



Foodbank Queensland Impact Report

Financial Year 2026



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We are Queensland's largest hunger relief charity, feeding Queenslanders in need every day.

Our Vision

A Queensland without hunger

Our Purpose

To provide the most food to the most Queenslanders in need in the most efficient and effective ways

Our Values

Respect, collaboration, compassion, trust and responsibility

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters across Queensland where we work to provide food.

Our Patron



Her Excellency the Honourable
Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM
Governor of Queensland

Our Board of Directors



From Left: **Sue Johnson**, Director, Appointed Dec 2025; **Anthony Joseph**, Director, Appointed May 2023; **Linda Miller**, Director and Treasurer, Appointed Oct 2021; **Mike Hill**, Chair, Appointed Apr 2016; **Natasha Olsson-Seeto**, Deputy Chair, Appointed Feb 2018; **Fiona Maxwell**, Director, Appointed Dec 2025; **Rhyll Gardner**, Director, Appointed Jun 2019; **Grant Cassidy OAM**, Director, Appointed Dec 2025.

Chair Report

Thirty years on, the need for Foodbank Queensland has never been greater.

In November 2025, Foodbank Queensland marked 30 years of working towards a Queensland without hunger. It was a moment to reflect on a vision first imagined by our founders, Clem Jones AO, Ian Brusasco AO and David Muir AM, and on the collective efforts of the many people who have helped bring that vision to life.

It also provided an opportunity to reflect on how the challenge of hunger continues to evolve. While much has changed since Foodbank Queensland began, too many Queenslanders are still struggling to access enough food, with cost of living pressures driving increased demand for food relief across the state. This year’s report highlights both the growing need and the many ways Foodbank Queensland, alongside our Charity Partners and supporters, is responding.

Responding to this need came at a significant cost during FY26. During the year, Foodbank Queensland expanded its support for communities across Queensland, investing in programs, infrastructure and operational capacity. These investments were made to increase our reach and support more people experiencing hunger. While essential to meeting growing demand, they placed considerable pressure on our financial position and contributed to a challenging result for the year.

The year also brought challenges across the broader food and supply chain landscape. Global uncertainty, extreme weather events and rising operating costs continued to impact food availability, affordability and distribution. The Board remains focused on strengthening long-term sustainability and ensuring Foodbank Queensland is well positioned to meet future community need.

The anniversary year also marked the retirement of our founding Director, David Muir AM, after three decades of dedicated service on the Board. David’s leadership and unwavering commitment have helped shape Foodbank Queensland into the organisation it is today, and we thank him for his extraordinary contribution.

As Chair, I am continually inspired by the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Charity Partners, food donors, corporate partners, government supporters, donors and philanthropists. Their collective commitment strengthens our vision and enables Foodbank Queensland to support more Queenslanders in need across the breadth of our state. Together, we remain focused on ensuring our organisation is well positioned for the future.



Mike Hill
Chair
Foodbank Queensland

CEO Report

Meeting growing need today, while building a stronger tomorrow.

The 2025–26 financial year was one of increasing community need and significant investment for Foodbank Queensland. Across Queensland, cost of living pressures continued to place enormous strain on households, pushing more families into hunger and increasing demand for food relief. In response, we continued investing in programs and infrastructure, responded to repeated disaster events, and worked to ensure Queenslanders facing hardship could access the food support they needed.

Our investments in programs, infrastructure and community support, combined with rising operating costs across our logistics network, had a material impact on our financial position. However, these commitments were driven by a clear purpose: ensuring people could access the food they need during a time of growing demand.

One of the highlights of the year was the continued growth of our School Breakfast Program, which now supports more than 500 schools across the state. This milestone reflects the trust Queensland schools and families place in Foodbank Queensland and the importance of ensuring children can start their day nourished and ready to learn.

We also continued building the capacity of our Townsville Food Distribution Centre, strengthening our ability to support regional communities and respond when disasters impact North Queensland.

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Together, we provided more than 17 million meals to Queenslanders experiencing hunger.

As incoming Chief Executive Officer, my priority is ensuring these investments translate into lasting impact while strengthening our long-term financial sustainability. I am encouraged by the commitment of our Board and leadership team, who are united in their focus on building a more resilient organisation as we move into FY27.

