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# The Crier

## Cobram Anglican Grammar School

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

with Mr Keith Willett

Friday May 21, 2021

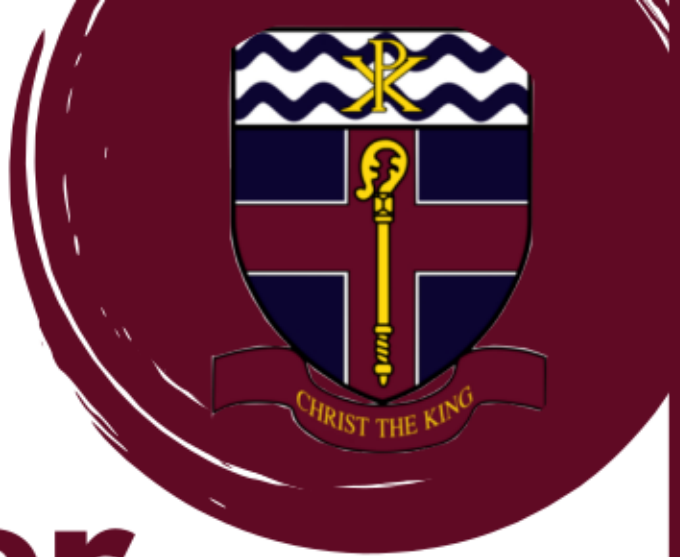
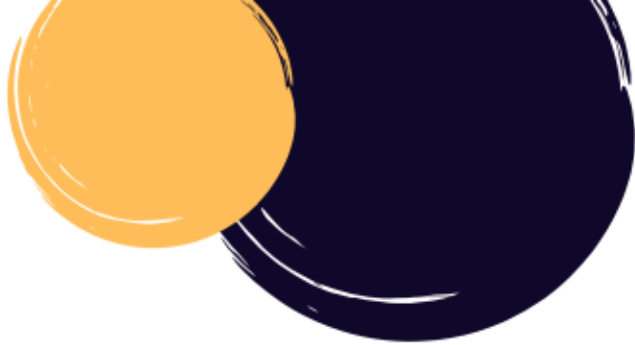
Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I trust this edition of The Crier finds you and your family well. Schools are busy places and in my last Crier article I made mention of the outstanding achievements of our students who performed to such a high level in recent sporting events. This trend has continued and these past weeks we have seen many students taking advantage of the sporting opportunities on offer with high participation across a range of activities. I commend all those who have participated in these recent events for their willingness to seize the numerous co-curricular opportunities that are on offer.

On Wednesday last week we celebrated the World's Biggest Morning Tea (WBMT) with all students gathering to consider the implications of cancer in our community. This was a poignant opportunity to develop awareness of the work of the Cancer Council as well as raise financial support for this significant cause. Like the National Harmony Day event held several weeks ago, the WBMT was a wonderful example of our students from Foundation to Year Twelve interacting and enjoying the company of all, irrespective of age differences. I express my appreciation to all who assisted in the organisation of this event.

I also would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Jan Stillard who has been our school P&F President over recent years. Jan is stepping down from this role in 2021 and we thank her for her tireless effort and dedication, the school is very grateful for your commitment Jan. Ms Liliana Novoa was voted as the incoming P&F President at last week's AGM and whilst Jan will still remain an active P&F member we are thrilled to welcome Liliana to the Chair going forward.





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*with Mr Keith Willett*



Over the days of May 26, 27 and 28 our Year Five and Six classes will be attending their camp experience in Ballarat and our Year Eight students will be travelling to the alpine regions of North East Victoria. Both of these experiences are designed to expose our students to new and different environments whilst at the same time expanding their knowledge of the world around them. We look forward to hearing of the adventures that come from both of these camps.

Last Friday we had a number of Cobram AGS students attending and participating in the Eucharist to mark the commencement of the Wangaratta Anglican Diocese SYNOD. Our school leaders participated in the service and we had a number of students sing in the Choir. This event, like others mentioned in this report, is an example of the rich opportunities offered to students at our school and I encourage all to seize the moment to taste new and different experiences whenever they are on offer.

