



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA

# Annual Report 2022



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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## Catholic Social Services Victoria

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Executive Director

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**Photos:** Fiona Basile and CSSV Team.

**Front Cover:** Smoking Ceremony at the Opening Session of the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council, July 2022. Photo by Fiona Basile.

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## Mission & Objectives

The mission of 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.

The principal purpose of CSSV is to advance the ministry of Catholic charitable and social services as an integral part of the mission of the Church in Victoria.

In advancing its principal purpose, CSSV's objects are:

- Discerning and promoting within the Church and its agencies and ministries a contemporary vision and focus of the Church's social mission in the provision of charitable and social services to people in need;
- Representing CSSV Members and the Church in responding to social welfare issues so as to bring about social change in accordance with Catholic social teaching;
- Resourcing the Bishops, Religious Institutes, Church agencies, ministries and other Church-based groups with regard to 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 in benevolent need due to being disadvantaged and marginalised through researching, publishing and speaking on issues of justice and equity.

# Chairperson's Report

**Bernie Cronin**

Chair of Council



The year 2022 was an amazingly busy year for CSSV. In the context of elections at both State and Commonwealth levels, and the conclusion of the Plenary Council, CSSV produced a large number of well-researched submissions and representations to a range of forums. The

year's activities demonstrated the reason for the existence of CSSV: to support member agencies and be a credible advocate on behalf of those most disadvantaged and vulnerable. This work has reinforced the critical importance of CSSV, engaging with members, developing advocacy positions through collaboration, and being present and vocal where the opportunities and times allow. This advocacy has been directed to political and bureaucratic decision-makers as well as to the leadership of the Church.

CSSV's role and activities have brought a positive discourse to forums within the Church, notably the Plenary Council. The Church is slow to change, but CSSV has been fast to articulate how it needs to change, to listen and respond to the needs of the most disadvantaged. CSSV's members do the work of the Church 'at the margins' and CSSV is a forum for sharing that experience and advocating for social change. The support and auspice of the Bishops of Victoria is appreciated.

Such complex and sensitive efforts are based on collaboration and cooperation across members and church leadership, for the common good. This is driven by an understanding of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Members have been active and vocal in showing support for CSSV. A commitment to collaboration between parties creates energy to see continuous efforts toward social justice, dignity of the human person and preference for the poor. I am inspired by this commitment and collaboration to creating a more just future built on compassion for those most in need and vulnerable.

Engagement with members (including the Bishops of Victoria) has been strong. CSSV very much appreciates the contributions of numerous volunteers and staff on CSSV committees, working groups and participation in forums. Some 45 people are directly involved on Council and in Committees, generously giving time, expertise and commitment. CSSV has also worked in collaboration with other peak bodies on advocacy campaigns, particularly around homelessness, domestic violence, refugees and



asylum seekers. New partnership opportunities have been explored with Australian Catholic University.

CSSV's own internal governance and funding arrangements have also been a major area of continuing work. After two years of detailed discussion with the Bishops, and legal scrutiny by CAM, the new Constitution was agreed by the Bishops and adopted by the membership at the 2022 AGM. It takes effect from the 2023 AGM. Following three years of adjustments to the funding base, the core funding of CSSV is on a stable platform and the funding commitment of Bishops and members is most appreciated. Project funding has been supplemented with small grants, but the continuing funding support is crucial for CSSV to be able to be challenging in advocacy to Government, representing the voice of the poor and marginalised. This is core to the mission of the Church.

I thank the dedicated Council members, the Committee Chairs and the many voluntary members assisting with this work. On behalf of Council, I thank Executive Director Josh Lourensz and the Secretariat staff and volunteers who have shown great perseverance and dedication to carry out this work in an uncertain environment.

In conclusion, there is now a great opportunity for CSSV to grow in strength, to increase participation in and representation of the Gospel values to the wider Church and society. A particular challenge will be for us to walk with our Indigenous leaders in seeking justice and reconciliation in the coming years. With a focus on the future of CSSV Council and its actions, we have an opportunity to embrace change, to innovate and engage a wider network of people in this important work.

