



# FOODBANK VICTORIA ANNUAL REPORT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

**AS WE RECOGNISE OUR 90TH YEAR OF ASSISTING VICTORIANS, WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO OUR SUPPORTERS, FRIENDS, PARTNERS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY.**

Through your help we have been able to respond to the incredible challenges faced by Victoria – from the devastating bushfires that ravaged the north-east and saw Foodbank Victoria open their doors for the first time to accept donations from the general public, to the pandemic that resulted in panic buying emptying supermarket shelves across the country.

These events not only redefined the way we lived and our sense of what community is, they helped reinforce for all of us the resilience we have and the power of a shared purpose, the importance of family, friends and food.

We were overwhelmed by the incredible generosity displayed by our community who lined up for hours to donate much needed food and supplies and our volunteers who spent hours sorting and packing the donated products.

We learned how fragile our food supply chain is when panic buying resulted in a shortage of food and groceries.

Many of us that have never experienced food insecurity before, suddenly were able to understand the daily challenges that so many go through.

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DAVE MCNAMARA,  
CEO FOODBANK VICTORIA





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We also realised that our essential workers, those that keep us cared for, safe, fed, housed and connected are also our most vulnerable workers with many earning minimum wages and having to work multiple jobs to survive.

Throughout the last 90 years, Foodbank Victoria has been there for all Victorians - those that wanted to help by donating food, volunteering time or supporting us financially and those that so desperately needed our help to put food on their tables.

Your incredibly generous financial support this year means that we can commit to long term, strategic and targeted assistance to the many bushfire-affected communities that will need help over the coming years as they rebuild their lives and communities.

We are and continue to be an organisation led by and for the community. We respond and adapt to the needs of our community ensuring that no matter the lived experience there is healthy food available to all of us.

We are incredibly grateful to you for your belief in us and our shared vision for a table full of healthy and abundant food for all Victorians. Thank you for your amazing support this year.

With the greatest thanks, love and respect,

Dave McNamara



## OUR PAST

### FROM THE 1930S TO NOW: OUR WORK ACROSS THE DECADES

# OUR WORK IN VICTORIA DATES BACK TO 1930, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE RELIEF COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC TRAUMA CAUSED BY THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

Today, our work continues – supporting Victorians with food relief in times of distress caused by financial hardship and through disasters such as bushfires, floods, drought and pandemics.

### THE GREAT DEPRESSION

It was the 1929 Wall Street stock market crash that sent financial reverberations around the world, plunging the Australian market into some of its darkest days. As a result, Australian commodities such as the wheat and wool markets came crashing down and the 1930s began amidst the pathos of the Great Depression, marking a historical decade of massive financial loss and insecurity. The economic shockwaves caused widespread job displacement and severe rates of unemployment; Australians unable to pay their rent or mortgages were evicted from their homes and relocated to camps on the outskirts of major cities.

### THE STATE RELIEF COMMITTEE IS BORN

A time of great apprehension, it was also a time when the Australian spirit, the resilience and compassion that is in our DNA seemed to thrive. Friends and families had to rely on each other for support; people had to work together to innovate new ways of making food and find novel ways to entertain themselves.

To address the widespread need for food and material aid, the State Relief Committee was established.

The inaugural meeting was held at Parliament House on 31st July 1930. Led by notable persons, the Committee inherited a vital mission to organise a state-wide appeal for goods and donations and to coordinate their distribution to people in need during this time.



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OVER NINE DECADES OF VICTORIA'S HISTORY, FOODBANK VICTORIA HAS BEEN THERE IN THE BACKGROUND, ENSURING NOBODY HAS TO FACE A CRISIS ALONE. ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME CHANGES THE ONE FACTOR HAS REMAINED CONSTANT, WE ARE HERE FOR VICTORIANS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED, PROVIDING FOOD, COMFORT AND SUPPORT FOR GENERATIONS.

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## A NEW ERA

The State Relief Committee operated through the challenges of the post-war 40s and 50s and beyond. It wasn't until the 1980s and the devastation of the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983 that the organisation experienced a period of change. The Committee was commended for its ongoing and extensive support during this time of crisis and was formally included in the State Disaster Plan. In 1986, the organisation name changed from State Relief Committee to the Victorian Relief Committee, with increased powers during times of disaster.

In 2006 further changes saw the Victorian Relief Committee merge with Foodbank to become VicRelief Foodbank. And in 2011, VicRelief again formally changed its name to Foodbank Victoria and continues to operate as such.

## MODERN-DAY

As we entered our 90th year providing food relief, we were again faced with disaster as bushfires ravaged through the eastern part of our state and beyond. Again, we saw the human spirit as a beacon of hope, as the state, the nation, and the world came together to rally around those impacted by the fires.





## THE RECIPE FOR FEEDING VICTORIANS IN NEED

**THANKS TO THE SUPPORT  
OF OUR PARTNERS,  
DONORS, VOLUNTEERS,  
AND STAFF WE ARE ABLE  
TO PROVIDE 16.7 MILLION  
MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED.**



**WE RESPOND AND ADAPT TO  
THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY  
ENSURING THAT NO MATTER  
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IS HEALTHY FOOD AVAILABLE TO  
ALL OF US.**



DAVE MCNAMARA,  
CEO FOODBANK VICTORIA





## HERE'S WHAT GOES IN TO FIGHTING HUNGER EACH YEAR!



### PEOPLE

**VOLUNTEERS: 3,226**  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS: 32,471**  
**STAFF: 71**



### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**CHARITIES: 533**  
**SCHOOLS: 783**  
**TOTAL: 1,316**



### SUPPORTERS

**VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT**  
**FOOD DONORS**  
**TRUSTS + FOUNDATIONS**  
**FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS + PARTNERS**

# = IMPACT



**13 POP-UP MARKETS**  
**= 34,000+ KGS**  
**OF FRESH FOOD TO**  
**OVER 2,200 FAMILIES**



**FOOD IN: 11.29 MILLION KGS**  
**FOOD OUT: 9.30 MILLION KGS**  
**16.7 MILLION MEALS**

## THERE FOR VICTORIANS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

# RESPONDING TO THE BUSHFIRE CRISIS

It's safe to say 2020 has been a year like no other. As the bushfires broke out across Eastern Victoria on the eve of the new year, we were ready to respond.

On 31 December 2019, Foodbank Victoria's emergency role was activated under the State's Emergency Relief and Recovery Plan. Within 24 hours we had vital food hampers, water, and snacks on the way to communities in need via air, road and sea. But this was just the beginning of a vast coordinated state-wide response to ensure those impacted by the fires and the wonderful first responders had access to crucial supplies.

