Charity op shops are calling on Australians to spend National Op Shop Week spring cleaning their homes. The aim? To generate quality donations for charity op shops.

Can you help us to get the message out? Spokespeople are available for interview.

Money from op shop sales funds important frontline community services such as women and children’s refuges, homelessness services, migrant and refugee assistance, food vans, drug and alcohol counselling, disaster relief, and much more.

As well as helping the community, charity op shops help the environment. According to NACRO, charity op shops divert over 588,000 tonnes of reusable clothes and goods out of landfill each year.

Buying clothing second-hand also means that zero pollutants (dyes, bleach, etc) are released into the environment, and zero new resources are used. Did you know that, according to the UN Environment Programme, it takes 7,500 litres of water to grow enough cotton for one pair of jeans?

“Australia has a clutter crisis,” says Op Shop Week founder Jon Dee. “Far too many of us are surrounded by clothes we never wear and items we never use.”

“While that is happening, many Australians are doing it tough and missing out on essentials.”

“By decluttering our homes, people can help their fellow Australians by donating good quality clothing and other items to a local charity op shop.”

We have over 2,500 op shops listed on OpShopWeek.com.au, type in your postcode to find one near you!