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Vinnies opens new shop in Harristown

Vinnies is set to expand its support of the Toowoomba community, opening a new retail shop in the suburb of Harristown – the 18th shop in the charity's Toowoomba diocese.

The shop, located on Drayton Road, is set to open on July 2 and Vinnies Toowoomba Diocese Executive Officer Kathie Brosnan said it will help Vinnies make a difference in the lives of 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, emergency and disaster relief, food hampers, aged and disability care, youth work and much more.

“From 2016 to 2017, Vinnies Queensland's Toowoomba Diocese assisted more than 24,700 people, this new shop will open with the goal of enabling us to help even more local people in the Toowoomba region.”

Mrs Brosnan said the new shop, which will sell quality second hand clothing, accessories, bric-a-brac, books, toys and more, 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, is required for all volunteers who work for the charity.

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 <http://qld.vinnies.org.au/join-us>

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