

# Coasters dig in deep for Salvos appeal

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WELL over \$500,000 was raised at the annual Gold Coast Red Shield Appeal breakfast this week.

The Gold Coast business community rallied to raise an impressive \$296,000 before the event and donations on the

day and fundraising throughout the breakfast saw a record total of \$540,000 raised.

The total is more than double the amount raised at last year's event and Salvation Army chairman Tony Hickey said he was overwhelmed.

"Last year across Australia funds for the Red Shield Appeal were down 20 per cent, so

it's great to think the Gold Coast will play a significant part in getting funds back on track nationally," he said.

Funds go towards helping local drug, alcohol and domestic violence rehabilitation programs along with shelters for the homeless.

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

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