Regards,  
Mr Keith Willett  
**Principal**





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## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

*To remember...*

### **MONDAY 24th May**

Senior School Computer Club: Lunchtime  
Senior School Chapel Service

### **TUESDAY 25th MAY**

Chess Club: Lunchtime  
Junior School Computer Club: Lunchtime  
Year Eight/Nine Cyber Safety Presentation

### **WEDNESDAY 26th MAY**

Year Five/Six Camp  
Year Eight Camp  
National Sorry Day: Junior & Senior School Assemblies  
Year Seven - Class Mass  
Production Rehearsals: Lunchtime  
Lego Club: Lunchtime  
Homework Club: Afterschool

### **THURSDAY 27th MAY**

Year Five/Six Camp  
Year Eight Camp  
Skillzone: Afterschool  
GMDSSV Winter Sports Day: Year Seven & Eight  
Jane Bouchier: Speech Pathologist

### **FRIDAY 28th MAY**

Year Five/Six Camp Ballarat: return  
Year Eight Camp Valley Homestead: return  
Production Rehearsals: Lunchtime  
Karaoke Singalong: Lunchtime  
Year Seven Cyber Safety Presentation  
Guitar Lessons

### **MONDAY 31st May**

Senior School Computer Club: Lunchtime  
Whole School Assembly  
Junior School GRIP Leadership

### **TUESDAY 1st JUNE**

Chess Club: Lunchtime  
Junior School Computer Club: Lunchtime  
Year 10 Cyber Safety Presentation  
Year Eleven GTAC Excursion

### **WEDNESDAY 2nd JUNE**

Year 5/6L - Class Mass  
Production Rehearsals - Lunchtime  
Lego Club: Lunchtime  
Homework Club: Afterschool

### **THURSDAY 3rd JUNE**

Skillzone: Afterschool

### **FRIDAY 4th JUNE**

Karaoke Singalong: Lunchtime  
Production Rehearsals - Lunchtime  
Guitar Lessons





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SCHOOL NOTICES

*To remember...*



COBRAM ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
**Year Seven, 2022**

*Notice of Continued  
Enrolment*

**For current Year 6 students**



COBRAM ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

*Current Families*

**2022 Sibling Foundation &  
Year Seven Enrolments**



A CAGS  
PRODUCTION

COMING SOON

**BATTLE OF  
THE BANDS**

2021

IT'S EVERY YOUNG BANDS DREAM...TO ROCK OUT ON THE  
BIG STAGE TO THOUSANDS OF SCREAMING FANS. FOUR  
YOUNG MUSICIANS ARE ABOUT TO FIND OUT THAT IT'S A  
LONG WAY TO THE TOP!

Yrs 5 -12 Lunchtime Rehearsals Wednesdays &  
Fridays see Miss Dixon for more info



COBRAM ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
**Term Three**

*School Photos*

**Tuesday 27th of July**

*Cobram*  
**AGS**

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## ANGLICAN IDENTITY

with Ms Shea Doyle

Religious studies in ASC schools provide students with the opportunity to think deeply, critically and meaningfully about the world in which they live.

Exploring new ideas and engaging with new experiences are critical elements of the Cobram AGS RAVE curriculum and in recent classes I have had the pleasure of seeing many of our students demonstrate a willingness to move outside their comfort zone and participate enthusiastically in various conversations and activities with open and inquiring minds. Today I would like to share some of these memorable moments with you.

On Tuesday we welcomed Ross Smith and Keith Parry, friends from St Margaret's Anglican Parish, to Cobram AGS to address our Year Seven cohort. Ross and Keith were visiting as representatives of the Gideons who are an international association dedicated to spreading the word of God. One of the ways in which they do this is by gifting a pocket size New Testament and Psalms Bible each year to all Year Seven students across Australia. In his address to our students Ross reminded our cohort that where ever they were on their faith journey, they may find "help" with some of their everyday worries in the words of the New Testament and Psalms. I was delighted to see all of our students gratefully accept their gift.