The potential is great, the mission is compelling: '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.'

# Executive Director's Report

**Joshua Lourensz**

Executive Director



On Saturday, 24th September 2022, Pope Francis addressed a group of young economists, workers and thinkers gathered in Assisi for an international three day event exploring different ways of organising economies:

'As we seek to save the planet, we must not neglect those who suffer. Carbon dioxide is not the only

pollution that kills; inequality also fatally damages our planet. We must not allow the new environmental calamities to erase from public view the long-standing and ever-present calamities of social injustice, as well as political injustices.'

With CPI rising overall by 7.8% — elements that particularly affect those on low or fixed incomes are rises in electricity costs (8.6%), as well as rent averages in Melbourne (7.9%) and country Victoria (9.1%). The biggest unit rent rise in Australian capital cities was in Melbourne — a 20% average rental increase.

These kinds of rises, off the back of welfare and wage rate stagnation, are the hallmarks of inequality widening. CSSV aimed squarely at these issues releasing our collaborative research report *The Scarring Effects of the Pandemic Economy* in April 2022, prior to the federal election.

In October 2022, floods inundated 63 local government areas across regional Victoria and Melbourne. 8,000 calls for help came to the SES, hundreds of local volunteers sandbagged each other's houses across Rochester and Echuca. There were two tragic, flood-related deaths.

This is the context in which CSSV has worked — the ecological and the social both challenging our work for justice — and we have made considerable effort to be both responsive and strategic in our focus.

We are asked to think and act both broadly and specifically — our members are supporting people working through multiple complexities in their personal lives, further complicated by broader social, economic and environmental factors. Our small team of staff, in collaboration with our committees, Council and directly with members, has allowed us to deepen and broaden community, government, and the Church's understanding and action on some of the serious social issues of our time.

CSSV has spent substantial time in regional Victoria this year, our members' wide network enabled us broad connection with many communities who became involved in our work.



Thanks to a dynamic partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Sale and with funding from the Victorian Multicultural Commission, we delivered a pilot program of workshops across Gippsland called 'Shining a Light'. This project drew on the expertise of our members to build the capacity of Catholic community leaders to consider domestic violence and what we can do systemically and personally to actively be a part of prevention and response to this widespread issue.

We also ran our 'Regional Matters' forums in the lead up to the Victorian election. These were aimed at social services workers and members of faith communities, an opportunity to question and hear from candidates and sitting members of parliament as they sought election/re-election. These forums brought to the fore concern on housing and homelessness, domestic violence, and justice and equity with these decision makers.

CSSV has continued to convene an emerging leaders network, which has consistently brought together a small but dynamic group of individual workers, volunteers and supporters of Catholic social services in an environment of peer learning, mission orientation and mutual support.

The challenges of working for a more just and compassionate society are complex, and require thought, resources, and a wide variety of interested people to be involved. I am grateful for our members' continued support — these members now include the Bishops of Victoria alongside organisational members. The willingness, support and cooperation I continue to experience gives me hope that in addition to the excellent work done by individual organisational members, our shared endeavour in Catholic Social Services Victoria is worthwhile, fruitful and is the kind of operation that can see us move to a brighter future.

Bernie Cronin finishes his term as Chair of Council at the 2023 Annual General Meeting, where this 2022 Annual Report is tabled. Bernie has been a motivating, humble and intelligent leader. Having worked closely with him over the past three years, his dedication to those on the margins, his understanding and commitment to changing the systems which continue to place people on the margins, and his hope that the Church might fully realise the face of Christ in the poor and situate itself squarely in those margins, has been nothing short of inspirational. Bernie has embodied a Gospel-inspired spirit of compassion and justice, and I am so grateful to have been able to work with him.

# Episcopal Vicar's Reflection

**Fr Joe Caddy AM**

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



As we reflect on a year in which the pandemic's impacts were diluted in severity, the issues affecting social services in Victoria continued to be compounded by the reality which our society faces.

However, we can take immense heart from the way CSSV and its members have been able to adapt in a dynamic way to tackle the

big issues of the day head on, with a spirit that reflects the teachings of the Gospel.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus talks about creating new wineskins for new wine because if they used the old wineskins they would burst... 'No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved' (Matthew 9:16-17).

