

Ute's a true beaut

CHARITY workers have been given a helping hand themselves, with the arrival of a new ute.

The much-needed vehicle, recently purchased by the Doncare Opportunity Shop at Blackburn shopping centre, now allows volunteers to pick up and deliver large items.

Chief executive officer Doreen Stoves said previously the shop paid a removal company or asked volunteers with large vehicles for assistance.

"Our volunteers collect furniture, restore it and make deliveries," Ms Stoves said. "This is our very first vehicle."

Manningham-based Doncare opened the shop a year ago to sell larger furniture items.

It's the largest of four shops.

"We've been well-supported by the community and our volunteers," said Ms Stoves.



Doncare volunteers with the new ute.

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"The ute is an indication of all people working together."

The ute has a remote-controlled tailgate, which prevents volunteers from any unnecessary lifting.

The op shop will host a fashion parade from noon to 1pm today, September 29, at Blackburn shopping centre. For more information, phone 9848 4433.