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Subject: St Vincent de Paul- Fee Wavier/Utilisation of McDonald Park Club Rooms

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General Manager Wagga Wagga City Council PO Box 20 Wagga Wagga NSW

Dear Mr Peter Thompson,

I am writing to apply for a fee waiver for the utilisation of McDonald Park club rooms over the period of December 2021. 23-days x \$75.00 per day = Total \$1,725.00.

Every year the St Vincent de Paul Society in Wagga Wagga provides between 400 and 450 Christmas Hampers to residents in Wagga and surrounds. Provision of these hampers provides much needed support to the homeless, families experiencing financial hardship, victims of domestic violence, pensioners, and many others. These residents depend on support of the St Vincent de Paul Society to see them through the Christmas period. This year we have an overwhelming need as many residents have experienced financial hardship for the first time due to Covid.

As we need consistent quality and content of our hampers, we purchase the hamper inclusions and design the hamper specifically tailored to the need. The Utilisation of the McDonald Park Club rooms would provide us with adequate space to pack and a secure place to store the hampers. We believe our Christmas Hampers provide an extra bit of support at this special time of year, to take some pressure off, putting a smile on the faces of those who without our support wouldn't be able to make ends meet.

Every year the local motor bike club works with us to do a "Toy Run", supplying majority of the toys given to families as part of the Christmas Hamper. Depending on the Covid regulations, we might not be able to progress with the toy run. Our resources stretched to find additional funds to purchase the toys for the children.

Our dedicated team of volunteers who devote their time to collect and assemble and deliver the hampers to Wagga and surround, would really appreciate your kind donation of a few waiver of the McDonald Park club rooms.

Kindest regards Lisa Whillans | Operations Support Officer Wagga Wagga Diocesan Office | St Vincent de Paul Society (NSW) d (02) 692 31904 | f (02) 692 31915 | lisa.whillans@vinnies.org.au | www.vinnies.org.au









