

## **Parish Pastoral Council – Welfare**

### **The Carers Group**

The role of the Carers Group is to provide companionship for lonely and immobile parishioners. Such parishioners are visited in their homes or other establishments where they may be staying, including Yass Hospital, Horton House, Warmington Lodge or the Linton aged care facility. Each week two pairs of ladies are rostered to conduct these visits. Currently there are 24 members of this group.

**Contact:** Kath Luchetti

### **Warmington Lodge Morning Tea Group**

The purpose of this group is to provide companionship and morning tea to those people living in Warmington Lodge. This occurs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. This group is part of a larger group involving other Churches and community groups. Currently there are 9 parishioners involved in this work.

**Contact:** Pauline Abbey

### **Meals on Wheels**

The purpose of this group is to assist with the distribution of lunchtime meals to immobile citizens of Yass. Members of this group collect the hot meals from Yass Hospital and deliver the meals to such people in their homes. Again, this group is part of a larger group involving other Churches and community groups. The groups are rostered in such a way so that recipients are provided with a daily meal. There are currently 18 parishioners involved in this work.

**Contact:** Kay Perceval

### **The St Vincent de Paul Society**

The Society in Yass has two distinct functions: the operation of the Centre and the work of the Conference. The two parts work in close co-operation with each other.

The Centre is the retail part where donations are received, sorted and sold, providing the necessary funds for the Society to continue its work. The Centre has a full time manager who is responsible for the operation of the store, including the recruiting and training of volunteers.

Volunteers are essential for the smooth operation of the Centre. There are currently 14 volunteers.

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The Conference is responsible for assisting people in need. Although some people are visited in their homes, or wherever they are located, the majority of people are interviewed in the Conference's room at the Centre. The Conference can assist people with food, items which can be acquired from the Centre (e.g. clothing and household items), travel and assistance with power bills. Currently the Conference membership stands at 15.

**Contact:** Judith Williams

### **The Yass Gunning Belun**

The Yass Gunning Belun continues to support health and education works primarily in Occussi Province of Timor Leste. All the works are supported and achieved through the generous support of the Yass and Gunning Parishioners. The Belun Committee determined in 2018 to concentrate their resources to the following projects.

#### **Clinic**

The Belun has recently spent approximately US\$3,000.00 to repair termite damage to the Clinic. The Nuns and Nurses are continuing to provide a Mobile Clinic mostly for the work on TB and leprosy. This work is estimated to cost the Belun US\$14,000. per annum. An Indonesian nurse qualified in Midwifery has recently been employed at the clinic. There are now two qualified nursing Nuns and 3 qualified nurses working full time. With the help of these nurses we are hoping to lower the mother and infant mortality rate.

#### **Education**

Tracel who are established in Usi-Tasae are continuing their work. It is estimated the cost of assisting their programs is US\$6.000 per annum.

#### **School for the Blind**

The Belun has purchased land for a school for the blind in Dili. It was recently announced that the Japanese Government is going to provide US\$120,000.00 for the building of the training centre and accommodation.

#### **Water Supply**

Currently, the Belun is providing a water supply to Manumaben Village and a further village is also in line to receive a water supply. This has been an ongoing project.

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