On Wednesday students in the Community Service Pathway Elective continued their program with visits to Irvin House and PALS. The purpose of the visits were to get to know some of the residents and participants and join in the leisure activities. At Irvin House the boys enjoyed a game of bingo and a lovely afternoon tea. The group visiting PALS spent time familiarising themselves with the facility and making new friends. As has been the case throughout the semester thus far, our students conducted themselves wonderfully and took the opportunity to immerse themselves in the program.

Finally, during a lesson with my Year 7B students last week, we were discussing stories from various religions. I posed the question to them 'if you were God, what would you want the world to know?' Here are some of their responses - I hope you enjoy them as much as I did!

***"It's ok to make mistakes"***

***"Everyone should understand equality"***

***"Everyone should try their best"***

***"Don't put too much pressure on yourselves"***

***"Be sensible and think about your actions"***

***"You should love yourself and others"***

***"That I'm real!"***

***"You can pray to me even if you're not sure about me"***







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## ANGLICAN IDENTITY- CONTINUED

*with Ms Shea Doyle*



Year Seven students received their pocket size New Testament and Psalms Bible from representatives of the Gideons, Ross Smith and Keith Parry.



The Year Nine/Ten Services class get to know some of the residents of Irvin House and joined in the leisure activities. They enjoyed a game of bingo and a lovely afternoon tea.





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## CROSS COUNTRY 2021

A bit of early morning rain certainly didn't dampen the spirits for our school cross country held at Thompsons Beach Reserve on Monday 3rd May!

Well done to all involved, especially Mr O'Dwyer and his crew of helpers! It was great to see all of our participants, officials, markers, time keepers, first aid attendants, photographers and of course our cheer squads enjoying the occasion as we were unable to have any events like this at all due to Covid in 2020.

It sure was that little bit more exciting and extra special to have so many of our parents and families cheering on the sidelines too!!







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## CROSS COUNTRY

*Well done Cowell House!*

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of our winners and place getters in the School Cross Country events.

With COWELL HOUSE taking out the overall shield from Parkes in a very close second by a mere 4 points, followed by Stanyer and then Farrer.

52 points was all that separated 1st from 4th...what a great day! It just goes to show, every participant across the line counted, a super effort from all involved!

A big thank you to Mrs Linda Cullen who presented the Winners Shield, which honours the memory of her son, Tony. Thank you Linda.







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## MOTHER'S DAY

### *Breakfast*

Thank you to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Step Mothers and special ladies who joined us for our Mothers Day Breakfast on Friday 7th May!

A wonderful event hosted by our Year Twelve students who did a magnificent job putting on Breakky for everyone, made even more special sharing the occasion with so many families who joined us.

A shout out to Amy, Vanessa and Mrs White for all of their help too! Happy Mother's Day to all.







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## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Junior School

Year **5/6L** visit the **Library** every week on Tuesday. Last week we were delighted in listening to Kirrily read Hickory Dickory Dash. Kirrily read with expression and great enthusiasm.



It was lovely to see the **Foundation L** students that have completed **50 nights of home reading**. Each student chose a book from Mrs Swoffer's Library to keep encouraging daily reading. Well done!



Whilst **Miss Willmott** and **Mrs Kennedy**'s Year Three students sat the NAPLAN, their Year Four students spent some time together. These students transitioned seamlessly into a different classroom, different routines and it was really lovely to have students from both Mrs K and Miss W's class mixing together in a variety of activities.

On Wednesday the **Foundation** students enjoyed playing Go Fish and Snap with their **Year Six Buddies**.







