



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Vinnies to help more people in Caloundra**

St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) Queensland's volunteer members in Caloundra will be better equipped to help people in need thanks to a grant from Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

The \$2000 grant which was proudly supported by Council's grants program, will be used to upgrade storage facilities, increasing the capacity of the volunteers to provide material support.

The members from Vinnies' Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference provided over \$92,000 in material and financial assistance to more than 3000 Queenslanders in 2017.

Caloundra is part of Vinnies' Northern Diocese and Diocese President John Harrison said the grant would help volunteers distribute more food to struggling individuals and families.

"Requests for support have increased and these storage options will allow the volunteers to help more people and will mean less people in Caloundra are going hungry," he said.

"Food is sourced from our Gympie distribution centre twice a week and then distributed throughout the Caloundra community, these upgrades will allow for more food to be stored on site in Caloundra."

The conference operates out of Vinnies' retail shop on Mayes Avenue and the funding will be used to install three cabinets with adjustable shelving and double doors.

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