For the first time in our modern history, we opened the doors to the general public seeking urgent donations of food and groceries to meet the needs of those in fire-affected communities. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the public, and what we saw over that initial two-week period was the essence of community spirit:

We saw more than 3,500+ food and water donations from the public – delivered via truck, van, car, trailer, horse float, ambulance, State Emergency Service vehicle, a tip truck and even a wheelbarrow.

And, thanks to over 1,000 volunteers and staff we were able to pack, sort and distribute thousands of hampers to those in need.



**WITHIN 24 HOURS WE HAD VITAL FOOD HAMPERS, WATER, AND SNACKS ON THE WAY TO COMMUNITIES IN NEED VIA AIR, ROAD AND SEA.**







In the weeks following, we continued to work with communities in East Gippsland and north-east Victoria to try and make things a little easier on their road to recovery. We joined the Sarsfield Community for a twilight pop-up market, bringing in our Farms to Families truck loaded with free fresh fruit and vegetables to the community.

In addition to stocking local pantries, some of the produce we supplied made its way to farm kitchens, helping feed the volunteer tradies who travelled great distances to rebuild fences, clear the land, and get farming communities back on their feet.

Months on, we're still working with our partners in the region to provide a long-term strategy to support the changing needs of these communities.



**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR MODERN HISTORY, WE OPENED THE DOORS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC SEEKING URGENT DONATIONS OF FOOD AND GROCERIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN FIRE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.**



## VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF RECOGNISED FOR THEIR WORK

As the plight of those affected by the Australian bushfires gathered news across the world, we were inundated with support from people from all walks of life. We even managed to have a couple of celebrities pop into our Yarraville warehouse to boost morale and thank our volunteers and staff for their unwavering commitment to getting vital relief out to those in need.



## THE COVID-19 CRISIS

# AS THE STATE WAS STARTING TO RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATION LEFT BY THE BUSHFIRES, WE SOON FOUND OURSELVES IN A NEW CRISIS.

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**WORKING WITH THE RED CROSS, WE DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 13,200 INDIVIDUAL HAMPERS TO THOSE IN ISOLATION...**

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When COVID-19 quickly spread through the state, and the sheer scale of the health pandemic became apparent, we were again ready to respond to communities in need.

In March 2020, we were activated by the Victorian government to prepare and pack hampers for vulnerable Victorians in mandatory isolation with no access to essential food and personal hygiene items.

Working with the Red Cross, we distributed more than 13,200 individual hampers to those in isolation, including vital food and grocery items and personal care packages. With the health pandemic still a threat to the community, we are continuing to provide these hampers for as long as the need remains.

Beyond our emergency work, we continued to support our 533 charity partners with the growing demands of their communities. With restrictions imposed and more and more Victorians unable to work, there was a rapid increase in demand for food relief.



Our charity partners reported many new demographics seeking support, including the newly unemployed, temporary visa holders, international students, and many Victorians who never needed assistance were now unable to afford the basics.

As we move into 2020-21, we continue to support Victorians in need as the coronavirus crisis evolves. On Saturday 4 July 2020, we were called upon to support the residents in the public housing lockdown. We worked to deliver more than 3,400 additional hampers to the public housing estates, including staple food items and personal hygiene items. We also delivered 3,000 loaves of fresh bread daily and provided pet food to make sure no family member missed out.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to unfold, we will work to ensure no Victorian goes without.



## SPOTLIGHT CASE STUDY

# FROM BUSHFIRES TO COVID-19: MEET OUR ADAPTING PARTNERS ON THE FRONTLINE

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) Bairnsdale is just one of 12 Foodbank charity partners who provide emergency food relief and support to the wider Gippsland community.

Albert, former regional president, has been involved with the organisation for close to 15 years. Albert's current role is to oversee the food relief program.

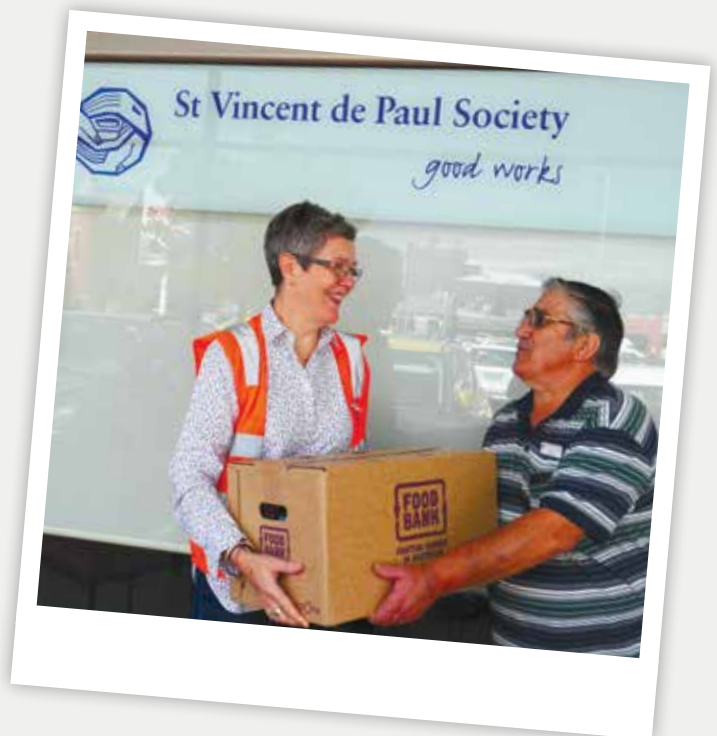
Like many charity organisations in the Gippsland region, the recent bushfire crisis was a significant time for SVDP Bairnsdale.

From 30 December 2019, the team at SVDP Bairnsdale had set up at the evacuation centre: "And it was full-on, right from the get-go. It was hugely busy. It was chaotic in many ways, and we were all working in one space alongside a lot of the other helping agencies," recalls Albert.

Albert says the social element of providing food relief has always been valuable but was vital during bushfires as people gathered together to share their experiences.

Due to COVID-19, the team had to adapt once again and to adhere to social distancing requirements they moved to conducting phone interviews and providing vouchers for food relief. As restrictions ease, and the situation improves, Albert envisages their services will be called upon more frequently.

SVDP Bairnsdale is just one of our 533 charity partners who continually adapt to the growing needs of their communities.



**PEOPLE WHO CAME IN WERE IN SHOCK, SHARING PHOTOS AND TELLING TALES OF WHAT THEY HAD LOST. IT WAS A LITTLE BIT OVERWHELMING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAD SUFFERED. TEARS WELL UP IN YOUR OWN EYES LISTENING TO SOME OF THESE STORIES.**



ALBERT  
FORMER REGIONAL PRESIDENT,  
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BAIRNSDALE

## RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Meet Angie, Executive Officer, Reservoir Neighbourhood House

Based in Melbourne's North, Reservoir Neighbourhood House had to change their entire way of operating to support their community during the lockdown.

"During COVID-19, we saw a range of different people who had not previously accessed support coming forward. The impacts of COVID-19 were felt by people in many different ways."

"These programs couldn't exist without Foodbank's support. We are able to reach so many people experiencing hardship on multiple levels. Thanks to food from Foodbank, we're able to help people to feel safe, supported, welcome and most importantly reduce hunger and their stress around this!"



## FOOD IN, FOOD OUT

# SOURCING AND DISTRIBUTING FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED

Thanks to our relationships across the food and grocery sector, in 2019-20 we distributed more than 9.3 million kilograms of staple, fresh and frozen foods, personal hygiene and household products to people in need. This volume is the equivalent of providing 16.7 million meals to those doing it tough.

In line with our vision of healthy food for all, we managed to work with farmers, growers, and wholesalers, to source and distribute close to 1.7 million kilograms of fresh produce, fruit and vegetables to those in need.

We worked diligently to secure more diverse products to ensure those in need not only have food in their tummies but vital supplies in their cupboards. As financial pressures grow, personal hygiene and household items often feel like a luxury to those facing financial hardships. With the help of our donors and community food drives, we managed to distribute more than 400,000 kilograms of these products in 2019-20 – a 6% increase on the previous year.

Nationally, we continued to support food relief operations across Australia by distributing more than 1.1 million kilograms of food to Foodbanks in Western Australia, the Northern Territory, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania.

**WITH THE HELP OF OUR DONORS AND COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVES, WE MANAGED TO DISTRIBUTE A FURTHER 650,000+ KILOGRAMS OF STAPLE FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP. THIS INCLUDES THE GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC DURING THE BUSHFIRES.**



**2019-20 FOOD IN:**

**9.3 MILLION**

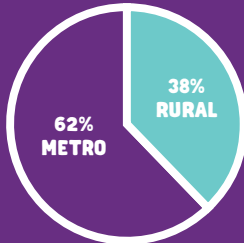
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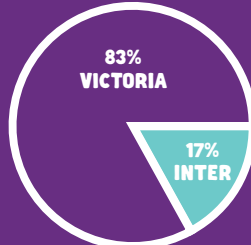
## KILOS DISTRIBUTED

**CHARITY  
PARTNERS**  
**7,039,023 KGS**



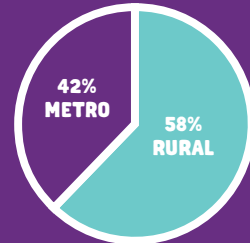
**LOCATION OF  
CHARITY PARTNERS**

**INTERSTATE  
FOODBANKS**  
**1,135,871 KGS**



**FOOD  
DESTINATION**

**SCHOOL  
BREAKFAST CLUBS**  
**1,127,719 KGS**



**LOCATION OF  
SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS**

**= MORE THAN 9.3 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF FOOD**

## PRODUCT TYPES



**PANTRY STAPLES**  
**5,890,486 KGS**



**FRESH PRODUCE, FRUIT  
AND VEGETABLES**  
**1,676,818 KGS**



**FROZEN AND  
CHILLED**  
**1,297,489 KGS**



**PERSONAL HYGIENE  
AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**  
**400,037 KGS**

## SOURCE



**VICTORIAN  
DONORS**

**X 528  
DONORS**  
**4,582,370 KGS**



**NATIONAL  
DONORS**

**X 87  
DONORS**  
**6,001,712 KGS**



**LOCAL FOOD  
DRIVES**

**X 246  
FOOD DRIVES**  
**44,673 KGS**

## OUR FRIENDS IN FOOD

**ALTHOUGH WE SAW AN INFLUX OF VITAL FOOD AND WATER DONATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC DURING THE SUMMER BUSHFIRES, IT IS OUR FRIENDS IN FOOD THAT KEEP US WELL-STOCKED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**



**"WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEAM UP WITH FOODBANK TO BRING FOOD TO AUSSIES IN NEED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."**



LYN RADFORD  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, CHOBANI

In 2019-20, we worked with 528 Victorian organisations – from farmers and growers through to wholesalers and manufacturers – to source and distribute food to people in need. This is a 16% increase in food donors from the previous year.

Thanks to these generous Victorian organisations 4.5 million kilograms of food and grocery items were donated to Foodbank Victoria and redistributed to communities in need. We also saw an additional 87 national donors contribute a further 6.6 million kilograms of food.

During our time of need through COVID-19 and bushfires, we were grateful that we could rely on the ongoing support of our food partners to meet the growing need of others.

### MEET ONE OF OUR FOOD DONORS: CHOBANI

"One of our key values at Chobani is Giving Back, and we're really proud to partner with an organisation that has such a significant impact in our communities.

"It's been a particularly challenging 12 months for Australians with drought, bushfires and COVID-19 and we feel that now, more than ever, it's important that we give back in any way we can, when so many people are doing it tough.

"We are so grateful for the opportunity to team up with Foodbank to bring food to Aussies in need and we look forward to continuing to work together to make a difference."

- Lyn Radford, Managing Director, Chobani



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOOD DONOR?

Please contact Foodbank Victoria's Food Donor Team on 03 9362 8328 or [Sunill@foodbankvictoria.org.au](mailto:Sunill@foodbankvictoria.org.au)

## FOOD ON THE FRONTLINE

# FROM OUR YARRAVILLE WAREHOUSE TO ALL OUR CHARITY PARTNERS ACROSS VICTORIA - OUR FOOD TRAVELS FAR AND WIDE TO HELP OUR HEROES ON THE FRONTLINE FEED THOSE IN NEED.



Whether it be everyday emergencies or times of crisis, our charity partners are there on the ground to support communities through tough times. In 2019-20, we provided food and emergency supplies to 533 charity organisations right across the state: from Cann River to Warrnambool, through to Swan Hill and Phillip Island.

Through our vast distribution network, the food we source is used in community meal and emergency food relief programs in all corners of Victoria. By working with organisations large and small, we're able to provide more than 1.2 million meals a month to those in need. In 2019-20 we distributed more than 7 million kilograms of food, personal care and household items to our network of charity partners.

This year proved to be a challenging time for Victoria's charity sector. The 2019 Foodbank Hunger Report revealed a 25% increase in the number of Victorians seeking food relief from charities, while just 37% of our partners reported they were meeting the full needs of the people they assist.

Sadly, the summer bushfires resulted in additional demand for food, supplies and support. The added impact of the growing COVID-19 crisis also put strain on our charities, forcing them to adapt to the changing needs of their communities.

