

## **DHS staff help restock Goulburn Vinnies after fire - Transcript**

### **Voice Over**

When a deliberately lit fire swept through the Goulburn Service Centre in June, the St Vincent de Paul shop next door was also severely damaged.

### **Paul Trezise, CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society, Canberra/Goulburn**

So the fire was very intense in our Goulburn shop and unfortunately all our stock was destroyed. The clothing was completely ruined, and even things like plates and cutlery had so much fire residue on them, we thought it was a hazard and we couldn't recover any of them.

### **Voice Over**

With tonnes of donated clothes and goods lost in the blaze the St Vincent de Paul Society put out an urgent appeal for donations. Department of Human Services staff were quick to respond with Face to Face Service Delivery Division establishing donation drop off bins at a number of DHS offices.

### **Barbara Causon Service Leader, Service Zone Southern NSW**

Department of Human Services Staff from right across Canberra and Southern NSW have very generously donated a whole range of goods to our friends and colleagues at St Vincent de Paul in Goulburn. They've been long term neighbours of ours in Goulburn and it's just so good to see how many staff have helped us in gathering these donations and being able to help St Vincent de Paul in Goulburn get back on track.

### **Voice Over**

The donations made by DHS Staff of winter clothing, blankets and other goods will help St Vinnies continue to assist people in need in the Goulburn Community.

### **Paul Trezise, CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society, Canberra/Goulburn**

Well these very generous donations from DHS staff, are going to help St Vincent de Paul in Goulburn re-establish our shop which we're hoping to open in a couple of weeks' time after the fire. The fire was a very sad occurrence, and both a setback for ourselves and those we help in the community, but the generous donations from the Goulburn community and DHS staff have been really fantastic in terms of helping us to re-establish and be able to serve the local community again.