Looking ahead, our priority is clear: reaching more Queenslanders experiencing hunger, while ensuring Foodbank Queensland remains strong and sustainable for the future. Thank you to our staff, volunteers, donors, partners and supporters who make this work possible.

While the challenges facing many Queenslanders continue to grow, so too does our determination to be there when support is needed most. Together, we will continue working towards a Queensland without hunger, ensuring support reaches those who need it most.



Samantha Evans
Chief Executive Officer
Foodbank Queensland

Our First Nations Commitment

This year marked an important step in Foodbank Queensland's reconciliation journey with the endorsement of our first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and the appointment of a dedicated First Nations Engagement Lead. Together, these milestones provide a strong foundation for embedding reconciliation across our organisation and strengthening our relationships with First Nations communities throughout Queensland.

Guided by a community-led approach, Foodbank Queensland continued to build meaningful connections with Traditional Owners, Elders, community leaders and local organisations, recognising that lasting food security outcomes are achieved when communities help shape the solutions that affect them.

Throughout the year, Foodbank Queensland participated in National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week activities across the state, helping deepen cultural understanding and strengthen relationships with First Nations communities.



These commitments have also delivered practical outcomes. Support continued for youth-focused initiatives through monthly cooking classes in Cherbourg and the expansion of the School Breakfast Program helped more children and young people access nutritious food at the start of each school day.

Together, these efforts reflect our commitment to turning reconciliation into action through relationships, listening, learning and community-led outcomes.



Our Reach

- 3 Foodbank Food Distribution Centres
- 7 Place-Based Community Initiatives
- 500 School Breakfast Programs
- 300 Charity Partners

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“Every student needs to learn. Every student needs to be at school. There’s no way any student should be left behind.”

– Chris Ford, Principal, Queensland State School



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“Getting food from Foodbank came in really handy just to be able to have the things that I would’ve probably struggled to provide. I will always be eternally grateful for the support.”

– David, Food Relief Recipient



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“At the time it was incredibly stressful, but it was reassuring to know that at least there was going to be good food on the table for the kids.”

– Farmer George, Food Relief Recipient



Our Programs

Access to food is a basic necessity, yet too many Queenslanders continue to face hunger. Foodbank Queensland's six programs work together to connect people with the food they need, helping to reduce food insecurity and strengthen communities across Queensland.



Farm to Families Program

-  6.2 MILLION MEALS CREATED
-  57 FARMS DONATED
-  \$23.2 MILLION FOOD VALUE SOURCED

No family should have to miss out on fresh, healthy food. Farm to Families connects surplus fruit and vegetables from Queensland farms with people experiencing hunger, turning potential waste into nutritious meals.



School Breakfast Program

-  1.7 MILLION BREAKFASTS CREATED
-  500 SCHOOLS INVOLVED
-  \$3.1 MILLION FOOD VALUE SOURCED

A healthy breakfast can make all the difference to a child's day. Foodbank Queensland works alongside more than 500 schools to provide nutritious breakfasts to over 40,000 children each week.



Food Rescue Program

-  10 MILLION MEALS CREATED
-  345 PRODUCERS DONATED
-  \$37 MILLION FOOD VALUE SOURCED

Through our Food Rescue Program, we work with thousands of food donors to recover surplus food and redirect it to Queenslanders experiencing hunger.



Food for Kids Program

-  360,000 MEALS CREATED
-  22,281 HAMPERS PROVIDED
-  \$1.3 MILLION FOOD VALUE SOURCED

For many children, the end of term can also mean the loss of reliable access to food. Food for Kids helps bridge that gap, providing food hampers so children and their families have nutritious food.

Food Purchasing Program

-  1.2 MILLION MEALS CREATED
-  122 HIGH DEMAND PRODUCTS
-  \$4.6 MILLION FOOD VALUE SOURCED

As demand for food relief continues to grow, there are times when donated food can't meet every need. That's why we purchase essential pantry staples, helping ensure Queenslanders have reliable access to nutritious food.



Disaster Support Program

-  78,000 MEALS CREATED
-  RAPID RESPONSE WITHIN CRITICAL HOURS OF DISASTERS

When disaster strikes, access to food and essential supplies can disappear in an instant. The Disaster Support Program helps communities prepare and recover by providing critical emergency and recovery items across the state.



