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## **Vinnies calls for cash donations to help Yeppoon bushfire victims**

Generous locals have overwhelmed Vinnies with clothing and furniture donations to help bushfire victims — with the charity now asking for **much-needed monetary support**.

Vinnies Rockhampton Executive Officer Tanya Doherty said staff and volunteers have seen “overwhelming generosity” in the donations received from worried community members across the state, but that the charity can do so much more for bushfire victims with a financial donation.

“We’ve received pallets and trucks full to the brim of love and support in the form of clothes and furniture and toys,” she said.

“The human spirit of caring for others really is alive and well in this community. But supply has outweighed demand and we are at capacity.”

“The needs of people impacted by this disaster are now far more urgent than material goods.”

“Donations of cash are needed to help us supply food vouchers for hungry families, pay for fuel, prepare families to re-enter their homes or find alternative living arrangements after they’ve lost their homes to bushfires.”

So far Vinnies has supported the Yeppoon community with \$2000 worth of food vouchers being delivered between November 28 and December 5, and \$5000 in emergency relief.

Yet so much more is needed.

Ms Doherty has said the fires have damaged infrastructure of homes and left victims homeless, without food, shelter or means to take care of themselves and their families. In cases like these monetary donations are the best way to help.

“By donating money, we are able to fit the community’s donations to the victims needs and support them in the best way we can, she said.

“We are on the ground helping families and members of the community on the road to recovery, but we need the public’s help.

“Their donations go straight back into the community helping us feed the men, women and children who come to us hungry or homeless and desperate for help.”

Those wanting to support their fellow Queenslanders in Yeppoon during their recovery from the recent bushfires should visit [Vinnies.org.au](http://Vinnies.org.au) press the donate button and choose Vinnies Always There — Fire Flood Drought Appeal or call 13 18 12.

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