homelessness, while also preventing homelessness. To make a house a home, we need meaning and fulfilment, and a supportive community. We consistently argue for the importance of pastoral/spiritual care and community involvement in long-term solutions to homelessness. All this needs to happen while maintaining investment in crisis services.

We also understand that homelessness is linked with low income, so we advocated and made submissions to raise the rate of JobSeeker and to increase the Disability Support Pension, while also making these payments more flexible and part of a supportive system that assist individuals to gain appropriate employment. We believe in the dignity of safe and secure work as being part of an answer to homelessness: and we took this lens to our research with ACU on the impacts of COVID on job security to further attention on the compounding impact of the rise of insecure and casualised jobs.

Domestic Violence

Throughout 2021 CSSV worked across a variety of domains to prevent and respond to Domestic Violence:

CSSV worked alongside a wonderful committee to organise the Holding the Light ecumenical service of lament, praying for the 73 women whose lives were taken in 2021 due to domestic violence. This service also reflected on the importance of faith communities working together to prevent violence, stopping it before it starts.

CSSV secured a small grant to pilot a program of workshops and capacity building to prevent and respond to domestic violence. Partnering with the Diocese of Sale to roll out a pilot program, this began in 2021 with a workshop attended by all the clergy in the Diocese.

CSSV convened an online Victorian forum to hear reflections and 'next steps' from several key sector leaders who attended the National Summit on Women's Safety (September). Drawing on this and further consultation with members, CSSV provided a substantial submission in contribution to the drafting process of the new Federal 10-year National Plan to Prevent Violence against Women and Children.

Houses are key,
but only form one
part of fixing
homelessness

Holding the Light
Service
of Lament

A
Whole-of-
Church
response to
domestic
violence

CSSV Forum after the
National Summit on
Women's Safety



Justice and Equity

Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Part of the Federal Government's response to the Afghan crisis in August 2021 was an overt statement that no current temporary protection visa holder from Afghanistan would ever resettle in Australia, thus ensuring continued and permanent separation of families. In response, CSSV and the Victorian Bishops released statements in solidarity and support for the substantial Victorian Afghan community and called for a more humane and compassionate response to be taken by Government. CSSV participated in much collaborative advocacy through the rest of 2021 and in 2022 the Federal Government announced 16,500 additional places for Afghan refugees.

Children in Prison

Crime and child welfare issues are serious and often intertwined. CSSV knows that raising the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 can break cycles of disadvantage, reduce recidivism, and provide better outcomes for affected children, simultaneously increasing safety for the wider community. In February, CSSV (within a broad alliance of Christian organisations) visited Canberra to make representations on a range of matters including the important issue of child incarceration.

At the November 2021 Meeting of the Australian States and Territories' Attorneys-General, State Attorneys-General supported development of a proposal to increase the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12. Following this, CSSV issued a public statement calling for the age of criminal responsibility to be raised to 14, in line with the best evidence available.

Responding to the COVID-19 crisis

Christian leaders pledge to back post-COVID recovery

At a February meeting in Canberra a range of Christian organisations supporting vulnerable people, including CSSV representation, personally delivered a letter to Prime Minister Scott Morrison expressing willingness to partner with Government to help Australia's COVID-19 recovery.

Interim Research Report on COVID-19 and Social Services

CSSV proposed and successfully initiated a collaborative research report on the impacts of COVID on our communities and social services, which evolved into a partnership with Australian Catholic University (ACU) and St Mary's House of Welcome, via ACU's Stakeholder Engaged Scholarship Unit. Our interim report found that people who experienced the most marginalisation pre-pandemic were hit with the highest COVID-19 impacts, and sometimes, forced people to reach out to welfare services for the first time. The final report is due in early 2022.

Governance: Council & Committees

Council Members

Bernie Cronin
Chair of Council
Catholic Social Services Victoria

Jenny Glare
Deputy Chair of Council
General Manager,
Heritage and Information Service,
MacKillop Family Services

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CEO, VMCH

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Episcopal Vicar for Social Services,
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Board Chair, Good Shepherd
Australia New Zealand

Cath Garner
Chair, MSC International
Health Commission

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& VincentCare,
Episcopal Vicar of
Social Services Nominee

Br Dennis Cooper FMS
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Catholic Religious Australia Nominee

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Episcopal Vicar for Social Services
Nominee

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Bishop Nominee, Diocese of Sale

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Bishop Nominee,
Diocese of Sandhurst

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Bishop Nominee,
Diocese of Sandhurst

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Diocese of Ballarat,
Group Director,
Performance & Enablement,
CatholicCare Victoria

Council Committee Members

Governance & Finance Committee

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Australia New Zealand

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Sonya Smart, Treasurer
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Chair of Council,
Catholic Social Services Victoria

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Deacon Mark Kelly
Bishop Nominee,
Diocese of Sale

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St John of God Accord

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Chief Mission Officer,
VMCH

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Jesuit Social Services

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Policy, Research and Advocacy Officer,
Jesuit Social Services

Vin Martin

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The University of Adelaide Law School

Professor Ruth Webber
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Research and Evaluation Consultant

Acknowledging Contribution

We are so grateful to the many people from across a wide spectrum of our Catholic community and sector partners who bring their deep and profound knowledge, expertise and passion to the work we do in seeking to ensure Victoria is part of a compassionate and just society. The following list acknowledges many of those people who have contributed to our Council, working groups, committees, events and research projects, throughout 2021. Thank you!

