



## **Helpers needed in Ipswich so Vinnies can continue helping others**

Vinnies Queensland needs volunteers in Ipswich or it may have to close one of its shops in the region.

Vinnies has shops in Springfield, Redbank Plains, Ipswich and Sumner Park with volunteers welcome to give just a few hours or days per week.

Volunteers can help in a variety of ways within the shops and no experience is required as Vinnies provides on the job training and support.

Roles include assisting customers, sorting of donations as well as pricing and display of items.

Vinnies is flexible in terms of days and times volunteers can work and working in a store is a great way for volunteers to give back to their local community while also learning new skills and meeting new people.

St Vincent de Paul Queensland's Western Diocese Executive Officer Roberta Jays encouraged Ipswich residents to help the Society continue its good work in the community through volunteering.

"Unfortunately we are facing the prospect of having to close a shop in the Ipswich area if we can't get some more volunteers, which is the last thing we want as the shops help us raise vital funds to help people in need in the region," she said.

"We need people to help us so we can continue to help those who are doing it tough.

"We offer a fun and friendly team environment where you can be yourself while helping your local community.

"If you're considering a new year's resolution to give back, please consider volunteering at Vinnies."

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

Vinnies Western Diocese, which encompasses the Ipswich region, provided support to 39,154 people in 2017.

People interested in volunteering in the Ipswich region for Vinnies Queensland can call 0437 967 589 for more information.

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