## Media Release:



## **Winter Woollies Drive for the Community**

Each year Northern District Community Health (NDCH) supports over 200 individuals and families across the region are at risk of, or are currently experiencing homelessness. For these 200 individuals and families, there are over 500 dependent children.

With Winter just around the corner and the cold weather starting to appear, NDCH will again be running its Winter Woollies Drive from 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

"Winter can be an increasingly difficult time for our homeless community with the weather being one more thing they have to contend with," NDCH CEO Many Hutchinson said. "I ask everyone to have a dig around in their closets and find any items they no longer want or need."

Anyone can support the Winter Woollies Clothing Drive by donating warm clothing such as coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves as well as any blankets or doonas. All items collected will be provided to the St Vincent De Paul Society for distribution to vulnerable members of the local community who are in need. "We had an incredible response to the drive last year," Ms Hutchinson said. "It was wonderful to see so many people donating goods to help out other locals."

Donations must be of good quality, clean and undamaged and can be dropped off to NDCH Offices in Kerang, Cohuna, Pyramid Hill and Quambatook and at the Boort Resource & Information Centre.

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