Emerging Leaders Network Organising Committee

Tiffany Davis
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Mark Monahan

Asylum Seekers Support Steering Group

Sr Brigid Arthur CSB
Tracey Cabrie
Denis Fitzgerald
Mary Jo Fortuna
Margaret Gearon
Chris McNamara
Sally-Anne Petrie
Libby Saunders
Jawid Sayed

With thanks to our event speakers, partners, co-convenors, advisors and volunteers:

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Stella Avramopoulos	Yvonne Lay
Joanne Baldwin	Michael Livingstone
Tom Barnes	Bishop Shane MacKinlay
Robina Bradley	Lisa McDonald
Fr Frank Brennan SJ	Fr Kevin McGovern
Eleri Butler	Christopher Morris
Wenyu Cao	Sr Denise Mulcahy FCJ
Winsome Clark	Cath Neville
Vivien Cinque	Renee Oberin
Jill Cox	Sr Mary O'Shannassy
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Lisa Evans	Ian Smith
Tania Fahra	Susan Sullivan
Denis Fitzgerald	Jac Tomlins
Cath Garner	Anne Tuohey
Margaret Gearon	Paul Turton
Michael Harrison	Anne Walker
Peter Hay	Felicity Walters
Sr Joan Healy RSJ	John Warhurst
Glenn Jessop	Peter White
Faith Johnson	Rebecca Wringe
Rev Hugh Kempster	Paul Zammit
Gendrie Klein-Breteler	



Finance Report

*These accounts are provided as provisional results only and have not yet been subject to audit at the time of publication. We anticipate being able to provide an update on the audit of the 2021 accounts at the Annual General Meeting.

Catholic Social Services Victoria: Finances from 2021* and previous periods					
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Income					
Membership fees	\$140,968	\$116,641	\$91,255	\$83,346	\$94,642
Grants from regional dioceses	\$90,000	\$102,000	\$72,873	\$70,751	\$68,690
Other	\$6,807	\$201,541	\$74,201	\$152,844	\$56,670
Subtotal	\$237,775	\$420,182	\$238,329	\$306,941	\$220,002
Support from Archdiocese of Melbourne	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$299,900	\$291,152	\$332,842
Total Income	\$387,775	\$620,182	\$538,229	\$598,093	\$552,844
Expenditure					
Staff and related costs	\$290,670	\$334,186	\$403,569	\$422,069	\$419,497
Other operating costs	\$95,691	\$162,918	\$134,660	\$176,024	\$133,346
Total expenditure	\$386,461	\$497,105	\$538,229	\$598,093	\$552,844
Net result	\$1,314	\$123,077	-	-	-
Memo					
CSSV trust fund balance as at 31-12-2021	\$58,988	\$58,572	\$57,785	\$67,964	\$70,502

Notes

Financial contributions from all Dioceses, member organisations and stakeholders towards the ongoing operations of Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) are very much appreciated.

CSSV generated a small operating surplus of \$1,314 for the 2021 year.

This means CSSV net assets include \$58,556 available for use in future Catholic social service joint conferences as a part of a total net assets of \$124,391.

Revenue

There has been further changes in 2021 to CSSV funding arrangements, with the Regional Victorian Dioceses slightly decreasing their contribution to CSSV as previously agreed by 13%, and the Archdiocese reducing its contribution by 25% as expected. Membership fees were significantly increased to respond to this new arrangement. CSSV revenue was reduced by \$232,407 in comparison to 2020. 2021 did not raise revenue (or expenditure) via a conference like in 2020, so this is better compared with 2019's revenue: a decrease of \$150,454.

- The Archdiocese of Melbourne is the largest contributor to CSSV's income, which at \$150,000 in 2021, was 38% of total income.
- The Diocese of Ballarat contributed \$30,000, the Diocese of Sale \$30,000 and the Diocese of Sandhurst \$30,000, to total \$90,000, which comes to 23% of total income.
- Membership fees for 2021 amounted to \$140,968 which is 36% of total income.
- Other income decreased significantly for 2021 to \$6,807. This relates to not holding any larger or ticketed events due to COVID-19.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2021 was \$386,461, \$110,644 less than in 2020. This decrease was due to not holding a conference, and a reduction in staff EFT, reduced spending, as well as COVID implications which delayed staff recruitment and other cost-cutting measures within the organisation.

A copy of the full audited financial statement for CSSV will be made available via contacting office@css.org.au

Trust Fund

CSSV maintains a Trust Fund that can be used for the purposes of the organisation. The Balance in the Fund as at 31 December 2021 was \$58,988.

Donations are gratefully received to the organisation, please don't hesitate to be in touch with the CSSV office via office@css.org.au

Our Members

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House of Welcome Ballarat
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JoCare
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Joseph's Corner
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St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre
St Joseph's Home for the Aged, Little Sisters of the Poor
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St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria
The Way Community
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Catholic Homes
VincentCare Victoria
VMCH
Wellsprings for Women Inc



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