

# No hope for post office

A LATE attempt to save the Tunstall Square Post Office has been unsuccessful.

Doncare chief executive Doreen Stoves said discussions on moving Australia Post to the community service's opportunity shop site in Tunstall Square West had shown it to be impossible.

"My heart aches for people not having a post office and we support the search for all possible venues for relocation but unfortunately

Doncare's not one of those possible sites," she said.

"This site is more than a shop, it's a social network for over 70 volunteers, many of whom are older, and for them volunteering is their reason to get up in the morning. It's an extremely important community service so we had no room to negotiate."

Tunstall Square West manager and Community Cares founder Irene Goonan said the result was sad for the

community. "We explored a site that was identified as suitable for relocation and now we've exhausted our avenue and it's very disappointing," she said. "They weren't prepared to move so now people will have to cope without a service."

Despite presenting a petition of over 5000 signatures to Mayor Geoff Gough last week, federal MP for Menzies Kevin Andrews said the post office would close permanently on April 1.