



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Stanthorpe Vinnies Volunteers among 10,000 state-wide celebrated for ‘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 Lesley Steele, who volunteers her time at Vinnies Stanthorpe shop, said her time spent giving back through Vinnies is always an enjoyable experience.

“I volunteer at Stanthorpe Vinnies because I enjoy interacting with all the other volunteers and I have made some wonderful friends,” she said.

“I’d encourage others to volunteer at Vinnies because you meet some great people and we also have a lot of fun.”

Fellow Stanthorpe volunteer Anne Mylrea said she enjoys the interaction with customers and those who visit the shop.

“I encourage others to volunteer at Vinnies because of the friendship and happiness you see on Customer’s faces.”

Vinnies which has already provided assistance to more than 80 people in Stanthorpe so far this year is honouring its volunteers with a thank you campaign on social media during National Volunteer Week.

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.

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