

# brotherhood action

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## We are counting on you to get organised

The new Brotherhood Bins are getting us all re-organised. Now you don't have to wait for us to come and pick up your donation. Instead of leaving it out, cluttering-up the porch, you clear it out of the way immediately. Just pop it all straight in one of our bins and see how organised you feel!

The Bins are re-organising us too — to cut costs. We are expecting to save about 10,000 litres of petrol a year and save about 50,000 kilometres of trucking around. This should just about double the value of your donation to us. It pays to get organised!

### The BIN

Keep an eye out for a large metal bin, nearly 2 metres high, painted in the Brotherhood's familiar orange and green colours. You will spot one in a supermarket car park or service station near you. This is your neighbourhood's Brotherhood Bin. Notice how it has been placed so that you can drive your car right up to it.

But if clean-out day comes and you don't know exactly where a bin is, telephone us and we'll tell you.

### What you do

All you do is post your donation through the chute. It helps us if you wrap or bag your gifts first — in paper, plastic or anything soft. But please, no boxes.

### What we do

Every few days we send a truck driver around to empty all the bins. In the meantime your donation is safe in our weatherproof strongbox.



John Wall unloads a Brotherhood Bin from the specially designed trailer at an Oakleigh service station.

### What happens to your donation

As well as providing second-hand clothing for people in need, the salvage operation raises money for the Brotherhood's welfare services.

Your donations are all taken to our warehouse and carefully sorted out. Some of the better quality clothing is given to those who cannot afford to buy. The rest, along with the household items, are either distributed to our shops or sold directly to wholesale rag merchants for recycling. Nothing is wasted.

More than 10% of the Brotherhood's income comes from the salvage business.

