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Re-gift, recycle and change a life (maybe even your own)

We've all had them - Christmas gifts we just don't know what to do with.

Vinnies shops in North Queensland can use them to improve someone's life.

Don't let those well-meant, unneeded or unwanted gifts clutter your home, waste the planet's resources and drive you mad clogging up your cupboards for years to come.

Give yourself the gift of knowing you've contributed to the wellbeing of another person, done something good for the environment and potentially made a Vinnies store volunteer have a quiet giggle.

Vinnies Townsville region Retail Operations Manager Matthew Griffin said donations of second-hand gifts help the charity continue its many good works in the community and donations should always be made during opening hours.

"Upcycle those gifts. Vinnies will help them get to the person who really loves them," he said.

"No matter what it may be as long as it is in good condition and useable, someone somewhere will be grateful for it.

"What one person may not like another person may love – no matter how bizarre that might sometimes seem.

"You might find your own new favourite thing as you're browsing through a Vinnies store.

"Most importantly, you're changing a life when you donate. Some kids would never see a present without Vinnies and the generous donations made by the community.

"Proceeds from the sale of your upcycled gifts will go towards our many community programs which include emergency assistance, housing and homelessness support, mental health and youth programs, disaster relief and more."

Vinnies has 17 shops in North Queensland including Bowen, Garbutt, West End (Townsville), Flinders Street (Townsville), Belgian Gardens, Deeragun, Kirwan, Hermit Park, Hermit Park Book and Gift Shop, Magnetic Island, Ingham, Ayr, Charters Towers, Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Hughenden and Winton.

People in need of assistance or wishing to donate quality second hand furniture can call 1800 846 643.

Vinnies assisted 369,000 Queenslanders in 2019.

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Connected to the community: Vinnies has 17 shops in North Queensland including in Hermit Park, pictured below.