How your Generous Donations were Invested in FY26

Every dollar donated to Foodbank Queensland helps provide food relief, strengthens communities and supports Queenslanders in need.

33 cents

Supports our **Food Rescue Program**, rescuing quality surplus food and redirecting it to people experiencing hunger across Queensland.

24 cents

Supports our **Farm to Families Program**, helping provide fresh fruit and vegetables from farms to communities facing hunger.

14 cents

Supports our **School Breakfast Program**, helping students start the day with access to nutritious food.

10 cents

Supports our **Food for Kids Program**, providing nutritious food to children and families experiencing hardship

3 cents

Supports our **Disaster Support Program**, enabling Foodbank Queensland to respond quickly when communities are impacted by natural disasters and emergencies.

16 cents

Invests in the people, systems, governance and fundraising activities that help us operate effectively, responsibly and sustainably.

Ensuring every dollar goes further



Real Voices, Real Impact

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“From me to the people who gave to Foodbank when we needed it: thank you. That’s a genuine thank you. It really does make the world of difference to know that help is there if you need it.”

– Farmer George, Food Relief Recipient



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“Foodbank is a wonderful gift, and that’s how we can continue running Agape Pantry and bless so many people who need it.”

– Pastor Shane, Agape Community Pantry



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“The Mount Isa Precinct’s partnership with Foodbank has been fantastic. It has removed one of the barriers to school attendance for some of our most vulnerable families. Having access to food at school means that families can just focus on getting their young people to school or kindy and not worry about being embarrassed by having nothing to eat.”

– Chris Pocock, Mount Isa Educational Precincts Coordinator



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“Foodbank Queensland really helps us reach further. Our mission is to support the community with the services they need. And to make sure people don’t have to reach absolute crisis before they ask for help.”

– Amanda, Community Development Officer, Better Together Atherton



Your Support in Numbers

Behind every number is a community coming together to make a difference. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, partners, schools, charities and food donors, Foodbank Queensland can provide vital food relief to Queenslanders facing hardship across the state.



100,000

Queenslanders supported
each week



500

schools provided
breakfast through
the School Breakfast
Program



**17.8
million**

meals provided
to Queenslanders
experiencing hunger

8,000

meals provided every
hour of operation



**1.7
million**

breakfasts provided
to school children



**\$445
million**

Social Return on
Investment generated



40,000

children provided breakfast
each school week



22,281

Food for Kids hampers
provided to families



1.6 million

kilolitres of water saved
through food rescue efforts,
enough to fill 668 Olympic
swimming pools

12 million

meals provided at no cost
to the community.



300

Charity Partners
supported to
provide food relief



10 million

kilograms of food and
groceries provided to
the community



School Breakfast Program Spotlight

A better start to the school day for thousands of Queensland children

No child should have to start their school day hungry. Yet for many families across Queensland, putting breakfast on the table remains a daily challenge.

That’s why Foodbank Queensland works alongside more than 500 schools and kindergartens to provide healthy breakfast options that help children arrive ready to learn, participate and thrive. A nutritious breakfast can make a world of difference, supporting concentration, wellbeing, confidence and overall development.

Over the past year, the program has continued to grow, reaching more children and expanding into new regional communities, including increased support across Townsville and Mount Isa. Through strong partnerships with schools, educators and local communities, we’re helping ensure children have access to the food they need to start each day on the right foot.

Every breakfast served is more than a meal. It’s an opportunity for a child to focus on learning, build connections with their peers and teachers, and feel supported by a community that cares.



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A breakfast program is more than a meal – it’s the foundation for a student’s entire day. When children start the morning nourished and settled, they’re more focused, more confident, and better able to engage in their learning. Breakfast gives every student the chance to walk into the classroom ready to thrive, and that’s a difference that reaches far beyond the school gate. Our partnership with Foodbank ensures every student has a great start to the day!”

– Rochelle Jones, General Manager, NRL Cowboys House

What We Delivered Together

One meal can be easy to imagine. 17.8 million is much harder. Behind those meals were millions of individual food items, from mandarins and bananas to milk, eggs and pantry staples. Together, these are some of the foods that helped fill plates and ease hunger across Queensland in FY26.



30 Years of Foodbank Queensland

Three decades of working towards a Queensland without hunger

In November 2025, Foodbank Queensland marked 30 years of supporting Queensland communities facing hunger.

