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Book lover's paradise at Vinnies 3 Day Mega Book Sale

Avid readers will be offered a great chance to stock up for cheap when Cairns' Cruise Liner Terminal turns into a treasure trove of books for Vinnies 3 Day Mega Book Sale.

The three-day community event from 20-22 September, will run from 9am to 5pm each day with books available for \$3 or less, with an added option to fill a Vinnies re-usable bag with books for \$35.

Vinnies Far North Queensland region retail manager Katrina Lee said the three days will offer much more than just good reads.

"This is the second year of the sale and the event has really grown from last year," she said.

"We will have quality second hand clothing for \$2 for the op-shoppers, as well as bric-a-brac and local musicians playing each day.

"As well as a sausage sizzle, lamington stall, and coffee there's also entertainment for the kids with face painting, a play area and craft table and story dogs will be visiting as well."

Ms Lee encouraged the public to get down and bag a bargain.

"When you support Vinnies and events like this you help us to help people in need in the local community," she said.

"Our profits go to families and individuals who are struggling with cost of living pressures, assisting them with essentials like food, clothing and furniture and other necessities.

"We're also housing 56 people across our region who would otherwise be homeless, we couldn't do all this without public support."

Cairns Mayor Bob Manning said Cairns Libraries had donated over 25,000 books to this year's sale.

"Last year's inaugural book sale was a stunning success with over 7000 people attending and almost \$30,000 raised to help families in our community," Cr Manning said.

"This year's event is sure to be equally successful. There is even more on offer and I'd encourage residents to come down and browse the thousands of items available – every purchase you make goes towards helping someone in need.

"Organisations like Vinnies provide a vital service in assisting some of the most vulnerable in our community, and Council is happy to support them with this fundraising event."

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