



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Vinnies the perfect place for your unwanted gifts**

Vinnies is calling for unwanted Christmas gifts to become a 'gift that keeps on giving' by asking for them to be donated to a Vinnies shop in Far North Queensland.

Many people receive gifts they do not need or want each Christmas, and Vinnies is asking Far North Queensland residents to re-gift unwanted presents to their local Vinnies shop instead of sticking them in a cupboard or throwing them away.

Vinnies Far North Queensland region Retail Operations Manager Katrina Lee said donations of unwanted second hand gifts not only help find the gift a new home but help the charity continue its many good works in the community.

"By donating your unwanted gift to your local Vinnies shop you can brighten the life of someone else in the community, so don't bin it upcycle it," she said.

"No matter what it may be as long as it is in good condition and useable, someone somewhere will be grateful for it.

"What one person may not like another person may love.

"Proceeds from the sale of your upcycled gifts will go towards our many community programs which include emergency assistance, housing and homelessness support, mental health and youth programs, disaster relief and more."

Vinnies Far North Queensland region has 13 shops including Atherton, Cairns, Cooktown, Innisfail, Manunda, Mareeba, Stratford, Ravenshoe, Tully, Woree, Edmonton, Earlville, and Smithfield.

People in need of assistance or wishing to donate quality second hand furniture can call 1800 846 643.

Vinnies assisted 331,561 Queenslanders in 2018.

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