

OFF YOUR BACK



IT'S BACK ON AGAIN... SO GET IT OFF YOUR BACK!

COLLECTING PRE-LOVED COATS FOR VICTORIANS IN NEED BETWEEN JUNE 1ST AND AUGUST 31ST

20+ years ago a small but like minded group of enthusiastic mums and a dad got together to start a winter coat collection drive simply called OFF YOUR BACK.

The idea was that no money would ever change hands and only a viral email would be sent on June 1st each year to announce the yearly coat drive. The email directed people to take their much needed pre-loved coats to the Salvation Army to support those in need.

Now, each winter we call out to our community to support their fellow Victorians in need by bringing their old pre-loved coats to drop off points around Melbourne.

To date over 150,000 coats have been collected and distributed to those in need and the original group of friends now rarely meet having fallen into their annual tasks and thanks to setting up the annual OFF YOUR BACK coat drive so simply but so impactfully.

Unlike most not-for-profit committees, the OFF YOUR BACK committee and volunteers all agree that we all just 'get on with it' - there are no long meetings or budget reports, everyone just simply turns up with garbage bags of pre-loved coats after putting out the call for donations to their individual networks and communities, while feeling good about seeing much loved items going on to another life with people who really need them.

The 2022 OFF YOUR BACK Coat Drive runs from June 1st through to August 31st. 2022 drop off points include:

The Salvation Army – 69 Bourke St, St.Kilda
Tonic – 6 Horne St, Elsternwick
Nichols Crowder- 358 South Road, Moorabbin
88 Dental – 818 High St, Armadale
James Richardson Group - Level 1, 35 Lithgow Street, Abbotsford

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