

FOODBANK SOUTH AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



OUR WORK IN 2017-2018



“ FOODBANK IS THE LARGEST FOOD RELIEF ORGANISATION IN AUSTRALIA ”



\$1

ENABLES US TO DISTRIBUTE \$8 WORTH OF FOOD AND GROCERIES TO CHARITIES AND SCHOOLS



\$2

ENABLES US TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR



70%

FOODBANK ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 70% OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO CHARITIES BY FOOD RESCUE ORGANISATIONS



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EACH YEAR FOUR MILLION AUSTRALIANS SEEK FOOD RELIEF - AROUND ONE THIRD OF THEM CHILDREN



5,899

DESPITE OUR EFFORTS, MORE THAN 5,899 SOUTH AUSTRALIANS ARE UNABLE TO BE ASSISTED EACH MONTH

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Dear Foodbank supporter,
I wanted to write a quick letter to say a HUGE thank you for the Food you helped provide to our family through Foodbank.

We love our Kids so much, but lately we've been really struggling to make ends meet. I'm ashamed to admit it, but sometimes I had to send our Kids to school without lunch - it broke my heart more than you can imagine.

As a mum, seeing my Kids go hungry, day after day was one of the worst experiences of my life, but I had no idea how to turn our situation around. To tell the truth, I was too embarrassed to ask for help. I didn't want our friends, or the other parents at school to know we were struggling so much. Luckily, another mum at school finally found out what was going on and told me about Foodbank.

I couldn't stop the tears streaming down my face when I was given all that incredible food. I was overwhelmed to know that supporters like you cared so much for families like ours.

Last week, I had nothing to put in my daughter's lunch box when she went to school. This week, I'll be packing sandwiches and an apple that you gave us with a huge smile on my face, knowing she'll have the energy she needs to concentrate at school and get through the day.

So thank you for giving to Foodbank to help our family. It means more to me - and my Kids - than you'll ever know.

Tammy x

A WORD FROM...

Simon Schrapel Foodbank SA Chair

Foodbank SA continues to play a pivotal role in the South Australian community as it grows its presence to distribute more food to more charities and reach more South Australians than ever before. It's a remarkable achievement and testimony to the relationships Foodbank SA has established over many years; with the food industry in South Australia, the countless charities and community groups who are our customers and our growing band of loyal supporters and volunteers.

Of course, like many others involved in the provision of vital services to those in need, we would prefer that the need for our assistance reduced over time. However, through the information we receive from those on the ground in delivering food relief and assistance, it is clearly evident that demand for help is, alas, on the increase. This was once again borne out in the *Child Hunger Report* produced by Foodbank Australia which highlighted that more than 1 in 5 children in Australia have experienced food insecurity in the past 12 months, whilst the number in South Australia is more than 1 in 4. The *Rumbling Tummies* campaign demonstrated just how much of an impact the lack of access to food has on the lives of children and young people.

Of course hunger and food insecurity doesn't just impact children and young people. Foodbank SA's assistance reaches all groups in our community, right across

our state. However, the impacts on our children, from their healthy development to participation in school, are of particular concern. This is why Foodbank SA has continued to reach out to more schools, through innovative partnerships with corporate supporters, to deliver both breakfast programs and take-home packs of essentials. It is also why we sought additional funding from the State Government to extend our assistance to children in schools and were pleased to see this will be honoured by the Liberal Government.

The growing evidence that starting the day with a nutritional breakfast has a positive impact on both participants in the class and learning reinforces Foodbank's growing role in school breakfast programs across South Australia. This will remain an important plank in what Foodbank SA offers to our community.

Foodbank SA's profile and its capacity to adapt and build its presence and reach has a great deal to do with our people – our staff, our volunteers and our board. Great organisations need great people and we are fortunate to count on the valued input of so many excellent contributors.

At the end of this year we will farewell a long-standing board member who has, in his own way, done much to shape Foodbank SA during his tenure. Peter Joy has given many years of outstanding



service to Foodbank SA through his involvement in our governance and has contributed significantly to cementing many of our partnerships and promoting Foodbank's value through his extensive networks. We are much the richer for his selfless service.

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Greg Pattinson Foodbank SA Chief Executive

As the largest food relief and food rescue organisation in South Australia, Foodbank's leadership role in addressing the growing issue of food insecurity has been increasingly highlighted over the past year. The public awareness of the issue of food waste has increased substantially, especially with TV shows such as the *ABC's War on Waste*, and this has driven the Federal Government to establish a \$150 million Food Waste Collaborative Research Centre to address the issue. This CRC will be based in Adelaide and Foodbank will be actively involved in finding possible solutions to redirect some of the \$16 billion of food wasted in Australia every year.