In addition to food, we continued our partnership with Telstra through the Telstra Bill Assistance program, distributing 600 vouchers to the value of \$30,000. The vouchers continue to help ease the burden on Victorians struggling to make ends meet.

While the year had its challenges, we are proud to be a part of a network that rallies together when times get tough. It is with the generosity and hard work of our charity partners – the true heroes on the frontline – that we're able to ensure vital food and emergency relief get to those who need it most.



## MEET OUR CHARITY PARTNERS



### ANGELA, GENEVIEVE'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN

"Nourishing people in need is what we do at Genevieve's Community Kitchen. Through our mobile pantry and community café and meal program, we help feed more than 150 people every week including the elderly, disabled, disadvantaged, those with special needs, job seekers and school children. The people we help not only enjoy access to free food, but also feel a sense of belonging when they become a part of our family."

### JULIA, ECHO FOOD STORE

"We service our local community by providing free food and a welcoming space for people to come along and have a chat. We operate like a free supermarket, where people can come in and collect fruit and vegetables, groceries, and pre-cooked meals."

There are many reasons why people come to us for help. It could be illness or disability in the family, people who are out of work or without a home or those who are just going through a bit of a rough patch. Everybody is always so appreciative to have a helping hand."



### HEIDI AND NAOMI, GLEN PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

"We offer a food and material aid program for struggling community members in the Bayswater, Bayswater North and Boronia region. Every fortnight, we open our community pantry where people can access free food and groceries. We also offer a take-away meal program for those who may not have access to a kitchen to cook their meals. We wouldn't be able to feed as many people as we do without Foodbank's support."

### BEC, KOROROIT CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

"Thanks to the support of Foodbank Victoria, we're able to provide a free food pantry and food delivery service to struggling people in the Sunshine, Ardeer and Albion communities. We help people from a diversity of backgrounds; families, single parents, people who have lost their job and really anyone who is struggling to get by. For a lot of people, the food we provide is the difference between eating and not eating."



### DAVID, GOOD GRUB CLUB

"Daylesford is seen as a wonderful holiday destination when in fact, the Hepburn Shire is one of the poorest regions of Victoria. There is a large need for our services and without Foodbank, we would have no way of meeting the demand. During COVID-19, we were delivering around 350 food hampers every week."

## FROM THE FARM GATE TO THE PLATE

# WE CONTINUED TO DELIVER OUR FARMS TO FAMILIES PROGRAM TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ACROSS VICTORIA.

Working with our charity partners, these pop-up markets offer a welcoming and safe space for the community to access a range of free and fresh produce.

In 2019-20 we ran 13 markets in metro and rural communities, distributing in excess of 34,000 kilograms of fresh food to more than 2,200 families. This program was made possible with the ongoing generous support of The William Buckland Foundation, The Jack Brockhoff Foundation and The Collie Foundation.

Thanks to generous funding from The William Buckland Foundation, we have committed to delivering 72 markets in the Latrobe Valley over four years to provide much-needed food relief to struggling families in the Gippsland region.

This funding has also enabled Foodbank Victoria to develop a purpose-built mobile market truck to transport fresh produce to regional communities more regularly. The bespoke design enables families to select their own produce directly from the truck, empowering community members and creating a genuine farmers' market feel.



## NEW RECIPE CARDS A HIT WITH THE COMMUNITY

This year we enlisted the help of MasterChef alumnus Simon Toohey to create a range of healthy and simple recipe cards for our Farms to Families market attendees. Using the fresh produce that is distributed at the markets, the recipe cards provide inspiration for cooking nutritious family meals.

In December 2019, Simon Toohey joined us at a Farms to Families market in Morwell to help launch the recipe cards. He spent the morning cooking up savoury cabbage pancakes for the local community, which went down an absolute treat with those in attendance.



## SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM IN ACTION

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT, OUR SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM HAS BEEN DELIVERING FREE BREAKFASTS TO VICTORIA'S MOST DISADVANTAGED SCHOOLS SINCE 2016.**

In August 2019, the State Government announced an expansion to the program, enabling us to deliver more food to more schools across the State.

Since the program's launch in 2016, participating schools have reported significant improvement in student learning and academic outcomes. However, some students who were not having breakfast at home, were also missing out on lunch and healthy food throughout the school holidays.

To address the needs of these students, as part of the State Government's renewed commitment to the program, Lunch and School Holiday Supply packs were added to the program.

In addition, several Victorian schools were invited to take part in Cooking Classes; a new initiative encouraging students and their families to come together to learn new skills in cooking, meal preparation and food safety. Over the next four years, the Cooking Classes program will be made available to 100 schools across Victoria.



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**IN 2019-20, WE WELCOMED AN ADDITIONAL 251 PRIMARY, SECONDARY, P-12 AND SPECIALIST SCHOOLS TO THE PROGRAM, WITH A TOTAL OF 1,000 SCHOOLS EXPECTED TO BE INDUCTED BY THE END OF THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR.**

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**A HEALTHY BREAKFAST  
= HAPPY STUDENTS**

**MORE THAN  
13 MILLION  
STUDENT  
MEALS DELIVERED  
TO VICTORIAN  
SCHOOLS SINCE 2016!**



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**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE BREAKFAST  
IN THE MORNING YOU CAN  
HAVE IT AT SCHOOL AT THE  
BREAKFAST CLUB. HAVING  
BREAKFAST GIVES YOU ENERGY  
FOR THE DAY SO YOU CAN MAKE  
MORE IDEAS IN THE CLASSROOM**

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**MACY - BREAKFAST CLUB ATTENDEE  
MARAMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## SERVING UP NUTRITIONAL BENEFITS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

**ADDED TO THE MENU IN FY19-20:**



## KEEPING ON THE PATH

# SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES THROUGH REMOTE LEARNING

The 2019-20 school year may have been a little different due to COVID-19, but that didn't stop school staff and families working together to ensure students had continued access to healthy food while learning at home, or on-campus. Participating schools found new ways to provide Breakfast, Lunch and School Holiday Supply packs to families to support students through remote learning. Sebastapol Primary School, located in Ballarat South, is just one of the many schools who went above and beyond despite a challenging start to the school year.

"Rather than running a Breakfast Club on-campus, we have been using Breakfast Club products and School Holiday Supplies to create food hampers for students and their families.



**THE EXTRA FOOD HAS BEEN A HUGE HELP FOR THOSE FAMILIES DOING IT TOUGH DURING COVID-19**



We have been delivering food hampers to parents without a car or licence, as well as holding a drive through service where families can come along and collect a food hamper. The extra food has been a huge help for those families doing it tough during COVID-19" – Michelle Wilson, Principal at Sebastapol Primary School.

## PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In Term 1 2020, we launched our new Cooking Classes program inviting students and their families into the school kitchen to cook and share a meal together, while learning about food and nutrition in a fun environment.

Guided by trained Foodbank Victoria program facilitators, this new initiative encourages families to develop skills, knowledge and healthy eating habits to support student growth, well-being and development both in and out of the classroom. Families are provided with a range of tools to assist with meal purchasing and planning, as well as recipes and fresh and staple food hampers to promote healthy eating at home. With the support of the State Government, the Cooking Classes program will be made available to 100 schools across Victoria.



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AVAILABLE TO 100 SCHOOLS  
ACROSS VICTORIA.**

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## TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS PROVIDING RELIEF AT TIMES OF CRISIS

**EACH YEAR WE RELY ON THE GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT FROM TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS. THEIR COMMITMENTS ALLOW FOODBANK VICTORIA TO CONTINUE RUNNING VITAL RELIEF PROGRAMS AS WELL AS EXPLORING WAYS TO EXTEND OUR REACH AND IMPACT IN VICTORIA.**

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**AFTER THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY THE BUSHFIRES, FOLLOWED BY THE OVERWHELMING IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, WE SAW AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS OFFERING TO SUPPORT OUR WORK IN VICTORIA'S TIME OF NEED.**

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## **ADDITIONAL BUSHFIRE RELIEF**

During the summer bushfires, many small and large Trusts and Foundations donated to support our emergency relief in East Gippsland. Their generosity has allowed us to provide additional pantry staples, hampers of food and personal items and fresh produce to these communities in need.

This ongoing recovery relief was supported by; American Red Cross, the Portland House Foundation, the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, The Kimberley Foundation, The Nelson Alexander Charitable Foundation, and the Okta for Good Fund, a fund of the Tides Foundation.

Our work in the region has also been supported by the Australian Communities Foundation through the Sally Browne Fund, One Tomorrow Fund, Geostudies Fund and the Clare Murphy Fund.

## **A HELPING HAND DURING COVID-19**

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen a significant increase in demand for food relief, with many Victorians accessing our services for the first time. During this time, we have received an outpouring of support from the community to help address the growing need, including generous support from the Portland House Foundation, The BHP Foundation and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.

Several Foundations have helped support our ongoing operations throughout our COVID-19 response including; The Jack & Robert Smorgon Families Foundation, The Stuart Leslie Foundation, the Noonan Family Foundation, The Guthrie Family Charitable Trust, the Fade to Black Foundation, the Weily Tribe Foundation, The Nelson Alexander Charitable Foundation, The Forster Family Foundation, Transurban Community Grants, and Decjuba Pty Ltd.

The purchase of additional pasta during the pandemic was enabled by The Marian and E.H. Flack Trust. This economical and versatile pantry staple was hard to come by in the supermarkets and was snapped up by charity partners across the state.

We would also like to thank The Anthony Costa Foundation for helping with the provision of key staples to support our community, and Bagot Gjergja Foundation for their ongoing support assisting with our core operations.

Our most heartfelt thanks go out to these organisations and their commitment to supporting vulnerable Victorians.

## **MEET ROBYN, A FRIEND OF FOODBANK**

Foodbank Victoria is fortunate to have a loyal donor base who very generously give to support Victorians in need. Acknowledging our supporters is important to us. Whether it was a once off donation or a regular monthly gift, we are grateful for the support of our community. Without their assistance we would not be able to support the thousands of vulnerable Victorians who rely on our food each month.

Robyn Bailey is one of Foodbank Victoria's many valued supporters. She has a long history of giving, having supported us since 2014. Visiting the warehouse many years ago to see a MasterChef contestant cook food, she has seen what she describes as the 'good work Foodbank Victoria does'.

"I give to Foodbank Victoria because I know you support hundreds of charities. The supply of critical food by one organisation supporting so many other organisations is just brilliant. I know my support impacts so many people in one hit. Foodbank Victoria work tirelessly to make sure as many people who need food get fed. Like the School Breakfast Clubs, there was need and Foodbank Victoria fills that gap. Amazing!"



## CORPORATE PARTNERS PROVIDING INVALUABLE SUPPORT

# THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS WE ARE ABLE TO EXTEND THE REACH AND IMPACT OF OUR WORK ACROSS THE STATE.

### PETERS ICE CREAM

Peters Ice Cream continued to play a critical role in helping us put food on the tables of those who need it most. Building on four years working together, we are thrilled to extend this partnership for another two years. As our very first partner and our longest-standing corporate relationship, their commitment to the cause is unwavering.

Their employees' enthusiasm to support the community is evident with the Peters team once again volunteering at our Farms to Families markets and donating much needed essential food and grocery items through their annual Christmas & Winter food drives.

The team were also swift to show their support throughout the bushfires, stepping up to provide essential helping hands and additional financial support. They even extended the assistance through their global brand NUII who offered financial aid at a time we needed it most.

The team will also once again take part in the 2020 Hunger Ride. We cannot wait to get behind their team and cheer them on.

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**THE ROLE  
FOODBANK PLAYS  
IN OUR COMMUNITY  
IS ENORMOUS AND  
WE ARE SO PROUD  
TO BE FOODBANK'S  
LONGEST SERVING  
PARTNER. FOODBANK OFFERS  
OUR STAFF THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE  
IN MEANINGFUL WAYS WITH TANGIBLE  
BENEFITS TO OUR STAFF AND MORE  
IMPORTANTLY THOSE IN NEED IN OUR  
COMMUNITY. OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH  
FOODBANK IS UNIQUE AND ONE THAT IS  
PRIMARILY DELIVERED THROUGH THE  
GENUINE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR  
BUSINESSES.**

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EMMA-JANE COLLINS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PETERS ICE CREAM





## GOALS TO END HUNGER

We ran our Goals to End Hunger Campaign for a second year thanks to our wonderful friends at electricity and gas retailer EnergyAustralia and Essendon Football Club.

EnergyAustralia donated 200 meals to Foodbank Victoria for every goal the Bombers kicked during the regular home-and-away season.

The Bombers' 256 goals in 2019 translated to 51,200 meals for people in need. Bombers fans added another 1,711 meals when they joined us at the MCG and took shots at goal with Essendon champion Dustin Fletcher and legendary coach Kevin Sheedy.



**THE PEOPLE AT FOODBANK VICTORIA ARE REAL-LIFE HEROES. THE WORK THEY DO TO MAKE SURE VICTORIANS HAVE FOOD AND ESSENTIALS IS AMAZING AND INSPIRING. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO HELP SUCH AN AMAZING ORGANISATION AND THE PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON IT.**



MARK TODD,  
HEAD OF REPUTATION, ENERGYAUSTRALIA

## WESTERN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

This year we were excited to launch a partnership with Western United Football Club, signing on as their official Principal Charity Partner.

Throughout the 2020-21 season our two organisations will join forces and unite to raise funds to ensure more meals are going out to those who need them most.

Earlier in the year, players from Western United Football Club volunteered their time prior to relocating to the interstate hub, helping to pack food hampers and raise awareness of our work in the community.

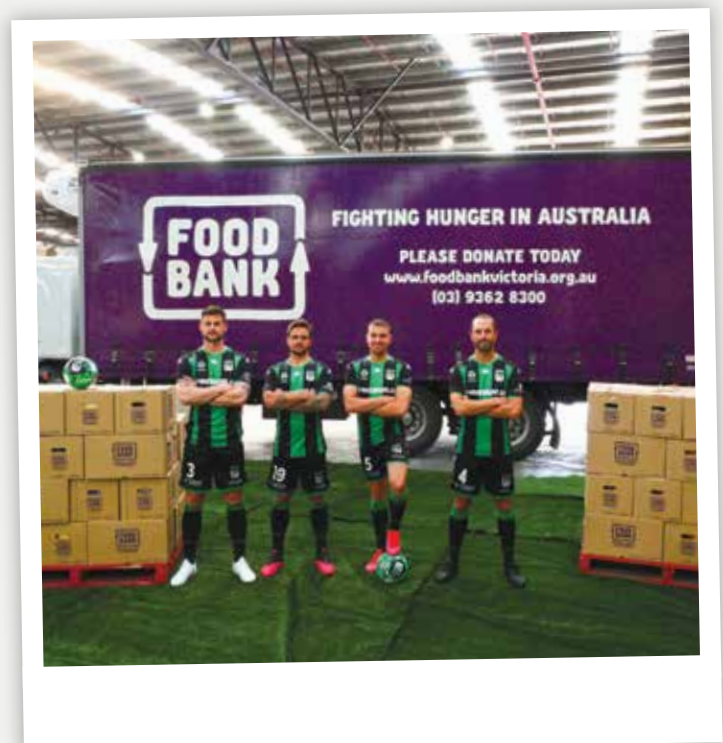
"As a football club, Western United FC is still so young, being in our inaugural year of the A-League. The team has worked hard on the pitch, but off the pitch we're working just as hard to build a club the west will be proud of – this partnership is a solid first step for us on that journey. The work Foodbank Victoria does, the commitment to the issue of hunger – it's second to none. Together we'll combine our strengths and build a partnership that will help fight the hunger crisis"

Chris Pehlivanis,  
Chief Executive Officer, Western United Football Club.



## ENERGYAUSTRALIA

On top of the Goals to End Hunger campaign, 252 EnergyAustralia employees contributed more than 1,328 volunteer hours and at our Yarraville warehouse to pack thousands of kilos of food for our charity partners. EnergyAustralia also stepped up when the bushfires hit eastern Australia in summer 2019-20, providing financial support which helped us get food to people in impacted areas.



## THE PORT OF MELBOURNE

The Port of Melbourne has extended its support of Foodbank Victoria, signing a new three-year agreement.

The partnership builds on a 2018-19 commitment through which Port of Melbourne employees donated more than 220 hours and distributed nearly 44,000 meals to vulnerable Victorian communities.

Dozens of Port of Melbourne employees will volunteer their time during the next three years to pick and pack tens of thousands of kilos of food. Others will be deployed to distribution points during food drives associated with emergency response.

"While our financial contribution will help Foodbank Victoria's reach and impact, the team at Port of Melbourne is also looking forward to rolling up our sleeves to ensure much-needed nutritious food gets to areas it's needed most."



**WE'RE ATTUNED TO THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR INCREASED SUPPORT DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS AND ARE READY TO DEPLOY OUR ASSISTANCE NOW TO HELP FOODBANK VICTORIA'S PRESSURE POINTS. WE'RE ALSO HERE FOR THE LONG-HAUL, ENSURING WE REMAIN A VALUED PARTNER OF FOODBANK VICTORIA ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO 2022.**



**BRENDAN BOURKE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PORT OF MELBOURNE



**WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR WORK.**

- ✓ Emma & Toms
- ✓ ExxonMobil
- ✓ Cobram Estate
- ✓ Vanguard
- ✓ Intercontinental Exchange
- ✓ Dow Chemical
- ✓ Salomon (Amer Sports Australia)
- ✓ Vivienne Court Trading
- ✓ Bulla Dairy Foods
- ✓ The Manasha Foundation
- ✓ The Hansen Reserves/  
In Other Good News
- ✓ Heart & Soil



**WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL MENTION TO THOSE ORGANISATIONS WHO STEPPED UP DURING THE BUSHFIRE CRISIS TO PROVIDE FURTHER URGENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING VICTORIA'S TIME OF NEED.**

- ✓ SkyBus
- ✓ NUII
- ✓ Don Smallgoods
- ✓ Peters Ice Cream
- ✓ EnergyAustralia

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTNER WITH US, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR PARTNERSHIPS TEAM ON (03) 9362 8383 OR [PARTNERSHIPS@FOODBANKVICTORIA.ORG.AU](mailto:PARTNERSHIPS@FOODBANKVICTORIA.ORG.AU)**

## OUR PEOPLE

# VOLUNTEERS: OUR BEATING HEART

Our volunteers are the beating heart of our organisation. After a challenging year of bushfires followed by COVID-19, our volunteers have never been more vital in delivering food relief to Victorians in need.

In 2019-20, we saw more than 3200 individual and corporate volunteers donate 32,400+ hours of time to Foodbank Victoria - a 5.5% increase in volunteers from the previous year.

During the year, we had 89 people regularly donating their time to Foodbank Victoria. Our regular volunteers help on a weekly basis to pack orders, assist with vital office and administration tasks, liaise with our charity partners and help to ensure our food gets out to the people who need it most.

We are equally grateful to the growing number of organisations, businesses and community groups who volunteer in our warehouse throughout the year. In 2019-20 we welcomed 2,235 generous corporate volunteers, who helped pack food orders, grocery boxes and assisted in distributing food at our Farms to Families markets.

In January 2020, we were overwhelmed with the community response to support our emergency bushfire relief effort. Due to the unfolding crisis, for the first time in our modern history, we opened our doors to collect food donations from the public. And while we had cars lining up around the block filled with donations, we were in need of additional hands to help sort and pack the donated food. Within hours we were utterly overwhelmed by requests to volunteer - we welcomed 729 individual volunteers and 484 corporate volunteers into the warehouse, ensuring the food was distributed to affected communities.

