



Vinnies Queensland opens relocated shop in Fernvale

Vinnies Queensland has continued its support of the wider Ipswich community, relocating its Fernvale op-shop to a larger premises.

The new site officially opens this Friday January 19, and Vinnies Western Brisbane Retail Operations Manager Liz Ward said the shop will help the St Vincent de Paul Society to support 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, disaster relief, food hampers, aged and disability care, youth work and much more.”

Ms Ward said the relocated Fernvale shop, located at Shop 1-3, 1454 Brisbane Valley Highway, 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 Queensland, 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/QLD/ or email volunteer@svdpqld.org.au or enquire in a shop.

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

The Ipswich region is part of St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland’s Western Brisbane Diocese which provided support to approximately 39,154 people in 2017.

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