Paradoxically, while food waste is a problem, there has been a 14% increase in demand for food assistance in the SA community, with 117,260 people seeking assistance every month. Of most concern is that the numbers in regional areas are increasing disproportionately to those in the city. Someone living in a regional or rural community is now 33% more likely to require food relief than someone living in a metropolitan area. Despite our record achievement of distributing over 3 million kilograms in the past year, there are many thousands of people and families that we were unable to help, either because they are located in regions not serviced by Foodbank or other welfare agencies or because there was insufficient supply of essential foods.

In order to meet the demand in SA, Foodbank

SA has developed clear strategies for the next 2-3 years. Firstly, we will provide easier access to food by launching more of our successful food hubs in strategic and priority areas of SA. The launch of our new food hub in Mt Gambier this year had an immediate impact, with volume through our local branch increasing by over 60%, clearly indicating that such a service is essential in regional areas. We will open a new food hub in Christies Beach in late 2018.

Secondly we will seek to distribute to more regions of SA, previously serviced infrequently or not at all, which will require increasing the costs of freight.

Thirdly, to meet these ends, financial sustainability is critical. After the last state election, submissions were made to the SA Government to provide partial funding to offset the costs of freight to service regional and remote towns in SA, and to contribute to the costs of establishing food hubs. Unfortunately, this submission was rejected, and so Foodbank will now continue to partner with corporate supporters across the state who share our vision to end hunger. We are incredibly fortunate to have a core group of major sponsors who understand what we do and are prepared to underwrite our efforts to achieve our goals, and we are proud to work with them.

Foodbank would not even exist without the efforts and dedication of our team of staff and volunteers. Last year our volunteers



contributed nearly 80,000 hours to our cause, with people of all ages and backgrounds now being part of the Foodbank family, and it is this unique blend that makes Foodbank SA what it is today.

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OUR KEY AREAS OF WORK

CORE STAPLES

Sourcing core staples is the basis of Foodbank's work. Core staples are the items that everyone should have in their pantries. Those long-life shelf products that we all grew up with would include: baked beans, rice, pasta, pasta sauces, breakfast cereal, long life milk, tinned fruit and veggies. We source our core staples through a number of different ways:

- our relationship with the local and national food industry, retailers and producers enables us to get **donations**
- individuals, schools and workplaces run **food drives**
- **cash donations** from companies and community groups which are used to buy much needed staples
- a nation-wide **Key Staple Program** puts together a number of different companies to manufacture specific products.

As well, we buy a considerable number of items at discounted rates to make sure that we are able to offer healthy and nutritious food to those who otherwise would go without.

FOODBANK FOOD HUBS

We developed the Food Hubs to provide those who are in need with a dignified experience of visiting a general store environment. Foodbank Food Hubs offer choice and provides much greater value for money. Individuals are assessed by welfare partners who issue them with a voucher.

This voucher allows them to access and shop at our Food Hubs in Bowden, Edwardstown, Elizabeth, Mount Gambier and the Community Food Hub in Port Pirie. A new Foodbank Food Hub is scheduled to open in Christies Beach in 2018.

ON AVERAGE, 120 CLIENTS VISIT OUR FOOD HUBS EVERY DAY.

SCHOOLS

When you are hungry, you can't be at your best. Going to school hungry affects a child's ability to concentrate, to learn and to achieve. This can lead to dire consequences throughout their lives. A key area of Foodbank's work is to source and acquire food items to support around 490 School Programs across Adelaide's metro, regional and country areas. Common items available are breakfast cereal, long life milk, spreads like jam and Vegemite, tinned and fresh fruit and yogurt. Foodbank delivers food to schools in all regions of SA, and also provides food to other charities for their breakfast programs.

In 2018, Foodbank established pilot programs of several other school programs including: Fresh Food Friday's, School Lunch Programs and Young Women's Program.

SUPPORTING 490 SCHOOLS

FRUIT AND VEG FOR ALL

At Foodbank's Fruit & Veg Centre at the South Australian Produce Market we source donations from fresh produce wholesalers to distribute via our warehouses and food hubs. We go even further by nurturing relationships with growers and packing sheds in the Riverland, Adelaide Hills and Virginia regions to source produce straight from the farm. At Foodbank, fresh produce is distributed at no charge. In 2017-2018, more than 1,152,621 kg of local fruit and vegetables came through our doors straight to welfare agencies, community kitchens and schools. Our aim is to continue to expand the Fruit and Vegetable Program in need each year.

MORE THAN 1,152,621 KG OF FRUIT & VEG SOURCED FOR THOSE IN NEED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

COUNTRY AND REGIONAL OUTREACH

South Australia's extensive geographic area poses some logistical and operational challenges to reach those in rural and outback communities who need food relief services. Our regional branches in Mount Gambier, Berri and Whyalla support their respective regions. We also supply the stock for a regional Food Hub in Port Pirie.



**“BHP IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH
FOODBANK TO DELIVER FOOD TO
HUNGRY SOUTH AUSTRALIANS. THANKS
FOODBANK FOR ALL THAT YOU DO IN
GETTING FOOD TO WHERE IT’S NEEDED
THE MOST.”**

- Amanda, BHP

FINANCES AND GOVERNANCE

REVENUE

\$4,239,970

■ Handling Fees – Operating Income 25%	■ Rental Income 3%
■ Handling Fees – Staples 18%	■ Fundraising Income 2%
■ Grants for Capital Purposes 11%	■ Work for the Dole Program 1%
■ Grants for Operating Purposes 11%	■ Agency Delivery Charges 1%
■ Handling Fees - Everyday Hampers 10%	■ Annual Agency Membership 1%
■ Donations for Operating Purposes 9%	■ Donations for Capital Purposes <1%
■ Handling Fees - Christmas Hampers 4%	■ Miscellaneous Income <1%
■ Sponsorship 3%	■ Bank Interest Received <1%

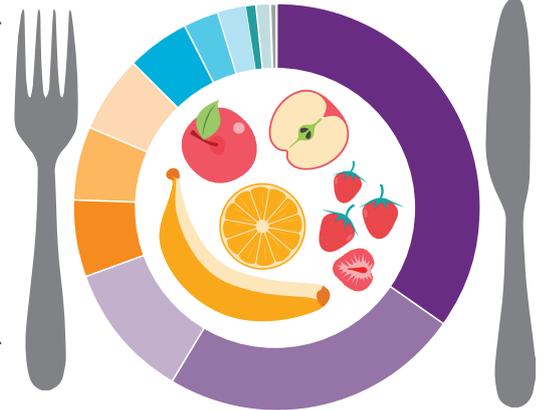


For full audited results provided by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, visit www.foodbanksa.org.au

EXPENDITURE

\$3,996,744

■ Employee Remuneration – Operating 35%	■ Property Rental and Outgoings 3%
■ Food Procurement 24%	■ Freight 2%
■ Other Expenses 11%	■ Levies 1%
■ Warehouse Operating Expenses 6%	■ Fundraising Expenses 1%
■ Depreciation 6%	■ Interest Paid <1%
■ Employees Remuneration – Administration 6%	
■ Utilities 5%	



Launch of the Fresh Food Friday Program supported by Variety SA.



Taking delivery of the Foodbank SA Volunteer Van supported by Disaster Resilient Australia and the SA Fire and Emergency Service Commission.

A close-up portrait of a young girl with light brown hair, looking directly at the camera with a serious, somewhat sad expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and blue. Two purple arrows are overlaid on the image: one starts at the top left, goes down, then right, pointing towards the girl's forehead; the other starts at the bottom right, goes down, then left, pointing towards her chin.

**1 IN 4 CHILDREN ARE EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY IN SA.
DON'T LET THEIR RUMBLING TUMMIES GO UNHEARD.**

HELP MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

**YES, I AM
JOINING THE
FIGHT AGAINST
HUNGER IN
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
I'D LIKE TO
DONATE BY...**

Direct Deposit

Bank: ANZ
Account Name: Foodbank SA
BSB: 015 010
Account No: 349421596

Please leave a reference of your name/business name in the narrative so we can issue a donation receipt

Credit Card

Visa Mastercard

Card Number

Expiry /

Cheque / Money Order Enclosed

(Addressed to Foodbank South Australia)

Donation Amount _____

Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Foodbank South Australia, PO BOX 40, Edwardstown SA 5039

Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

My gift is from a business - please make receipt out to _____

Signature _____

Your privacy is important to us. If you do not wish to receive further information from us please pick the box

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