



Mike Treloar, left, and Erin Stokes, right, from Villawood with Encompass employees Jan Daniels and Franchette Punsalang.

## Villawood, Encompass join forces to help out

COMMUNITY members in need will benefit from Villawood's furniture donation as the property developer teams up with non-profit Encompass.

Home essentials like beds, dining and lounge suites, lamps, and tables have been donated and will be distributed by Encompass Community Services to help some of Geelong's most disadvantaged.

The former Villawood display home goods will supplement the organisation's annual winter

campaign 'Clothing the Community'. The clothing drive providing assistance to families in the form of warm clothing for the cold winter months.

"In addition to such bare essentials as food and clothing, people often need items such as furniture," Villawood Properties executive director Rory Costelloe said.

Encompass Community Services helps around 75 Geelong families a week in high-need areas, including women and children fleeing

domestic violence.

Villawood recently erecting a large 'Call it Out' sign at their Wandana estate.

"The Call It Out message is about tackling sexism and gender inequality, two factors closely linked to family violence," Mr Costelloe said.

"We hope this furniture can help people affected by such problems to get their lives back on track."

For more information and to see how you can get involved in this month's winter campaign visit [encompass-cs.org.au](http://encompass-cs.org.au)