



Don't Rubbish Vinnies

Vinnies Queensland is asking Queenslanders to donate wisely in 2018.

While Vinnies Queensland's 146 shops across the state welcome donations by the general public, illegal dumping of unsalable items and rubbish costs the charity organisation substantially.

It can cost up to \$80 an hour for Vinnies to run trucks to the tip with a paid driver.

Dumping items outside bins or closed shops means that people in need miss out and that items can be spoiled or stolen before reaching warehouses and shops.

Vinnies Queensland's State Support Centres Manager Andrew Claridge said the best way for people to donate is in store wherever possible.

"We always encourage people to donate in our shops during opening hours or to call us if you have larger items that need to be picked up," he said.

"What we love to get is donations that are clean, unbroken and still have some quality to them, anything that is soiled or damaged in anyway is of no use and only costs Vinnies to throw away.

"If you wouldn't give something to your friend, don't give it to Vinnies."

Vinnies can and does accept quality clean and undamaged clothes, shoes, toys, homeware, furniture, bed mattresses, books, games, CDs, DVDs, blankets, linen, cushions and more.

Soiled or damaged items of the same nature cannot be accepted by Vinnies and it is illegal to dump them at the front of Vinnies shops or in donation bins.

In 2017 Vinnies Queensland assisted 306,831 Queenslanders and provided \$191 million in services and support to people in need.

Vinnies Queensland can be contacted for free on 1800 846 643.

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