



NATIONAL CARERS WEEK

National Carers Week was an opportunity to educate and raise awareness among all Australians about the diversity of carers and their caring roles. This year, National Carers Week was held from Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 October 2018. We give thanks for carers who look after people in their community and families who need extra support in day to day living.

National Carers Week is about recognising and celebrating the outstanding contribution Australia's 2.7 million unpaid carers make to our nation. Anyone at any time can become a carer and Carers make an enormous contribution to our communities as well as our national economy. Should all carers decide to stop performing their caring role, it would cost the country \$60.3 billion per year to replace those supports – that's over \$1 billion per week.



Mini Vinnie members from St Patrick's Primary School, Port Fairy enjoyed a morning of Christmas Craft and great company at Moyneyana House Nursing Home recently. They were welcomed into the craft room to help make hanging decorations and Christmas tree baubles for the residents to display in preparation for their celebrations.

It was a pleasure to sit and chat with our Moyneyana friends. Terrific work Mini Vinnies - working with **Life** and **Dignity** of the Human Person and Call to Family, Community and Participation - two of the seven principles of Catholic Social teachings. Making a difference in our community for National Carers Week.

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