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Vinnies opens 9th shop on the Gold Coast

Vinnies has expanded its support of the Gold Coast community, opening a new retail shop in Upper Coomera – the ninth shop on the coast.

The new shop is an extension of Vinnies' continued commitment to helping people on the Gold Coast, said their Acting Retail Operations Manager Gail Mountney.

“When you shop at your local Vinnies the profits go directly to supporting people in need in the local community,” she said.

“Last year alone we helped more than 26,530 people across our south coast region, which includes the Gold Coast. People are really doing it tough in this city and next year we're hoping to help even more people.

“Profits from Vinnies shops like the new Upper Coomera shop help us provide services such as housing and homelessness support, emergency and disaster relief, food hampers, aged and disability care, youth work and much more.”

Ms Mountney said one of the best ways to support the work of Vinnies is through donating quality clothing and other items to their local shop.

“Donating your quality pre-loved items to Vinnies means they are given a new life and saved from ending up as landfill,” she said.

Ms Mountney said the shop on Brygon Creek Drive, in the Brygon Creek Reserve Shopping Centre, sells quality second hand clothing, accessories, bric-a-brac, books, toys and more.

“We're also on the lookout for community minded people to volunteer some of their time at the new shop,” she said.

“Volunteers gain new skills, meet new people and are able to give back to their community in a real and tangible way. We value our volunteers so much because they are vital to us being able to continue our good work in the community.”

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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