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Vinnies Northern Territory opens new shop in Casuarina

Vinnies Northern Territory (NT) has expanded its support of the wider Darwin community, opening a new retail shop in the suburb of Casuarina – the ninth shop for the Territory.

The shop held its grand opening on Saturday April 28 and St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory Executive Officer Edwina Wagland said the shop will help Vinnies NT to make a difference in the lives of local people doing it tough.

“The proceeds from our Vinnies shops go directly to supporting the local community where the shops are located in a range of different areas,” she said.

“Without the proceeds from the shops we would struggle to provide services such as financial support, emergency and disaster relief, food hampers, aged and disability care, youth work and much more.

“From 2016 to 2017, St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory helped almost 2000 Territorians, and provided \$269,000 in emergency relief, this new shop has been opened with the goal of enabling us to help even more people.”

Ms Wagland said the new Casuarina shop, located at 3 Bradshaw Tce Casuarina, is on the lookout for community minded people to volunteer some of their time.

“Without our wonderful volunteers the shops simply can’t stay open, that’s why we value our volunteers so much because they are vital to us being able to continue our good work in the community,” she said.

“Volunteers gain new skills, meet new people and are able to give back to their community in a real and tangible way.”

A police check, paid for by Vinnies Northern Territory, is required for all volunteers who work at Vinnies.

Volunteers can work in a variety of roles while working as many hours or days as they wish.

People interested in volunteering with Vinnies can go to

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get_Involved/Become_a_volunteer/NT/ or email admin@svdpnt.org.au or call

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