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Spring clean, donate and shop again during National Op-Shop week (30 September – 6 October)

Vinnies are hosting a 'Big Spring Clean' on Saturday 6 October across Central Queensland and everyone's welcome to join the clear out, says Vinnies Rockhampton Diocese Retail Manager Charmaine Tolhurst.

"Set aside the day to do a clear out of your wardrobes and bring any of your unwanted quality clothing to any one of our Vinnies shops in the region," she said.

"We have shops in Barcaldine, Bargara, Biloela, Capella, Clermont, Dysart, Emerald, Emu Park, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Longreach, Mackay, Monto, Moura, Sarina, Springsure, Theodore and Yeppoon.

"It's a win-win - you're decluttering your homes and wardrobes, and at the same time helping Vinnies support people in need.

"Every year we're able to give a hand up to thousands of Central Queensland locals who are struggling with funds raised in our shops.

"Donating also gives your goods new life and saves them from landfill."

People can also help Vinnies help others by purchasing something from a Vinnies shop and support their 'Dressed By Vinnies' campaign, said Ms Tolhurst.

"We're asking schools, business and other organisations to come into their local Vinnies and buy something to wear for a Dressed by Vinnies day. It's like a free dress day to support our good works," she said.

"National Dressed by Vinnies Day is 26 October but people can get involved anytime through the month of October."

Ms Tolhurst said Vinnies shops run with the dedication of the charity's shop volunteers.

"Our volunteers are the backbone of our shops and we get to do vital work in the community with their support," she said.

"We're always on the lookout for people who want to volunteer and gain new skills, meet new people and give back in a real and tangible way."

People interested in volunteering with Vinnies can go to <http://qld.vinnies.org.au/join-us>

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