



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Redlands Vinnies Volunteers among 10,000 state-wide ‘making a world of difference’**

Almost 10,000 passionate volunteers are the backbone of Vinnies’ ability to help hundreds of thousands of Queenslanders each year and their dedication is being celebrated this year during National Volunteer Week (20-26 May).

Volunteers at the charity work in their 150 retail shops, their warehouses, support centres providing emergency assistance, housing and food support, and in education and housing programs among many others, giving a hand up to people in need.

Volunteer Pamela Neil, who volunteers her time at Vinnies Victoria Point shop in the Redlands, said her time spent giving back through Vinnies is always a rewarding experience and urged others local to consider giving back to their community.

“I encourage others to volunteer at Vinnies because it is fulfilling, and we enjoy the company of other volunteers who work with me,” she said.

“As a retiree it is a meaningful and worthwhile was to contribute to the community.”

Fellow Victoria Point volunteer Raylee West said it she enjoys the regular interaction with the public.

Volunteering at Vinnies is a great way of meeting people from all walks of life and giving back to the community,” she said.

Vinnies Cleveland volunteer of more than eight years Vicki Maxwell said it’s the sense of community that keeps her giving back each year.

“It feels good to be doing something for the community. It gives me a great sense of purpose and satisfaction,” she said.

“The atmosphere is lovely, and I work with a great team of people.

“We have pride in our shop, and our manager Jen is a wonderful lady to work for.

Vinnies, which celebrates 125 years of helping Queenslanders in 2019, is always on the lookout for more volunteers in its shops and programs and interested people can go to <http://qld.vinnies.org.au/join-us> for more information.

Vinnies which has already assisted more than 1,370 people in the Redlands so far this year is honouring its volunteers with a thank you campaign on social media during National Volunteer Week.

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