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## CLASSROOM NEWS

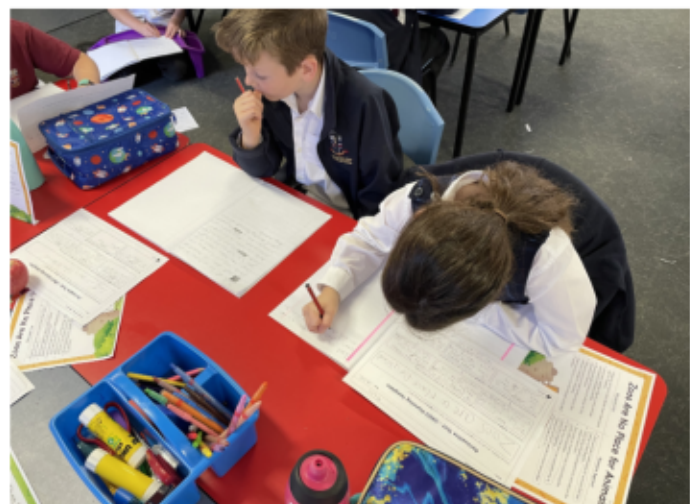
### Junior School

As part of 1/2R's environmental topic this term the class is learning how to 'reduce, reuse and recycle'. The students have made some recycled paper and have used a piece on their Mother's Day cards.



Year 3/4K in their big write created a plan using the OREO method and wrote a persuasive opinion piece on keeping animals in zoos or whether playing indoor or outdoors games was better. Super effort everyone!

You may see our **Year Six** cohort sporting their very cool polo shirts which can be worn as Winter Uniform on PE days. Thanks to Mrs Swoffer and Amy for organising these for the students.







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with Mr Jon O'Dwyer





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## SPORTS REPORT WEEK TWO

*with Mr Jon O'Dwyer*

Last Thursday, 20th May saw our Year 9-10 and a badminton team from Year 12 participate in the **GMDSSV Interscholar Winter Sports Day**. We had teams registered in **Netball**, **Clay Target Shooting**, **Badminton** (Boys and Girls) and **Ten-Pin Bowling**. The Girls' Badminton teams went exceptionally well, taking out the Goulburn-Murray titles in both the Intermediate and Senior divisions. The Boys' team were extremely unlucky as they went down in the final to finish runners-up.

The Intermediate netball side performed admirably to finish in 9th position overall, defeating St. Anne's 2 in a close placing final. During the round robin part of their pool, the girls won 2 of their games. **Tahlia Bextream** (Year 9) was the pick of the Ten Pin bowlers, finishing ranked 2nd overall and it sounds like the students had lots of fun, connecting well with the other schools. The shooting squad had to leave before any results were announced but, from all reports, the students were brilliantly behaved and had a fantastic day of competition, mainly between each other!!! Thanks to the staff, who assisted in the supervision and management of the teams, allowing them to be involved and participating with other students from schools in our GM division, and well done to the students for the way they conducted themselves.

This week sees a number of students participating in the next level of **SSV Team Vic trials**. **Casey Chandler** (Year 6) will be vying for a Team Vic spot when she ventures to Cranbourne in Melbourne for Girls' **Soccer** trials on Wednesday and **Olivia Hindson** (Year 5) and **Taylah O'Dwyer** (Year 6) will apply their wares in the Conference trial (final country trial) for **Netball** in Bendigo on Friday. Both these trials clash with the 5/6 excursion to Ballarat so bit of a juggling act will ensue (thanks to parents for their assistance!!!). **Charlotte Woosnam** (Year 7) as her Hume Region **basketball** trial is fast approaching, where she is attempting to overcome a thumb injury, and **Gus Frostick** and **Murphy Stephens** (both Year 6) have their next level of **cricket** trials coming up on 1st June!!! Best wishes to all these individuals in their quest for higher honours.





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## SPORTS REPORT WEEK TWO

*with Mr Jon O'Dwyer*

### EXTRA CURRICULAR:

A number of students are busy playing winter sports at club and representative level. One of those who is doing extremely well is **Grace Stillard** (Year 12) in the sport of **Netball**. A couple of weeks ago, Grace played her first A Grade game for the Barooga Hawks in the Murray League. She has also been cutting her wares for the Murray Netball League's U17 Representative team, which has been playing fantastically in representative tournaments in Wodonga and Shepparton. In both tournaments, the team has played off in the final where they have narrowly gone down. Last Sunday in the Shepparton tournament, they matched it with the Goulburn Valley Netball side, taking them to overtime!!! Keep up the great work, Grace!