The systemic changes we have seen in our society over the last few years can be taken in this same fashion. In many ways we cannot return to the methods and systems we relied on in the past. We are now imagining new and re-energised ways of organising and working, which can better promote the common good, for the benefit of the poor.

CSSV knows its members embody the Gospel values and the social mission of the Church through their interactions with the poor, marginalised and disadvantaged.

On Holy Thursday, 6th April 2023, less than one week after being discharged from a short stay in hospital, Pope Francis visited a juvenile prison on the outskirts of Rome to celebrate the Lord's Supper Mass. Ten years after Pope Francis first visited the incarcerated in 2013, he once again washed the feet of a diverse set of young inmates.

'He did it to pay the debt of all of us,' Pope Francis said when addressing why Jesus washed his disciples' feet. 'We have to help each other ... giving one another a hand is beautiful.'

'In society, we profit from each other ... how many injustices [are there], how many people without work, without money to buy what they need? If that hasn't happened to me, it's because of God's grace,' he added.

Through CSSV's members' work in social services and their connection with the poor, marginalised and disadvantaged,



they are living out that call to service that Jesus asked of his disciples over 2000 years ago. When we serve the needy in this way it helps inspire those around us to see the impact and importance of our work in social services and in the life of the Church in modern society.

The valuable work being carried out by CSSV and its member organisations seek to bring Christ's example of service to the world. It is precisely this that makes a difference to the work we do. Added to this, without the valuable work undertaken by the Church in the areas of social services, the lives of many thousands of Victorians would be far worse off.

The role of CSSV and its members is to serve the poor and marginalised whom we encounter in the work at the coalface. It is also to build a better society together. Caring for the sick and elderly, visiting those in prison, supporting those with disabilities and their families, housing the homeless and providing safety to those experiencing domestic violence. By serving those most in need we can live out the Gospel to help the common good whilst affecting broader social change and providing care through our Christian agencies.

As a peak body, CSSV provides dynamic and varied advocacy, formation and networking within the social services sector, as this Annual Report attests. However, the challenge is always ahead of us and ahead of governments as well, to ensure that we are always at the service of those who are in the greatest need.

As Episcopal Vicar for Social Services, I wish to thank everyone connected with CSSV for the valuable contributions you make in serving all of our brothers and sisters in need, with a spirit of discipleship.

# Who We Are

As the peak body for Catholic community service organisations in Victoria, CSSV works to support its members in fulfilling the Gospel imperatives to stand with and serve those who are disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable.

CSSV draws on the rich heritage of Catholic Social Teaching that brings together the principles of human dignity, the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity 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). These principles shape our response to contemporary concerns and guide our approach to policy and advocacy for systemic change, paying particular attention to the pressures and causes of injustice and inequality, along with the most suitable approaches to care and service delivery.

Coordination, collaboration, and cooperation are core to CSSV's approach. By convening regular working groups and committees, and consulting widely, we are able to gather the collective wisdom and experiences of our members. CSSV also provides meaningful opportunities to develop and inspire the mission of our members by hosting a range of events. These gatherings build inter-organisational relationships and create a platform for coordinated action as our members go about their own work across the state in contributing to a positive transformation of society.

## CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

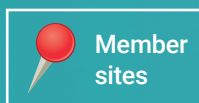
305 parishes across 4 dioceses

Serving 1.3 million Catholics

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Individuals and organisations sharing in our vision and mission.

# Where Our Members Work



# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA COUNCIL

6 elected by members  
4 appointed by the Bishops of Victoria  
1 appointed by Catholic Religious Australia  
Chair appointed by Council

## 40 MEMBER SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

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

## COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

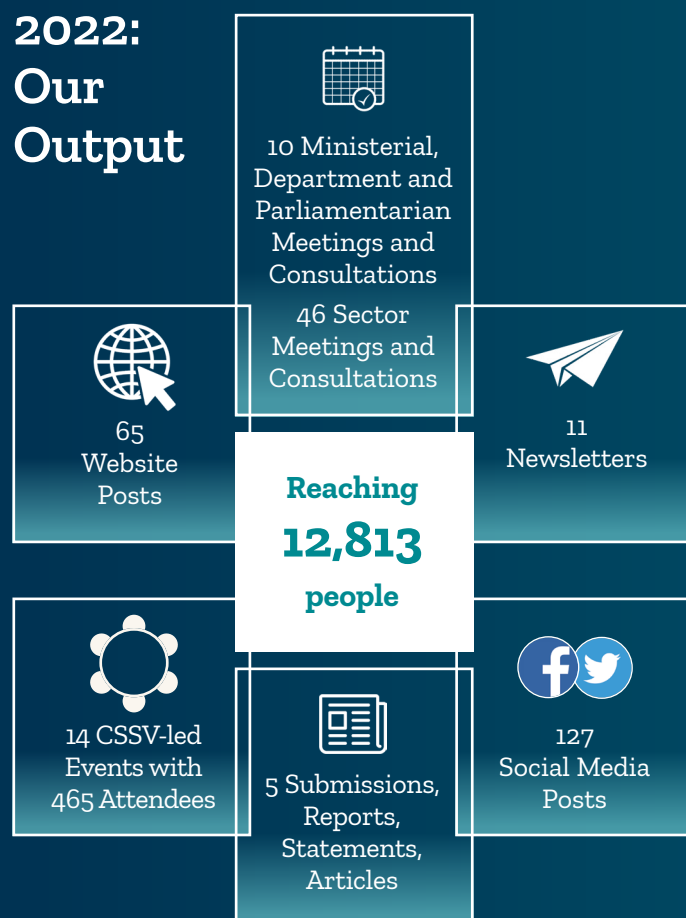
Governance and Finance  
Catholic Ethos and Identity  
Policy and Advocacy  
Domestic Violence Working Group



# 2022: What We Did

The current strategic plan of 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 collaborative projects 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. Some key ways we progressed our mission in 2022:

## 2022: Our Output



## CATHOLIC FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP

CSSV delivered its annual Mission Inspired Leadership program for leaders in Catholic settings

CSSV auspiced the Emerging Young Leaders Network

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*  
Micah 6:8

Discussion Paper submitted to the Members of the Second General Assembly of the Plenary Council of Australia

CSSV hosted a prayer and discussion event in the lead up to the Second General Assembly of the Plenary Council

Presented suggested amendments for the Framework for Motions to members of the Plenary Council

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

## NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

- ACU Federal Parliamentary interfaith breakfast
- Australian Catholic Press Association mass and dinner
- Catholic Social Services National Network
- CCI Giving Community Partners event
- Catholic Social Services Australia Conference
- Launch of Mental Health Month – Victorian Parliament House
- Multi-faith Advisory Group Reconciliation Dinner
- Presentation at MACS Social Justice and Catholic Education
- Presentation at Salesians Oceania Chapter gathering
- Victorian Multicultural Commission Multi-faith Advisory Group
- VCOSS Treasurers Breakfast



## POLICY AND ADVOCACY

### Participation and Collaboration with the community and broader sector:

Asylum Policy Network Member  
Support for #SetThemFree campaign launch and campaign  
Support for Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum  
Member of Council to Homeless Persons  
Attended CSSA Post-Federal Budget Forum  
CSSV Regional Matters 2022 Victorian Election Forums – Bairnsdale and Bendigo  
Everybody's Home Campaign support  
Faith Responses to Domestic Violence Roundtable, Flinders University participant  
National Recovery and Resilience Agency, Charities and Not-for-profit Roundtable participant  
Raise The Age Campaign support  
Raise the Rate Campaign support  
Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees endorsement  
Premature Aging and NDIS Gap consultation  
Smart Justice for Young People coalition member  
Social Services Jobs Guarantee Sector Briefing consultation  
VCOSS Employment Policy Advisory Group member  
VCOSS State Election Consultation  
Walk Against Family Violence participant