Founded in 1995 to address the dual challenges of hunger and food waste, Foodbank Queensland has grown into the state's largest food relief organisation. From a single location in Fortitude Valley to operations across the state, Foodbank Queensland has expanded through the support of thousands of individuals, organisations and communities. Founders Clem Jones AO, Ian Brusasco AO and David Muir AM laid the foundations for an organisation that would go on to support generations of Queenslanders.

Over the past three decades, Foodbank Queensland has evolved alongside the community we serve. We have responded to floods, droughts, bushfires, the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Through every challenge, our purpose has remained unchanged: ensuring Queenslanders experiencing hardship can access the food they need.

This milestone is an opportunity to recognise the thousands of people who have contributed to Foodbank Queensland over the past 30 years. Every meal shared, every volunteer shift completed, every food donation rescued and every financial gift has helped create meaningful change for people across our state.

While 30 years is an important milestone, it is also a reminder that our work is far from complete. Food insecurity continues to impact individuals and families in cities, regional centres and remote communities throughout Queensland.

With the ongoing support of our donors, volunteers, Charity Partners and supporters, Foodbank Queensland will continue working towards a Queensland without hunger.

Every meal provided, every pallet delivered and every family supported over the past 30 years has been made possible by a community committed to ensuring no Queenslanders face hunger.



225 million

kilograms of food sourced



427 million

CO2 emissions avoided



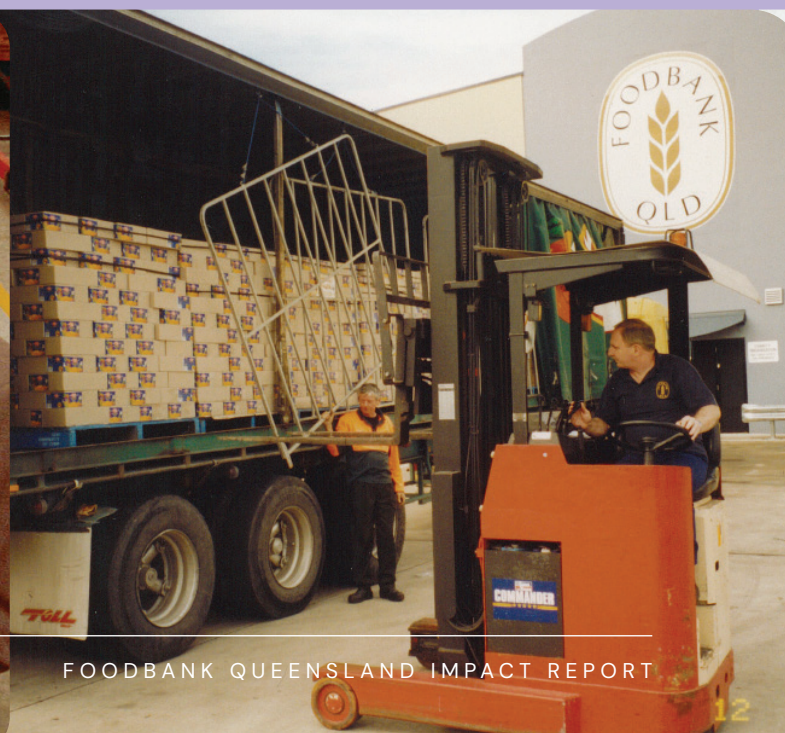
400 million

meals served



38 million

kilolitres of water valued





Real Stories of Queensland Hunger

Evelyn's Story

Evelyn* and her husband expected a quieter retirement, but when their daughter experienced a mental health crisis, they stepped in to raise their two grandchildren.

"My husband is still working because our daughter had a mental health crisis and we've been looking after her and raising her children to get them through school. And it's been very difficult as we get older, my husband still has to work full time to afford everything."

Most afternoons the house is busy. *"They come home from school and go straight to the fridge!"* says Evelyn. The fridge empties in a single sitting; their eldest grandson is already six foot with an appetite of a growing boy. Evelyn is determined to give her grandchildren access to the healthy, nutritious food she knows they need to grow. But feeding a household that suddenly grew in size comes at a cost, and the prices at the grocery store continue to increase.