**Sam Trembath** and **Jeremy Packer** (Year 7) are throwing in an extra night's training for their **Australian Rules**, being members of the **Greater Western Sydney Giant's Southern Riverina Development Academy**. Monday nights see the boys travel over to Tocumwal where, under the watchful eye of Mr O'Dwyer (one of three academy coaches), they, along with boys from Moama, Deniliquin, Finley, Berrigan and Barooga, are thrust into a programme shadowing what the Senior Giants AFL team do!!! Hopefully one day, they will be able to strut their abilities on the big stage of the AFL scene!

**Charlotte Dickens** continues to kick goals with her **equestrian** skills. At a recent dressage event, Charlotte won the Jackpot Champion, took out the overall championship and was also named the Best Performed Junior!!! Great day at the office for Charlotte!!! Well done!

As I said, totally amazed by the efforts of our students, who continue to excel in their chosen sports! Until next time, God bless and take care!

Go Team CAGS!!!

Mr Jon O'Dwyer  
**Head of Sport**





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## AROUND THE *School*

### MORE KINDER VISITS

It was exciting to welcome more special visitors from the local Kinder and Preschools to Cobram AGS again these last two weeks.

We welcomed our very last group from Tocumwal preschool to Cobram AGS last Thursday who, after arriving on the big bus enjoyed a morning of play and discovery! So many cheerful little faces, lots of play and exploring our Foundation rooms, thank you for visiting us!

...And so, that's a wrap!

After welcoming nine of our local community Kinder and Preschool classes to Cobram AGS along with the many families who attended our three Open Day sessions, we have been excitedly overwhelmed that our Foundation classes are almost full.

For any families still interested in taking a tour and making application for 2022 please contact our enrolment officer Sharon on 5871 1816 or [communications@cags.vic.edu.au](mailto:communications@cags.vic.edu.au) to secure your place!

For more details about Foundation 2022 please go to [www.cags.vic.edu.au/enrolment](http://www.cags.vic.edu.au/enrolment) or contact Mrs Mary Swoffer, Head of Junior School if you would like more information or enrolment questions. There is much trepidation around choosing a school for the first time and no question is a silly question, so please feel free to contact Mary if you would like speak to her about anything you would like to know about school readiness or starting in Foundation at Cobram AGS!







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AROUND THE *School*

## CAGS P&F Round Up

Term Two has been busy for the P&F to date with the return of the popular Mother's Day Stall. No doubt this brought some smiles to the faces of many young people and their special recipients. Thanks to all who supported this event, including the teachers and parent convenors.

A special shout out to Sam and Julie Kennedy from **Cobram Worklocker** who continue to support the P&F. It was great to see the VCE students wearing the new aprons whilst cooking up their Mother's Day breakfast on Friday.

Last week also saw the election of our new P&F President, **Mrs Liliana Novoa**, at the AGM. We welcome Liliana to the chair who replaces **Mrs Jan Stillard**, who has done a wonderful job leading our P&F over recent years and we thank Jan for all of her wonderful work who will remain as a P&F member.

The general meeting that followed included an extensive Q&A session with our Principal Mr Keith Willett. It was also great to welcome a few new parents at our meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, **1 June**.







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### CAREERS *With Ms Jade Drew*

What a busy start to Term Two we have had. It has been wonderful to meet plenty of new faces whilst I have been settling into my new role in the Careers hub at Cobram AGS.

Here are a few pointers for students and parents to reflect & review:

#### **The role of parents as careers supporters - Help your child to achieve their goal**

There is much evidence that shows that Parents and Carers play a significant role in their child's education and career decisions. You are the greatest influence on your children's career choice. The "world of work" is complex and making careers decisions may be challenging, that's why starting career conversations early helps to promote and encourage lifelong learning and personal development.

Think about it: throughout life, we've always been encouraged to learn and expand our capacity to build a better future for ourselves.

But how involved should you be in this decision-making process? Should you adopt a hands-on role? What is the best advice you can give your child? Remember the workplace your children may enter may be very different from where you started working.

#### **Some strategies to help with career conversations and career related learning- Be positive**

The world of work is very complex and ever changing, the future isn't a fixed destination. Help your child plan for a dynamic rather than a static future. Gone are the days when we had a job for life, we are now moving into a life of jobs.