### Published:

*Scarring effects of the pandemic economy:  
COVID-19's ongoing impact on jobs, insecurity and social services in Victoria,  
in partnership with Australian Catholic University  
and St Mary's House of Welcome, March 2022.*

*From Patients First to Persons and Community First –  
2022/23 Victorian Budget Response*

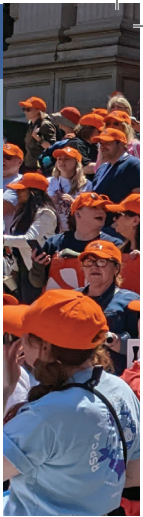
*Prioritising Vulnerable Victorians – CSSV 2022 Victorian Election Statement*

## MEMBER EVENTS AND SUPPORT

CSSV Annual General Meeting and  
Social Services Commissioning Mass  
CSSV Annual Dinner  
CSSV Forum: Reconciliation in Australia  
Holding the Light Ecumenical Service of Lament  
for those impacted by Domestic Violence  
CSSV Special General Meeting held  
and new CSSV Constitution adopted

## Key Projects

CSSV's areas of strategic policy and advocacy focus are **homelessness and housing, domestic violence, and justice and equity**. In addition, CSSV has recognised and responded to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic over the last few years. In 2022, CSSV sought to address this across its work. Here are some of our work highlights:



*'The report provides valuable insights into the impacts of COVID-19 on unemployment and jobseekers, and I am pleased to note your priority is to work collaboratively to build a secure and inclusive economy for all Victorians.'*

Correspondence received from Lisa Buckingham, Deputy Secretary, Jobs Victoria, Secure Work, and Inclusion – 10 June 2022

### Release of the *Scarring effects of the pandemic economy* report

With the COVID-19 pandemic having particular implications in Victoria, CSSV initiated a collaborative research report to better understand its impacts and where these were most strongly felt. This work was completed in partnership with Australian Catholic University and St Mary's House of Welcome with the final report, *Scarring effects of the pandemic economy: COVID-19's ongoing impact on jobs, insecurity and social services in Victoria*, released in April 2022. The findings of the report showed that:

- The COVID-19 crisis was not just a pandemic in public health terms, it was also a pandemic of job loss and job market insecurity;
- The Federal Government's exclusion of temporary migrants from basic social protection plunged millions into financial hardship;
- Despite low unemployment figures and political rhetoric, Victoria experienced a weak and uneven economic recovery after 2020 – a recovery that was stunted further by the experience of ongoing waves of COVID-19.

The release and distribution of this report opened the door for many opportunities for discussions with Victorian parliamentarians and department staff on these important findings.

**Key Partners:** Australian Catholic University, St Mary's House of Welcome, CSSV Policy and Advocacy Committee.

*'After a career working with children and families in the Government sector I had not previously experienced a faith based approach to this issue.'*

Participant Feedback

### *Shining A Light* – Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Capacity-building Workshops

2022 saw the implementation of the *Shining A Light* pilot program in the Catholic Diocese of Sale. The program, which consisted of workshops held in each region of the diocese, was aimed at the prevention of domestic violence within a faith-based context. Expertly developed and delivered by Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM, with funding provided by the Victorian Multicultural Commission, these workshops saw 127 participants examining ways to address the causes and respond to domestic violence within their particular contexts. Participants included leaders from a range of spheres including priests, religious, and school and parish leaders.

The pilot program included the recruitment of local organisers who promoted and managed arrangements for each workshop, contributing to the grassroots success of the program. Feedback from participants indicated increased awareness of the prevalence and causes of domestic violence in their communities and increased confidence in response. Plans are underway for expansion of the program within the Diocese of Sale, and it is hoped that the program can be offered more widely in future.

**Key Partners:** Catholic Diocese of Sale, Nicole Rotaru RSM/ IASMPG/ McAuley Ministries, Victorian Multicultural Commission/ DFFH and CSSV Domestic Violence Working Group.



