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Revamp for Vinnies Childers

Volunteers at Vinnies Childers will benefit from thousands of dollars in renovations in 2018.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland was successful in securing \$22,000 (inclusive of GST) in funding as part of the third round of the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme to put toward upgrading the Churchill Street shop.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Northern Diocese Executive Officer Donna Georgeson said once completed the renovations will greatly improve the shop for the charity's much valued volunteers who work at the location.

"The renovation work will include the installation of a designated kitchen and staff room for our volunteers to take breaks in, as well as upgrades to the sorting area," she said.

"These improvements will provide a more comfortable and productive environment for volunteers to carry out their work."

Ms Georgeson said proceeds from 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 renovations at Childers as The Stronger Communities Programme is a matched funding initiative.

Childers is part of St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Northern Diocese which provided support to 48,711 Queenslanders in 2017.

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

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