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Vinnies expands its support of Brisbane's inner north with new Wilston op-shop

Residents of Wilston and surrounding suburbs will now have more opportunity to capitalise on the revived popularity of op-shops and thrifting with a new Vinnies shop opening later this month.

It's something Vinnies couldn't be happier with as it offers the charity the chance to help people from all walks of life.

"We are buzzing with excitement at the chance to offer op-shoppers and bargain hunters in the area a new place for second-hand fashion finds, but also keep supporting the Brisbane community needing affordable clothing, accessories and homewares," said Vinnies Retail Operations Manager Natalie Tuffley.

She said the new site at 102 Kedron Brook Road in Wilston officially opens to the public on 12 August and is planned to trade from 9am to 4.30 Monday to Friday and from 9-3 on weekends at this stage.

"The profits from our 150 Vinnies shops across the state go directly to supporting the local community – some of whom are doing it really tough," she said.

"Without our shops, and the amazing volunteers who help run them, we would struggle to provide services like financial support, disaster relief, food hampers, aged and disability care, youth work and much more to people in need."

Ms Tuffley said the shop will be run largely on the commitment of volunteers and anyone looking for a way to give back to their community would be welcomed.

"Without our wonderful volunteers the shops simply can't stay open, that's why we value our volunteers so much because they are vital to us being able to continue our good work in the community," she said.

"Volunteers gain new skills, meet new people and are able to give back to their community in a real and tangible way."

A police check, paid for by Vinnies Queensland, is required for all volunteers who work at Vinnies. Volunteers can work in a variety of roles while working as many hours or days as they wish.

People interested in volunteering with Vinnies can go to https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get_Involved/Become_a_volunteer/QLD/ or email volunteer@svdpqld.org.au or enquire in a shop.

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