



Vinnies Queensland's Earlville location gets upgraded

Vinnies Queensland is increasing its commitment to people in need in Far North Queensland, with the charity's Earlville location set to be upgraded.

Vinnies was successful in securing \$7,707 (inclusive of GST) in funding as part of the third round of the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme to be put towards future renovations.

Vinnies Far North Queensland Executive Officer David Monaghan said the charity is confident the renovations which may include air conditioning, a training room and LED lights will be beneficial to the wider community.

"The Earlville location will be significantly upgraded as a result of this funding which will allow us to create a more comfortable and efficient working environment for our staff and volunteers as well as our valued customers," he said.

Mr Monaghan said Vinnies provided support and services to thousands of people each year.

"Vinnies Queensland gives a hand-up to people in need throughout our region in a variety of ways from emergency relief, disaster relief, housing and homelessness programs, mental health and youth programs and much more," he said.

As the Stronger Communities Program is a matched funding initiative Vinnies Queensland made a co-contribution towards the total cost of the future renovations.

Vinnies Queensland's Far North Queensland Diocese provided support to 14,607 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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