



MEDIA RELEASE

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Flood assistance available at Vinnies Echlin Street administration centre

Vinnies will re-open its administration centre in Echlin Street for people to receive flood assistance in response to increased requests for help.

Vinnies volunteers will be present to offer flood related assistance from 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday at the centre located at 22-26 Echlin Street, West End.

People in need of flood related assistance can call 4771 4077 from Monday if they are unable to get through to the Vinnies Helpline on 1800 846 643.

To date Vinnies has visited more than 540 homes and distributed \$1.9 million in financial and material assistance to people who have been impacted by the North Queensland Floods.

We will continue to offer a hand up to those still rebuilding their lives and those still suffering from drought in regional and rural communities.

We are an organisation that relies heavily on the kindness of volunteers and we ask that people are patient with us as we work through as many requests for assistance as possible.

We are a permanent and strong local presence in North Queensland where donations have provided, and are continuing to provide, hope and reassurance as people rebuild and recover their lives.

To donate call 13 18 12.

Vinnies spokespeople are available for comment and interviews upon request.

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