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## **NDCH WINTER WOOLLIES 2019** ***A Regional Thank You!***

NDCH's Winter Woollies campaign has been another success. Locals right across our region generously donated warm clothing and bedding. Donated blankets, when stacked one on top of the other, made a stack higher than last year! This just proves the generosity and care of people in our country communities. It also gives people a chance to clean out the wardrobe.

All donated goods are generously sorted by St Vincent de Paul. The donations are available to local communities, including Quambatook, Koondrook, Cohuna, Pyramid Hill, Boort and Kerang.

"When someone is vulnerable they need other people for support," NDCH CEO Mandy Hutchinson said. "The generosity shown during the Winter Woollies campaign again proves the kindness of country people." Ms Hutchinson went on to say that NDCH staff are available to talk if anyone needs someone to talk to. She said that people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness can be judged unfairly, as if somehow they have contributed to their situation. "There's no room for judgement," Ms Hutchinson said. "No matter how somebody becomes vulnerable, they are our community too."

"To everyone who donated, a massive thank you!" NDCH Community Support Team Leader, Anna said. "And thanks also to those who became collection points. Every school in our region volunteered to be collection points alongside all NDCH sites, as did The Coffee Bank in Pyramid Hill."

Anyone from across the region is welcome to contact the local St Vinnies Team if they or someone they know requires support over the winter months on 5452 2508.

NDCH Stats: NDCH support over 200 community members across our region who are at risk or are experiencing homelessness – for these 200 people there are over 500 dependent children.

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