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VINNIES LAUNCHES DROUGHT APPEAL FOR QUEENSLAND FARMING COMMUNITIES

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St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland has launched a Vinnies Drought Relief for Queensland Farming Communities to help victims of the current drought in south-west and central Queensland.

Vinnies State President Dennis Innes declared a public disaster appeal and said financial donations were the best way to make sure the charity can quickly assist those who need it most.

“Vinnies is hearing from desperate communities who are turning to us for help as their families and their livelihoods feel the burden of this terrible drought,” he said.

“Every dollar donated goes directly to the victims of the drought. There are people who have lost almost everything. Natural disasters don’t discriminate.

“We’re asking the public to get behind this appeal and donate what they can to help Vinnies support drought-affected farming communities.

“They’re needing everything help with food, bill payments, water and feed to keep their remaining livestock alive and a roof over their head as their properties are threatened.

“Then there’s the enormous mental health burden of living through this disaster, and Vinnies will be there as communities rally alongside each other.”

Mr Innes said Vinnies was a permanent local presence throughout regional Queensland providing a hand up to victims who had lost everything.

“We are committed to assisting in the long-term recovery of people affected by the disaster,” he added.

“We are on the ground and know our communities. When the rain comes, as we hope it does, Vinnies will still be there offering assistance and friendship: helping people recover their lives.”

To make a donation, visit <http://bit.ly/HelpQLDFarmingCommunities> or call 13 18 12.

For assistance call the Vinnies Helpline on 1800 846 643.

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