*'Catholic Social Services is the visible face of the Church for so many people and it is imperative that your voice is heard.'*

*'CSSV's focus is outward looking, seeing the world through the eyes of those disadvantaged and forced to the edges. It is their voices that will transform us and do so when we have the willingness to encounter adversity together.'*

*'Being mindful of CSSV's letter to Plenary Council members, I hope to contribute to the centrality of the incredibly important vision, mission and advocacy of Catholic social services with the outward focus of justice and equity.'*

Feedback from Plenary Council Australia Members

## Engagement with the Plenary Council

The Plenary Council processes were seen by CSSV as a particular opportunity to engage with the discussions of the Church and contribute to its future direction. CSSV's submission to the Plenary Council prior to the second assembly, *What does the Lord Require of You? – Micah 6:8 March 2022*, sought to bring a focus to Catholic Social Teachings and recommended, amongst other things, an expression of solidarity with Indigenous leadership in the movement towards truth-telling, treaty and voice; a commitment of a long-term program of triennial summits of Church organisations; and a strong affirmation of the importance of Catholic Social Teaching and the ongoing role of Catholic social services in the mission of the Church.

CSSV also actively engaged with the Plenary Council Framework for Motions, providing suggestions for alterations to members of the Plenary Council prior to the second assembly. This direct engagement was also complemented by a prayer and discussion event in the lead up to the second assembly with the intention of encouraging conversations and engagement with the Plenary Council throughout the wider CSSV network.

It was heartening to see recommendations submitted by CSSV in our discussion paper and suggested amendments to the Framework for Motions taken up in the Plenary Council Decrees document and we will seek to uphold the commitments made in this important process.

**Key Partners:** CSSV Catholic Ethos and Identity Committee, Fr Bruce Duncan CSsR.

*'Implicit in this federal budget, the current weather conditions and state of the economy and social life, is that the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor is very real. We have heard it in our Regional Matters forums, and it is a profound challenge to social services who do not wish to simply be charities giving a hand out. Our members grapple with the need to respond to these crises and the need to change systems for the better, creatively using Government funding and donations and influencing decisions.'*

Josh Lourensz,  
Executive Director  
Catholic Social Services Victoria

## Regional Matters Forums

In the lead up to the Victorian election in November 2022, CSSV undertook to seek the views and engage with the concerns of regional Victorians, whose experiences can be overlooked by Melbourne-based decision-makers.

The series of *Regional Matters* forums, held in Bairnsdale and Bendigo, provided an opportunity for CSSV to invite political representatives and candidates to speak directly with local people and service providers on the things most pressing in their communities. It was very evident that housing and homelessness were at the forefront of people's minds with forum attendees in both locations relaying their experiences of dramatic increases to those seeking assistance with housing. The forums, held in September and October, were vital in forming CSSV's 2022 Victorian Election Statement which was sent to all sitting Victorian Members of Parliament.

**Key Partners:** Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, CatholicCare Victoria, Jesuit Social Services, St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria, CSSV Policy and Advocacy Committee.

# 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

**Sonya Smart**  
**Treasurer**

CEO  
VMCH

**Anne Astin**

Board Chair, Good Shepherd  
Australia New Zealand

**Sherry Balcombe**

Manager,  
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria

**Fr Joe Caddy AM**

Episcopal Vicar for Social Services,  
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Julia Cambage** (from July 2022)

Group CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society

**Cath Garner**

Program Director – Parish Transformation,  
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Deacon Mark Kelly**

Bishop Nominee, Diocese of Sale

**John Murphy**

Bishop Nominee, Diocese of Sandhurst

**Felicity Rorke**

Executive Director, Good Samaritan Inn

**Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM**

Catholic Religious Australia Nominee

**Agnes Sheehan**

(from July 2022)  
Chief Executive Officer,  
CatholicCare Victoria

**Ross Wheatland**

Bishop Nominee,  
Diocese of Ballarat,  
Group Director,  
Performance & Enablement,  
CatholicCare Victoria (Ballarat)