Now in their seventies, they stretch every dollar to keep food on the table. *"You need a certain amount of food to survive, and once we've got that, we're happy. We don't go out and we don't have new clothes or fancy things. As long as the kids have got food, decent meals and they've got a good home."*

A Foodbank Queensland Charity Partner pantry became a lifeline. *"The food pantry opens at eight o'clock. I got there this morning at half past seven and there was a big line in front of me and behind me."*

Despite the growing need, the experience is one of dignity and connection. Evelyn shares, *"They know you by name, and they chat and offer to help. It's dignity and kindness. It really is a great help."*

The food helps Evelyn provide nutritious meals for her grandchildren and gives her family stability during a difficult time.



*Evelyn and her family are real Queenslanders; their names and images have been changed for privacy.



Charity Partner Spotlight

Loaves and Fishes Caboolture: Meeting Growing Demand with Compassion

Foodbank Queensland provides essential food and grocery items to over 300 Charity Partners to support food relief efforts across the state.

At Loaves and Fishes Caboolture, the doors are always open, and every day more people are walking through them. They would be warmly met by Zoey, their dedicated Site Manager.

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“We’re looking at serving over 5,000 people a week,” Zoey shared.

Behind the scenes, the operation runs at full pace. Food is collected, orders are placed, shelves are replenished – and then replenished again. Demand is high. **“Our truck driver collects from Foodbank every single day,”** said Zoey.

There are no forms to prove hardship, no labels placed on people walking through the door. **“There are no restrictions for who can access our pantry. Everybody is welcome to come in.”** Zoey said. And they do. Elderly people, individuals, small families and large families.

Zoey shared, **“We’ve had an increase of people in and out of the doors, which has been absolutely amazing to be able to support more people.”**

The hampers offered by Loaves and Fishes have become a cornerstone of support for the community, and filling them with nutritious, varied food is a priority the team takes seriously. Each hamper is more than a box of food – it’s essential food and care.

On their busiest days, the team can create up to 80 hampers. **“Our volunteers pack the trolleys and then they come out and people are beside themselves. I have people crying at times, overwhelmed by the support.”**

At Loaves and Fishes, community isn’t just welcomed, it’s built, one hamper at a time.



Local Solutions, Lasting Impact

Community-Led Solutions

Feeding Queensland Kids (FQK) is a collaborative initiative between Foodbank Queensland, SecondBite | FareShare and OzHarvest, supporting communities to develop local solutions to food insecurity and food inequity. During FY26, FQK continued

to work alongside communities in Gununa/ Mornington Island, Bundaberg and Ipswich to strengthen food systems, build community capacity and improve access to nutritious food through place-based, community-led approaches.

Impact Highlights



\$663,283 invested in community-led food security and food equity initiatives.



Increased collaboration, partnerships and local ownership of food security solutions.



Strong focus on First Nations leadership, cultural knowledge sharing and culturally responsive practice.



Active Community Food Collectives and Working Groups established



50+ organisations and community groups funded and supported.



Community-led projects delivered outcomes in cultural and community connection, youth wellbeing and systems change, food access, food literacy and food growing.



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“These early outcomes suggest that the solution is contributing to shifts in both knowledge and behaviour, supporting individuals and families to make more informed and confident food choices.” – Bundaberg Community Partner



Food Donor Spotlight

A Long-Term Commitment to Queensland Communities

Based out of South Kolan, McCrystal Agricultural Services plays a vital role in feeding hungry Queenslanders as one of Foodbank Queensland’s fresh food donors. Last year alone, McCrystal Ag donated more than 75,000 kilograms of sweet potatoes, helping ensure Queenslanders experiencing hunger have access to nutritious, fresh produce throughout the year.

Having supported Foodbank Queensland since 2019, McCrystal Ag has remained a reliable and committed partner, providing sweet potato donations every month throughout FY26. Averaging around 1,800 kilograms each week, their consistent contributions help us maintain a steady supply of fresh produce for people doing it tough. For Director Russell McCrystal, the partnership delivers benefits beyond the farm gate.

“It’s a win-win for both companies. It helps us as producers manage the variability of markets whilst supporting a great cause,” Russell said.

Sweet potatoes donated by McCrystal Ag are transported to Foodbank Queensland’s



Food Distribution Centre thanks to the support of Lindsay Transport and CHEP. Once they arrive, they are sorted and made available at no cost to more than 300 Charity Partners across the state, who help distribute the fresh produce to Queenslanders experiencing hunger.