We want to extend our warmest thanks to all our volunteers and supporters. Without their kindness, compassion, and generosity, we simply could not provide food relief for the thousands of Victorians who rely on it each month.



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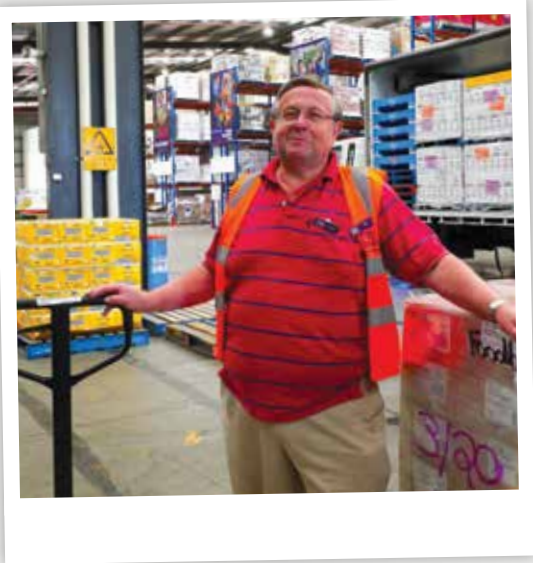
**WE WELCOMED 729 INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS AND 484 CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS INTO THE WAREHOUSE, ENSURING THE FOOD WAS DISTRIBUTED TO AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AS THE FIRES BURNED.**

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## THE FOODBANK FAMILY

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## JOHN

"After I retired from working in the food industry, I wanted to stay connected with all things food and help people at the same time. I started volunteering at Foodbank five years ago as Pick Pack Supervisor. I get to meet a new group of volunteers every day. For me, it's about staying connected."



**MY HOME WAS DESTROYED IN THE 1983 ASH WEDNESDAY FIRES SO THIS WAS MY WAY OF 'GIVING BACK'.**



## SUSAN

"My 18 months of volunteering at Foodbank has been one of great satisfaction and enjoyment - working as part of a friendly cohesive team with the one goal of assisting people in need with food.

This was most evident during the Victorian bushfires where I assisted packing food hampers.

My home was destroyed in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires so this was my way of 'giving back'.

The onset of COVID-19 brought with it many challenges and demands where all team members needed to support each other in order to maintain a safe and healthy environment."



## OUR PEOPLE

# STAFF: THE KEY INGREDIENT TO OUR SUCCESS

As we commemorate our 90 years in operation, it is our people who have been the key to our success.

At the end of 2019-20, the Foodbank Victoria team consisted of 71 dedicated and skilled individuals, including an additional 16 new staff across various roles. Whether it's working in operations and our warehouse, out on the road meeting schools and charity partners or in the office - our people are passionate about providing healthy food for all.



**WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND WELCOMING WORKPLACE AND PROACTIVELY ORGANISE STAFF HEALTH AND WELLBEING ACTIVITIES.**



Throughout the year, when restrictions would allow it, employees have been encouraged to remain active with free gym access in partnership with The Exercise Room, as well as social walking groups during lunchtime. Focusing on keeping a sharp and healthy mind, we also continued weekly staff-led mindfulness activities. This year we again offered a special initiative that allowed staff to purchase goods or services to support their physical and mental wellbeing this year. We also reintroduced monthly staff BBQs to provide an opportunity for our teams to socialise and share a nutritious meal together.

This financial year we implemented a new Employee Assistance Program Provider, Uprise, with the program's app and online services accessible to staff at any time.

Through this program, the team have enjoyed access to tips and tools for managing stress and work-life balance, resilience-building activities, skill development as well as free counselling sessions. During COVID-19, we also increased the number of counselling sessions available to staff to provide additional support.

With COVID-19 forcing our organisation to adapt, extra measures were put in place to provide flexibility and support during a challenging time. As many staff were required to work from home, weekly online lunch meet-ups and various remote team trivia and after-work socialising events were organised to keep staff connected. We also developed a Friday Funday newsletter with tips and tools for staying entertained during lockdown weekends. Staff received Ergonomics training and were provided with additional resources to establish a safe working space in their homes where their roles allowed.

In 2019-20, we also worked with the State Government to hire additional staff through the Working for Victoria Program. This program not only allowed us to address the growing demand for food relief but provided a new employment opportunity for Victorians who experienced unemployment due to the pandemic.

By celebrating diversity and investing in our staff, we are continuing to build an engaging culture that ensures the team are motivated and equipped with the necessary skills to achieve our goals. With our expanding operations and the rising demand for food relief, we will continue to recruit and employ diverse individuals who are committed to our vision of healthy food for all.

## OUR VALUES

# EMPOWERMENT ACCOUNTABILITY RESPECT INTEGRITY



**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SEVERAL STAFF WORKSHOPS WERE CONDUCTED TO EMPOWER AND SUPPORT EMPLOYEES TO CONFIDENTLY EMBODY OUR VALUES OF EMPOWERMENT, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. MORE ENGAGING AND VALUE-BASED WORKSHOPS ARE PLANNED FOR THE COMING YEAR.**





## OUR PEOPLE

# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The origins of Foodbank Victoria commenced operation on 1 August 1930 at the outset of the depression by the State Government. The Committee was allotted the work of "collecting commodities and cash, with a view to alleviating distress throughout the State". This same focus continues today.

Throughout its 90 years of history Foodbank Victoria has provided a hand-up through war, flood, fire, famine, plague and any other natural disaster as well as those finding it difficult to make ends meet. Foodbank Victoria works closely with government and other relief agencies during these crises for the provision of food which is essential for the health and wellbeing of individuals.

The 2019-20 year has been one where emergency crisis management has governed activities and has made the year one of the most demanding, difficult and critical years in the history of Foodbank. 2019 was dominated by drought affecting most of Australia with Victoria having dry drought and green drought areas requiring assistance.

2020 commenced with severe bushfires around the state with major fires affecting the whole east of the State with communities destroyed and lives, infrastructure, houses and farms lost. The fires were so large they were reported around the world.



DOROTHY COOMBE  
- CHAIR

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CONTINUED

This disaster saw Foodbank open its doors, for the first time, to public donations in goods and money and required daily implementation of processes, fundraising, publicity and management of staff and volunteers. As the effort for this started to ease, the world was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with new rules of movement, distancing and working commitments from home or office.

Victoria has been in a State of Emergency since January 2020 and this will not ease for the remainder of the calendar year. This has activated Foodbank Victoria into its emergency food relief status for most of the year which requires careful and continual communication with government, partners, agencies, Foodbank Australia, staff and volunteers. Implementation of new procedures, working rules and relationship building have seen new benchmarks initiated and new work practices established. This pressure testing of the business has resulted in enormous success and recognition of a job well done whilst demonstrating how flexible, adaptable and agile the business is, and needs to be, to cover all situations. As a consequence, the brand has been strengthened, resilience built and new opportunities advanced which has seen significant growth of the organisation and a strong positive financial position realised.

