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Air conditioned comfort for Vinnies Maroochydore

Volunteers and customers at Vinnies Queensland's Maroochydore shop are now enjoying air conditioned comfort after Vinnies successfully secured \$4,257 in funding through the Federal Government's Stronger Communities program.

Vinnies Queensland Northern Diocese Executive Officer Donna Georgeson said the funding which helped the charity organisation install the air conditioning, made a real difference to people who work or visit the shop.

"The air conditioning will ensure the centre itself is maintained at comfortable temperatures for our volunteers, clients and staff, particularly in the summer months," she said.

"Being able to work in comfort will allow our much valued volunteers to work more efficiently and effectively and our wonderful customers can also get some respite from the heat during summer when they come in looking for a bargain.

"We are very thankful to have received this funding as it will of great benefit to the whole community."

Ms Georgeson said proceeds from Vinnies Queensland's shops go directly back into the local community through the charity's many community programs.

"Vinnies provides a hand-up to people in need in a variety of ways from emergency relief, housing and homelessness program, mental health and youth programs and much more," she said.

Vinnies Queensland has made a co-contribution towards the installation of the air conditioning at Maroochydore as the Stronger Communities Programme is a matched funding initiative.

Maroochydore and the Sunshine Coast is part of Vinnies Queensland's Northern Diocese which provided support to 48,711 Queenslanders in 2017.

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

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