

## **Welfare Report to PPC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Carers Group**

Position remains unchanged with restricted rules for visiting.

### **Warmington Lodge**

While it appeared activities could recommence at Horton House and Gwen Warmington Lodge, these have now come to a halt due to an outbreak of a dysentery virus.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Kay Percival and a number of other ladies have now resigned from this group. This was brought about by a review of standards and procedures brought about by COVID. Among other matters, the new arrangements require volunteers to have a certain level of computer skill which these volunteers don't feel comfortable about. However, Annabelle O'Connell and a number of ladies will continue in this work.

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

The Centre continues to function successfully. A number of new volunteers have been recruited.

Conference work continues to increase with an average of six families being assisted each week. A recent survey revealed the area is in dire need for low income housing. The State Government's energy assistance program, which is run by voluntary organisations such as the Society, is creating concern among members because it is becoming too complex to operate. The majority of members in the Conference are withdrawing their participation in the scheme and referring families to Services NSW for this type of assistance.

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