The majority of school leavers now have access to an array of educational, and vocational pathway opportunities so their options are vast.

When having career conversations with your child, try to avoid "what are you going to be/do when you leave school?" type questions, instead change it to something broader and less defined, it provides for more creativity and encourages out-of-the-box thinking. Why not try "Who are you and how can you leave your mark? Or "What is your professional purpose?"





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### CAREERS *With Ms Jade Drew*

#### Help develop positive self-esteem

Focus on encouraging your child's talents and achievements not just at school, but at home, participating in sport and out in the community. Acknowledge their efforts in everything they do even if they think they have not succeeded.

Give your child jobs, create exposure to careers. Creating age appropriate jobs for your child helps them to link what they are doing to an occupation.

Just show you believe in them!

#### Allow for a change in direction

The chances of your child expressing an interest in a career or job at an early age and then pursuing it into the long-term future of work life is relatively low. Encourage your child to explore their options and experience different things. Making suggestions of careers to explore based on the skills and values you see in them.

#### Sharing is caring

Share your journey and the pathways you took to get to where you are and why you chose them and also any problems you faced along the way. Don't just talk about the positives, make sure you also talk about the negatives. This helps for them to link real experiences with their own visions.

The most important thing is to be supportive and encouraging of their life, loves and learnings. Enjoy the journey with them.



To contact **Jade** in our Careers Office

EMAIL

[careers@cags.vic.edu.au](mailto:careers@cags.vic.edu.au)

or make an appointment via the school office on **(03) 5871 1816**.

Have you seen our Cobram AGS Careers website, it has some wonderful resources, links and information

[www.cagscareers.com](http://www.cagscareers.com)





If you would like any community notices in our school newsletter please feel free to email us

[marketing@cags.vic.edu.au](mailto:marketing@cags.vic.edu.au)

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COMMUNITY

Noticeboard

FADAMS PRESENTS

THE OUTBACK  
DEBUTANTE BALL

“ Show dates

Sun 30 May @ 2pm

Fri 4 June @ 8pm

Sat 5 June @ 8pm

Fri 18 June @ 8pm

Sat 19 June @ 8pm



DINE  
& DISCOVER  
NSW

Use your Dine and Discover Vouchers  
Tickets at Betta Electrical Finley

\$25



Expression of interest

## Peer Support Group

Parents and carers of children aged 0-6 living with developmental concerns

- Meet and talk to other parents and carers, in a supportive environment
  - Get together to have a cuppa and a chat
  - Meet new people
- Support and exchange ideas with others

**Time:** 1 hour sessions to run fortnightly in Yarrawonga.

**Date & Location:** To be confirmed

**Cost:** There is no cost involved in this activity

\*Please note: this group will not run during school holidays

If you wish to express interest and receive updates, please contact:  
Sharon Soule - Intereach Families & Mental Health Services, or,  
Shobhana Sreetharan - Intereach Early Childhood Early Intervention  
Phone: 1300 488 226  
Email: [community@intereach.com.au](mailto:community@intereach.com.au)

For more information about the services Intereach offers:  
P: 1300 488 226 | [www.intereach.com.au](http://www.intereach.com.au)



## Vinnies Winter Appeal



Vinnies  
good works



### Strength and support

Your support helps dedicated volunteers to work with people living in poverty, and provide assistance when life is tough.



### Clothing and essentials

Together we can provide basic essentials such as blankets, clothes and toiletries to resolve dignity in times of need.



### Food in tough times

Your donation can provide money for groceries, reducing hunger and removing a major stress for families.



### Help when bills are due

You can help us provide financial support with household expenses to families who are struggling to make ends meet.



### A place to rest and recoup

Your donation enables us to help people like Jenny and her family find a safe place to sleep when they have nowhere else to go.

LIVES CAN CHANGE WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO HELP. PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TODAY.

St Vinnies are running their Winter Appeal and are looking for donations which can be dropped into the St Vinnies store at 29 Main Street Cobram