**Special Advisor to Council:**

Tony Fitzgerald

## Council Committee Members

### Governance and Finance Committee

**Anne Astin, Chair**

Board Chair, Good Shepherd  
Australia New Zealand

**Sonya Smart, Treasurer**

CEO, VMCH

**Bernie Cronin**

Chair of Council,  
Catholic Social Services Victoria

**Tony Fitzgerald**

Special Advisor to Council

**Peter J Hudson**

Company Secretary,  
Eye & Ear Hospital Melbourne

### Domestic Violence Working Group

Felicity Rorke, Chair

Sherry Balcombe

Cindy Bohan

Nick Collins

Bernadette Cronin

Deanna Davis

Sue Dornom

Deacon Mark Kelly

Brooke Kilborn

Fr Peter Matheson

Phoebe Nagorcka-Smith

Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM

Sharon Sherwood

Dalal Smiley

Rachel Thomson

Matt Tyler

### Catholic Ethos and Identity Committee

**Cath Garner, Chair**

Program Director –  
Parish Transformation,  
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Robina Bradley**

CEO and Company Secretary,  
St Mary's House of Welcome

**Jenny Glare**

General Manager,  
Heritage and Information Service,  
MacKillop Family Services

**Deacon Mark Kelly**

Bishop Nominee,  
Diocese of Sale

**Neal Murphy**

Director of Mission Integration,  
St John of God Accord

**Bridget O'Shannassy**

General Manager, Mission,  
VMCH

### Policy and Advocacy Committee

**Nick Halfpenny, Chair** (from April 2022)

General Manager, Policy and Innovation,  
MacKillop Family Services

**Bernie Cronin**

Chair of Council,  
Catholic Social Services Victoria

**Gavin Dufty**

Manager, Policy and Research,  
St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

**Netty Horton, Chair** (until April 2022)

Chief Executive Officer,  
CatholicCare Victoria

**Olivia Killeen**

Communications and Social Policy Officer,  
Sacred Heart Mission

**Vin Martin**

Independent member

**Emma O'Neill**

Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor,  
Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand

**John Ryks** (until March 2022)

General Manager, Policy  
Jesuit Social Services

**Claire Taylor** (from April 2022)

General Manager, Policy,  
Jesuit Social Services

**Samuel Tyrer**

PhD Candidate – Housing, Home and Law,  
The University of Adelaide Law School

# Acknowledging Contribution

We are very grateful to the generosity of many people from across 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 2022. Thank you!

## Emerging Leaders Network Organising Committee

Tiffany Davis  
Phillipa McIlroy  
Mark Monahan

## Research

Australian Catholic University  
Bill Frilay  
Sanne Oostermeijer

## Event Speakers, Partners, Co-convenors and Volunteers

Bishop Martin Ashe  
Sherry Balcombe  
Tom Barnes  
Robina Bradley  
Fr Frank Brennan SJ  
Lucia Brick  
The Hon. Tim Bull MP  
Vicki Clark OAM  
Belinda Clarke  
Sandie Cornish  
Bernie Cronin  
Margaret Cronin  
Cherie Draper  
Fr Bruce Duncan CSsR  
Julie Edwards  
The Hon. Maree Edwards MP

Fr Wayne Edwards  
Michael Flynn  
Mark Furlong  
Mike Hansen  
Sr Joan Healy RSJ  
Ann Hemming  
Netty Horton  
Fr Fred Kammer SJ  
Anne-Maree Kaser  
Deacon Mark Kelly  
Fr Jeff Kleynjans  
Brian Lawrence  
The Hon. Wendy Lovell MLC  
Tom McIntosh MLC  
Cath McMahon

Christine McRae  
Robyn Miller  
Marcelle Mogg  
Neal Murphy  
Tony Nicholson  
Toby oConnor  
Michael Quinn  
Liz Roberts  
Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM  
Margaret Shirreffs  
Cate Sinclair  
Fr Peter Slater  
Kobi Snow-Abeyratne  
Terry Westaway  
Narelle Williams