All of these activities have been undertaken in addition to the planned program of food procurement, fundraising, promotions, agency support, School Breakfast Program and other activities scheduled for the year. The board thanks the total team for their extraordinary work and achievements made during this unprecedented yet remarkable year.

The impact of COVID-19 has improved our operation and future planning will concentrate on strengthening our emergency response and expanding distribution networks. We strive to meet the United Nations (UN) Strategic Development Goal (SDG) No. 2 – “Zero Hunger” and our vision of “healthy food for all” by collecting commodities and cash with a view to alleviating distress throughout the State.



Dorothy Coombe  
Chair



### ZERO HUNGER

**UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 2: ZERO HUNGER - END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVE NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.**

## BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2020

**DOROTHY COOMBE - CHAIR**

**STUART COSTA**

**STEPHEN AUDSLEY**

**CLAIRE HOOPER**

**MEG MONTAGUE**

**TASS MOUSAFERIADIS**

**LAHRA CAREY (RESIGNED 29 JULY 2019)**

**TOM KIMPTON (APPOINTED 15 AUGUST 2019)**

**AMBER COLLINS (APPOINTED 17 OCTOBER 2019)**

**JUSTIN MADDEN AM (RESIGNED 5 DECEMBER 2019)**

**NIAMH O'MALLEY (RESIGNED 5 DECEMBER 2019)**

**ROBERT BABB (APPOINTED 22 MAY 2020)**

**JULIETTE ALUSH (APPOINTED 4 JUNE 2020)**



## LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE

**AS WE CLOSE THE BOOK ON THIS ENORMOUS YEAR, WE KNOW THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE GROWING DEMAND FOR FOOD RELIEF.**



### FOODBANK HUBS TO EXTEND OUR IMPACT

Although we continue to operate state-wide, we are working on ways to extend our reach and impact to ensure no Victorian goes without.

Thanks to funding from the State Government, we are developing two new purpose-built Foodbank hubs – one in Ballarat and one in Morwell. Due for completion by November 2022, these hubs will enable Foodbank to deliver more fresh, frozen and staple foods to where it's needed most - through an extended network of charity partners. Not only will these hubs promote community involvement and engagement, they will create a more effective way to distribute food into remote areas of disadvantage.

### COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING BUSHFIRE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

After a devastating bushfire season, we have committed to a three-year strategy to support these communities as they continue the long journey to recovery. We are working with our charity partners and indigenous community organisations to ascertain the changing needs of their communities and what additional food relief and support they might require. In line with our vision of healthy food for all, we are purchasing additional fresh fruit and vegetables to distribute directly to these communities in Gippsland and north-east Victoria to increase the availability of nutritious produce.

To further support the wider Gippsland region, we are also investigating two new market sites in Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance to host monthly Farms to Families markets. This is in addition to our current markets in Morwell and Ballarat. Working with our charity partners, our Farms to Families pop-up markets offer a welcoming space for the local community to access an abundance of free fruit and vegetables. Each market can provide up to 300 families with enough fresh food for a week.

As part of Foodbank Victoria's commitment to the recovery of bushfire-affected communities, we have recently confirmed the Recovery Ride event for April 2021. This family-friendly cycling event will have a focus on drawing crowds to explore the local Rail Trail and all the East Gippsland region has to offer. Working with the local Gippsland community and businesses, it will attract attendees from across the state to visit the region and inject much-needed funds into the local tourism and hospitality sector.



## FINANCIALS 19/20

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 (\$)	2019 (\$)
<b>OTHER REVENUE AND INCOME</b>		
Government Grants	5,865,036	2,902,178
Government Grants - School Breakfast Program	8,918,579	4,382,669
Revenue from handling fees	1,506,884	1,429,019
Donations, charitable income and fundraising	5,743,040	1,700,767
Other grants - assets and program development	2,236,363	182,336
Other income	93,622	163,987
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE AND INCOME</b>	<b>24,363,524</b>	<b>10,760,956</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE</b>	(6,263,321)	(4,476,691)
Cost of goods purchased	(4,389,335)	(3,632,914)
Distribution/Warehouse	(1,123,667)	(1,049,515)
Depreciation	(1,209,664)	(388,848)
Marketing	(69,732)	(49,031)
Fundraising expense	(934,518)	(558,587)
Other	(809,892)	(558,586)
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>(14,800,129)</b>	<b>(10,714,172)</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>9,563,395</b>	<b>46,784</b>
Other comprehensive income:	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>	<b>9,563,395</b>	<b>46,784</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 (\$)	2019 (\$)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,650,009	2,741,901
Trade and other receivables	854,223	277,635
Inventories	2,016,969	509,811
Financial assets	9,749,536	4,306,344
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>19,270,737</b>	<b>7,835,691</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Lease assets	3,752,276	
Property, plant and equipment	1,497,696	1,110,204
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>5,249,972</b>	<b>1,110,204</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24,520,709</b>	<b>8,945,895</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Lease liabilities	716,737	
Trade and other payables	4,453,109	2,426,304
Provisions	561,867	400,730
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,731,713</b>	<b>2,827,034</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Lease liabilities	3,105,003	
Provisions	98,933	97,196
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,203,936</b>	<b>97,196</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,935,649</b>	<b>2,924,230</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>15,585,060</b>	<b>6,021,665</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	13,985,060	4,521,665
Reserves	1,600,000	1,500,000
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>15,585,060</b>	<b>6,021,665</b>

# DO YOU SHARE IN OUR VISION OF HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL?

## SUPPORT US TODAY!

**NO CHILD, AND NO ADULT, SHOULD BE GOING WITHOUT FOOD IN AUSTRALIA. YOU CAN SUPPORT US IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:**

### FUNDS

All donations to Foodbank go straight to our food relief and program development work in Victoria. For every \$1 we receive, we're able to provide 2 meals for someone in need. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Make a donation on our website or call.

### FOOD

If you're in the food industry, talk to us about the benefits of becoming a food donor. Call or email us.

If you're an individual, or part of a workplace, school or community group, hold a food drive to collect and donate much-needed pantry staples and hygiene items. Visit our website for details.

### VOLUNTEER

We can't do what we do without volunteers. If you have some time and want to contribute in our warehouse, at our pop-up markets or community events, visit our website for details.

### PARTNER

If you're an organisation looking to give back, talk to us about partnership opportunities. Our partners are extended members of the Foodbank family and we are committed to nurturing these relationships to achieve positive outcomes together. Call us to discuss.

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