

MEDIA RELEASE
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Our Opportunity Shop is back!

We are thrilled to announce that Youth Off The Streets' Goulburn Opportunity Shop has re-opened and is now bigger and better than ever!

Robert Innes, Youth Off The Streets Opportunity Shop Manager said: *"Thank you to the community for your patience while we rejuvenated our Opportunity Shop so that we may continue to provide this excellent service to the community of Goulburn."*

"We are thrilled to be back and offering much needed affordable second-hand clothing, bric-a-brac, linen, electrical and furniture goods." He said.

Youth Off The Streets are extremely grateful to the generous individuals in the community for donating items for sale and for volunteering to help operate the shop.

"I'd especially like to thank our volunteers, both past and present for the contribution they make to help us help disadvantaged young Australians through raising money via our Opportunity Shops. If it wasn't for the volunteers, this shop would not be re-opening, so we are very grateful to them for making it possible. I would also like to invite any members of the community interested in volunteering to please contact us." Said Mr Innes.

The Goulburn Opportunity Shop is situated at: 404 Auburn Street Goulburn

The OpShop will be open weekdays from 9:30am – 3:30pm.

All Youth Off The Streets Opportunity Shops are staffed entirely by volunteers. For more information about volunteering at the **Youth Off The Streets Goulburn OpShop, please call Robert Innes: 0428 497 240**

To donate much needed furniture and electrical OpShop items, please call **Ph: 48 225011** to arrange pick-up.

The money raised at all Youth Off The Streets Opportunity Shops is used to help disadvantaged youth through programmes and services that provide community development and outreach, crisis refuge, non-medicated drug and alcohol treatment, medium to long term residential services, secondary education, semi-independent living and mentoring, aftercare, Aboriginal services, and scholarships for disadvantaged youth.

Youth Off The Streets Mission:

Helping disconnected young people to discover greatness within, by engaging, supporting and providing opportunities to encourage and facilitate positive life choices.

About Youth Off The Streets:

Youth Off The Streets is a non-denominational community organisation working for young people who are chronically homeless, drug dependent and recovering from abuse. We support these young people as they work to turn their lives around and overcome immense personal traumas such as neglect and physical, psychological and emotional abuse.

Since opening in 1991, Youth Off The Streets has grown from a single food van delivering meals to young homeless people on the streets of Kings Cross to a major youth specific agency providing a wide range of services offering a full continuum of care.

It is our goal that these young people will leave our care drug free, with a high school education, living skills and a full or part time job in hand. **To donate to Youth Off The Streets, please call: 1800 06 22 88 or visit:**

www.youthoffthestreets.com.au

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