



Cr Pat Young, Brian Quinton, Alan Quantrell and Vicki Gardiner.

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Shop and help disadvantaged

RESIDENTS can pick up a few extra items in the grocery aisle to help the homeless and low-income families with a new initiative at IGA Warrandyte.

The Rotary Club of Warrandyte has installed a permanent food collection bin at the supermarket to collect donations of non-perishable food items.

Staff from Gardiner McInnes Estate Agents will empty the bin each week and deliver donated goods to the Warrandyte Food Bank.

Rotary president Alan Quantrell encouraged residents to support the initiative.

"The Warrandyte Food Bank works in conjunction with the Warrandyte Community Housing Association to provide food parcels and assistance to low-income families and homeless individuals from Warrandyte and surrounding suburbs," Mr Quantrell said.

"Times are tough with petrol prices and interest rates on the rise. The demand for support is increasing and the food bank's shelves are frequently left empty.

"I encourage all Warrandyte residents to pick up an extra packet of cereal or some canned goods when they are next at the supermarket.

"Your kindness will make a big difference to a local family who'll really appreciate it."

Gardiner McInnes director Vicki Gardiner said she had been delighted with the generosity of Warrandyte residents during previous Christmas appeals. "We look forward to being able to support the food bank all year round," Ms Gardiner said.

Manningham Mayor Pat Young arranged for the council to donate the collection bin. IGA Warrandyte is in Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd.