



### **Give your toys new life at Vinnies**

Unwanted toys are given a second chance while brightening the lives of children across the state at any one of Vinnies Queensland's 146 retail shops.

The charity organisation is calling for anyone doing a clean out of their unused, unwanted and forgotten toys and games to be donated to Vinnies so funds raised from their sale can help support local communities.

Vinnies Queensland's State Centres Support Manager Andrew Claridge said profits from their sale will help people in need.

"All proceeds from sales at our retail shops go back into programs that support people in need in the community in which the shop is located," he said.

"You'd be surprised by the quality of the toys and board games we receive from generous Queenslanders, items that not only raise funds but put a smile on the faces of more children.

"We really are able to give toys a second life."

Mr Claridge said Vinnies is able to accept toys as long as they are still in good condition.

"As long as they are not broken or damaged we are happy to accept them," he said.

"The best way to donate is in person in a shop, because if they are left outside they can get damaged by rain or taken before we can collect them."

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

Vinnies Queensland always welcomes more volunteers in their retail shops and volunteers can work in a variety of roles and work as many hours as they wish.

People interested in volunteering with Vinnies can go to [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get\\_Involved/Become\\_a\\_volunteer/QLD/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get_Involved/Become_a_volunteer/QLD/) or email [volunteer@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:volunteer@svdpqld.org.au) or enquire in a shop.

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