For Russell and the McCrystal Ag team, supporting people experiencing hunger is simply about helping where they can.

“All our staff are happy to help where we can,” he said.

For Russell, the partnership with Foodbank Queensland has been an easy one to maintain, and encourages other growers and businesses to donate if they have the means to do so.

Partnerships like this are essential in helping Foodbank Queensland provide food relief to communities across the state. Through their support, thousands of Queenslanders can access fresh, healthy food each week.



The Partners Behind our Impact

Our generous food donors are at the heart of everything we do. Without their support, Foodbank Queensland simply could not provide food relief to the hundreds of thousands of Queenslanders experiencing hunger each year.

Through their donations of surplus and purpose-grown food, our food donors play a vital role in creating a more sustainable food system while helping ensure good food reaches the people and communities who need it most. Every pallet of food donated

helps reduce food waste, supports families facing tough circumstances, and strengthens communities across Queensland.

We’re proud to recognise some of our leading food donors from the past financial year and the incredible impact they’ve made. Together, their donations helped create millions of meals for Queenslanders, demonstrating the powerful difference businesses can make when surplus food is redirected to those in need.

Food Donor	Kilograms Donated
George Weston Tip Top Bakery	856,926
Inghams Enterprises	543,658
Lactalis Australia	535,355
Ironbark Citrus	358,122
Mitolo Group	355,721
W & L Family Farms	349,606
Savio P & Co	302,152
Mulgowie Farming Company	272,255
Simplot Australia	268,149
BEGA Eagle Farm	219,755
Americold Acacia Ridge	193,360
Zerella Fresh	185,342
Woolworths Larapinta DC	176,373
Costa Group	169,150
Agriexchange Emerald	169,041
Kalfresh	136,663
Golden Cockerel	123,902
Koorelah Farms (Born Farms)	119,865
Pirrone Brothers	115,924
Red Dirt Melons	108,532

Thank you.

Volunteer Spotlight

The Heart of Foodbank

For Peter, volunteering with Foodbank Queensland is more than just giving up his time, it's about giving back.

"I believe that you've got to pay back, for the good things that are happening in your life. The people who are receiving the benefits of Foodbank, they're in dire straits now in particular, so I'm happy to help. This is how I can donate, by giving time and I've really enjoyed volunteering."

Since joining Foodbank, Peter has completed more than 800 hours of volunteering. From packing hampers, to sorting donations and picking orders for Charity Partners, Peter's dedication has been unwavering. Peter has become a familiar face in the Food Distribution Centre.

His experience as a teacher makes him especially proud of Foodbank's School Breakfast Program, which provides meals to children across Queensland so they can focus on learning.

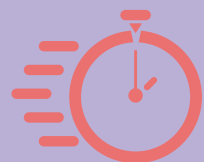
His motivation remains simple: *"I'll keep coming to Foodbank as long as I can."*



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"The Breaky program, that's the sort of thing that I think is great that they're doing at Foodbank. These kids going without breakfast, it's really hard to get through the day."

FY26 Foodbank Queensland Volunteer Efforts



12,816

volunteer hours contributed



2,431

completed volunteer shifts



Over

\$613,000

saved in wages with volunteering efforts

Partner Spotlight

Sunny Queen Australia – working together for communities

Sunny Queen Australia is more than a food donor; they are a committed partner in helping Foodbank Queensland support communities across the state.

Their generous donations of egg and egg-based products provide a valuable source of protein for Queenslanders experiencing hunger, helping ensure families can access nutritious food when they need it most. Recently, Sunny Queen stepped up by increasing their food donations, helping respond to growing demand in the community.

Beyond food donations, Sunny Queen provides financial support and contributes through regular employee volunteering activities. Their commitment is reflected in

initiatives such as the Sunny Queen Road Show, which supports the communities where their farms and families operate.

The partnership also extends to the Sunny Eggspress truck, which helps transport food across Queensland and supports the efficient movement of stock throughout our network.

The partnership demonstrates the important role businesses can play in supporting communities through food, funding and volunteering.

The Sunny Eggspress travelled

7,564 kilometres

supporting vital operations.

Nearly

50,000 kilograms

of Sunny Queen products were distributed through 132 Charity Partners.



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Thank you
**Your support makes
it possible**

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