



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Helpers needed in Redlands so Vinnies can continue helping others

Increasing demand from op-shoppers and people seeking a bargain means Vinnies Queensland needs volunteers for its shops in the Redlands.

The charity has multiple Redlands locations including, Capalaba, Cleveland and Victoria Point and volunteers are welcome to give just a few hours or days per week.

Volunteers can help in a variety of ways within the shops and no experience is required as Vinnies provides on the job training and support. Roles include assisting customers, sorting of donations as well as pricing and display of items and Vinnies is flexible in terms of days and times volunteers can work

Vinnies Queensland Redlands Centre Coordinator Jenny Barnett encouraged local residents to consider volunteering in a shop as a great way to help Vinnies continue its good work in the community.

“We are seeing an increase in customers, which means we need to find some more volunteers so we can meet the demand and keep the shops open for as long as possible each day,” she said.

“We offer a fun and friendly team environment where you can be yourself while helping the Redlands community, if you’re considering a way to give back, please consider volunteering at Vinnies.

Ms Barnett said Vinnies shops run with the dedication of the charity’s shop volunteers.

“Our volunteers are the backbone of our shops, we get to do vital work in the community with their support as the profits from our shops go back into helping people in need,” she said.

“We’re always on the lookout for people who want to volunteer and gain new skills, meet new people and give back in a real and tangible way.”

A police check which is paid for by Vinnies Queensland is required for all volunteers who work at Vinnies and people interested in volunteering can call Jenny on go to <http://qld.vinnies.org.au/join-us>

Vinnies has assisted more than 2854 Redlands residents so far in 2019, including 1269 children under the age of 16.

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