# Finance Report

Catholic Social Services Victoria: Finances from 2022 and previous periods					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Income</b>					
Membership fees	\$150,016	\$140,968	\$116,641	\$91,255	\$83,346
Grants from regional dioceses	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$102,000	\$72,873	\$70,751
Support from Archdiocese of Melbourne	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$299,900	\$291,152
Other	\$35,466	\$6,807	\$201,541	\$74,201	\$152,844
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$400,481</b>	<b>\$387,775</b>	<b>\$620,182</b>	<b>\$538,229</b>	<b>\$598,093</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Staff and related costs	\$267,367	\$290,670	\$334,186	\$403,569	\$422,069
Other operating costs	\$110,931	\$95,691	\$162,918	\$134,660	\$176,024
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$378,298</b>	<b>\$386,461</b>	<b>\$497,105</b>	<b>\$538,229</b>	<b>\$598,093</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>\$22,183</b>	<b>\$1,314</b>	<b>\$123,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Memo</b>					
CSSV trust fund balance as at 31-12-2022	\$61,132	\$58,988	\$58,572	\$57,785	\$67,964

## Notes

Financial contributions from all Dioceses, member organisations and stakeholders towards the ongoing operations of CSSV are very much appreciated.

CSSV generated an operating surplus of \$22,183 for the 2022 year. This was generated largely due to a staffing restructure, which entailed operating on a skeleton staff team for four months, until this was completed.

It is due to the generosity of event sponsors, the ongoing support of many volunteer hours, CSSV members generously making their staff available for consultation and projects, and the generosity of many pro-bono Church resources and facilities from the Victorian parishes and Dioceses and our colleagues in Catholic Health and Education, that allow CSSV to make its contribution and deliver its projects, events and programs successfully and cost effectively. It also takes a team dedicated to frugality and going above and beyond.

## Revenue

There has been further changes in 2022 to CSSV funding arrangements. The Regional Victorian Dioceses held steady their contribution to CSSV as per previous agreement, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne reduced its contribution by 17% as expected. Membership fees were increased by an agreed 3.5% indexation. CSSV revenue was increased overall in spite of reductions in core funding due to a one-off grant from the Victorian Multicultural Commission and hosting in-person activities, such as the annual dinner, which were not able to take place in 2021 due to COVID restrictions.

- Organisational members fees for 2022 amounted to \$150,016, which is 38% of total income.
- The Archdiocese of Melbourne is the largest single contributor to CSSV's income, which at \$125,000 in 2022, was 31% 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.
- Other income increased for 2022 to \$35,466 up from \$6,807 in 2021.

## Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2022 was \$378,298, \$14,020 more than in 2021. This was largely due to being able to host in-person events again after pandemic restrictions eased. Reduced staffing due to a restructure was largely responsible for expenditure being less than budgeted.

A copy of the full financial statement for CSSV will be made available via contacting [office@css.org.au](mailto: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 2022 was \$61,132.

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

# Our Members



## Bishop Members

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne  
Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Catholic Diocese of Ballarat  
Bishop Shane Mackinlay, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst  
Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Diocese of Sale

## Organisation Members

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria  
Assisi Centre  
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)  
Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project  
Cabrini Outreach  
CatholicCare Victoria  
Catholic Women's League Victoria and Wagga Wagga (CWLWWW)  
Corazon  
Corpus Christi Community  
Don Bosco Youth Centre and Hostel  
Edmund Rice Camps Victoria  
Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services  
Edmund Rice Services – Mt Atkinson  
Good Samaritan Inn  
Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand  
House of Welcome Ballarat  
Jesuit Social Services  
JoCare  
John Pierce Centre  
Joseph's Corner  
Kewn Kreestha  
Keysborough Learning Centre  
Links and Consolidation Network (LinCoN)  
MacKillop Family Services  
Mary Aikenhead Ministries  
Missionary Sisters of Service  
Nazareth House – Sisters of Nazareth  
Order of Malta Hospice Home Care Victoria  
Pregnancy Assistance Frankston  
Rosies Oblate Youth Mission  
Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda  
St John of God ACCORD  
St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre  
St Joseph's Home for the Aged, Little Sisters of the Poor  
St Mary's House of Welcome  
St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria  
Vietnamese Catholic Family Mutual Assistance Network  
VincentCare Victoria  
VMCH  
Wellsprings for Women Inc



## Life Members

Fr Kevin Mogg AM PE (Rest in Peace)  
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#### Our Auspicing Dioceses



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BALLARAT



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE