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**Angry Anderson to open the new Barnardos Australia shop in Brookvale**

Celebrate with a free sausage sizzle when Barnardos Australia's first shop officially opens in Brookvale, Sydney on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008, with one of its biggest supporters, Angry Anderson, cutting the ribbon at 1pm.

Selling a myriad of household and personal items such as recycled electrical goods, furniture and manchester to pre-loved clothing, books and toys. Barnardos hopes that as economic crisis hits this Christmas the new shop will help bargain hunters save a few pennies this festive season.

If you've had a spring clean-out and don't know what to do with that pile of books, unwanted clothes, or the old fridge you no longer have room for, donate them to the new shop.

"In times of financial hardship, charity shops are great value for money," said Kerrie Schwarze, shop manager. "Quality donated goods are recycled rather than contributing to the mountains of rubbish sent to landfill, money is raised and the kids benefit, so it's a win-win situation for everyone."

Faced with the continuing demands placed on already stretched resources, the opening of this Brookvale shop will hopefully capitalise on the strong sense of community in the area. Staffed by paid workers as well as volunteers, funds raised will be allocated to meet the needs of children at risk of neglect and abuse.

"The community has welcomed us to Brookvale and we hope that over the Christmas period local residents will get the opportunity to drop by for a look and maybe find a treasure," added Schwarze.

"However we are finding the demand for certain items is very hard to match. We welcome any donations of quality second-hand goods, but particularly white goods in good working order, beds and furniture, so please drop in or call us and we'll be happy to organize a free pick-up for larger items."

The Barnardos Shop is located at 545 Pittwater Road, Brookvale NSW 2100. Small items of bric-a-brac and clothing can be left at the shop during open hours, between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 3pm on Saturdays, or call 02 9905 1166 to arrange a FREE pick-up.

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**For more information contact:** Emma Lipscombe Ph: (02) 9218 2391 or [events@barnardos.org.au](mailto:events@barnardos.org.au), or on Saturday call the shop directly on (02) 9905 1166.

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Kerrie Schwarze (back row second from right) pictured with some of her dedicated staff and volunteers.

**Notes for editors:**

Barnardos Australia is a non-government, non-denominational child welfare charity that has been helping children in need for over 120 years.

Barnardos is one of the largest children's charities in Australia, caring for children at risk of abuse and neglect. The work of Barnardos Australia focuses on the prevention of abuse, neglect and entry into care. Children of all backgrounds and cultural heritage are helped through a range of welfare programs including crisis care, family support, counselling and permanent foster care.

*Our vision is that all children and young people will have caring families, in which they can grow up safely and reach their full potential supported by quality services and engaged communities.*

For more information visit: [www.barnardos.org.au](http://www.barnardos.org.au).