



## 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 the Ipswich and Western Brisbane regions.

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

Vinnies Western region Retail Operations Manager Natalie Tuffley 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."

Ms Tuffley said Vinnies is also on the lookout for community minded people to volunteer in its Sumner Park sorting room.

"If you have an eye for detail and a love of fashion and want to give back to your community then our air-conditioned sorting room in Sumer Park would be perfect for you," she said.

"You can do as many hours or days as you wish and help shape the look of local fashion."

Vinnies Western region has 15 shops including Boonah, Corinda, Esk, Fernvale, Gatton, Grovely, Ipswich, Kenmore, Paddington, Redbank Plains, Rosewood, Sherwood, Stafford, Sumner Park, and Oxley.

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

If you're interested in volunteering at Vinnies Sumner Park sorting room please call Liz Jane on 0437 362 912.

Vinnies assisted 331,561 Queenslanders in 2018.

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