



Food Bank
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Foodbank
An Australia Without Hunger



Feeding people who would otherwise go hungry...



HUNGER IN AUSTRALIA

- Over 2.4 million people in Australia each year cannot afford to take care of basic needs such as housing, clothing and food
- 50% are children who go to school without breakfast or bed without dinner (approx. 1 million children)
- Approximately 1/3 of these people live in NSW (estimated 800,000 people)
- 13.2% of population live in low income / low wealth households
 - Average 8.5 hours paid employment per week
 - 78% have pensions as principle source of income
 - 38% cannot pay electricity bills on time
 - 9% are unable to heat the home
 - When bills are paid, no money for food – hunger the result



A NATIONAL RESPONSE TO HUNGER

- Foodbank is the largest hunger relief organisation in Australia with coverage in all states and territories
- Distributed Nationally 21 million kg of food in 2010-11
- Currently Australia wide 28 million meals per annum
- Helps feed over 75,000 people every day

WHY FOODBANK NSW?

- For every dollar invested in Foodbank, approx. \$13 worth of food is distributed to those most in need
- Foodbank NSW commenced in Sydney in 1992
- Largest hunger relief organisation in NSW & ACT
- Distributes food donated by major food retailers and manufacturers that cannot be sold through normal sales channels
 - 40 National Donors (major food companies)
 - 85 NSW based food manufacturers
- Utilising food that otherwise end up as landfill
- Foodbank is run by a small staff team and a large volunteer program. This program serves to empower people who may otherwise not have employment including those accessing *Work for the Dole*.

WHO DO WE SUPPLY?

- Currently, we supply staples and fresh produce to more than 523 NSW & ACT Welfare Charities and kilograms supplied comparisons are:
 - 43% metro & outer Sydney
 - 57% regional NSW & ACT
- Retail value of food provided to charities - est. at \$20.4 million
- Savings enable charities to feed far more people than otherwise would be possible
 - “Foodbank stretches our dollar to double the amount of food we can supply” The Salvation Army
 - “Foodbank will save Mission Australia \$1m over 5 years” Mission Australia
- In NSW, provided over 4 million meals in the last 12 months

OUR GROWTH STRATEGY

Our assessment is that there is a need for 5 times the amount of food currently being distributed.

To address this need, Foodbank NSW:

- Needs to grow from 4.2 million kg in 2010 to 17 million kg by 2015
- Will increase the total value of food distributed (at retail value) from \$20.4 million to \$70 million

To do this, Foodbank NSW immediate needs are:

- Increase DOCs Transport Subsidy to \$730,000 for 2011-12
 - Currently - 2011-12 \$420,000
- Source a new warehouse within 18 months (\$12.5 million)
- Support FBNSW Operating Costs to value of \$750,000/year so handling fees can be kept to a minimum

Responsibilities:

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- Federal Govt | Provide funding for Food & Infrastructure.
- Foodbank Aust | To supply Food for State Foodbanks through Collaborative Supply.

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- NSW State Govt | Provide funding for Warehouse & Increase Distribution to Welfare Agencies across State.
- Foodbank NSW | Collecting & Warehousing donated Food.
| Distributing Food to Welfare Agencies who are feeding those in need.

THE COMMUNITY IMPACT...

"Foodbank will save Mission Australia \$1M over 5 years"

**Patrick McClure,
CEO Mission Australia**

"Foodbank's appreciation of the sector and the needs of its disadvantaged clients, is outstanding"

**Professor Ann Crocker,
President of Schizophrenia Fellowship**

"Foodbank stretches our dollar to double the amount of food we can supply"

The Salvation Army

"Parramatta Mission's ongoing partnership has enabled us to provide more than 100,000 meals in the last 12 months"

**Michael Wright
Parramatta Mission, Sydney**

EXAMPLES OF CORPORATE STAFF INVOLVEMENT

NSW

- KPMG, Microsoft & ANZ, NAB staff are regular volunteers at the Foodbank NSW warehouse & office

Qld

- ANZ volunteers assist in the redistribution of 14,000 kilos of food donated from the Metcash IGA Expo

SA

- Corporate volunteers join Foodbank partnership programs with Rotary Clubs & Red Cross, to provide school breakfast programs in low socio-economic areas

Vic

- Nestle volunteers play a major role in decanting bulk pasta & rice into consumer packs for food hampers

WA

- Corporate volunteers staff metro school breakfast programmes in 100 schools



Rotary across NSW can help Foodbank NSW in such ways as:

- **Make Donations – Cash or In Kind.**
- **Become a Volunteer in the Warehouse.**
- **Provide Pro Bono Services.**

If there are other clubs looking for a worthy cause to assist and support please contact:

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Thank you