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I spent 20 years working in the hospitality industry before entering the not-for-profit sector. During those years I worked away at perfecting hundreds of recipes. Feeding people who could pay for fine dining experiences. Seeing good food go to waste. And starting to question the stark inequality we're all surrounded by. Disillusionment? Or enlightenment?

Fast forward to today and the only recipe I'm now trying to perfect is one where all Victorians have access to healthy food. Where 1 in 7 people in Australia aren't food insecure. Where 1 in 7 children don't arrive at school hungry. Where one-third of food produced isn't wasted and Victorian households don't bin 250 million kilograms of food annually.

Without a doubt the challenge is greater. The stakes are higher. But the rewards, if successful, are life-changing and enriching for all.

This has been a challenging year for many thousands of Victorians. The pressure on families has continued to increase with the combined impacts of rising costs of living, runaway housing affordability, low to no wage growth and the impact of globalisation on industries such as manufacturing, agriculture, coal and gas mining.

These challenges manifested in a dairy crisis here in Victoria, the closure of the Hazelwood coal mine, the closure of car manufacturing at Ford in Broadmeadows and Geelong and the announcement of Toyota and GM closures.

I have travelled extensively through Victoria and witnessed the impact these events have had on our communities, families and individuals. In Melbourne we witnessed large numbers of homeless set up camp in the CBD and then moved on. The problem however, still remains.

I have heard stories and met families forced out of the housing market and now living in their cars. The elderly forced to choose between critical medication or keeping the heating on in winter. Victims of domestic violence forced to relocate to unfamiliar locations with their children to try to restart their lives with little to no support.

We must not fall into despair about the size of the problem. We will continue to advocate for change to address the social and economic inequalities that lead to food insecurity. The problems may be complex; the solutions hard to find. But I think everyone would agree it is utterly unacceptable for any person in this country to go hungry.

So what is the recipe for feeding Victoria? Throughout this report you'll see it requires thousands of ingredients.

It starts with big-hearted people in the food and agriculture industry – our food donors. It's held together through the generosity and kindness of those who choose to make a positive difference – our financial donors. And it's finished off with a network of passionate partners and volunteers who connect food with people in need – our community. Each and every ingredient matters and we're indebted to them all.

I also want to acknowledge the support of the Victorian Government and in particular the Department of Education, which is wholeheartedly committed to tackling hunger in the school classroom. We hope to establish more programs – like School Breakfast Clubs – that provide targeted responses to support our most vulnerable, and help build strong communities that have the tools, resources and knowledge to ensure their own food security.

And finally, I want to thank the amazing team at Foodbank – staff, volunteers and Board. It's a small team guided by a simple truth – that food is a positive enabler of change. I look forward to leading our organisation ever closer to our vision of healthy food for all Victorians.

Can we add you to the mix?

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Dave McNamara CEO Foodbank Victoria





Foodbank has a stand at the Melbourne Market in Epping -Victoria's trading centre for the wholesale of fruit and vegetables. This allows growers and wholesale agents to easily donate produce that they can spare, and provides Foodbank with quality, nutritious fresh produce to distribute to people in need.

Coolibah Herbs is one of the many supportive growers who make regular donations. In fact, last year they donated over 10 tonnes of their leafy greens. That's the equivalent weight of about 40,000 heads of cos lettuce!

Owners Michael and Jenny Bogicevic grew the business from 45 acres on the Mornington Peninsula to 2000 acres of farms across Victoria. From selling out of the back of a truck in the 1980s, Coolibah Herbs now supply national wholesale markets and supermarket chains as well as the international market.

In the peak summer season the family-run business employs up to 250 people to pick, wash and pack their lettuce and salad mix range, as well as herbs and organic vegetables.

With a busy business to attend to, why does Coolibah Herbs add regular donations to Foodbank to their plate?

Michael answered with a counter question – "Why not?"

"It's just the right thing to do," Jenny said.

"Especially if it's produce that would otherwise go to waste. It should find a home in a place where it's appreciated."

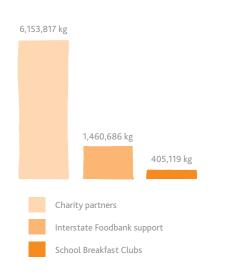
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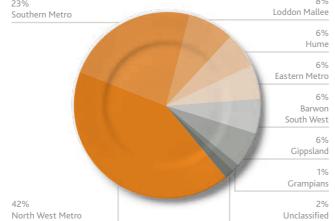


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PRODUCT TYPE

SNACKS. DRINKS & STAPLES CONFECTIONERY



20%



FRESH FRUIT &

VEGETABLES

HOUSEHOLD & PERSONAL PRODUCTS



1%

FOOD IN, FOOD OUT

Thanks to our partners in the food and grocery sector, we were able to distribute more than 8 million kilograms of staple, fresh and frozen foods, personal hygiene items and household products in 2016/17 - an 8 per cent increase on the previous year. This volume is the equivalent of putting 14 million meals on tables for people in need.

A further 3 million kilograms of food was distributed through our Foodshare partners in Dandenong, Shepparton, Warrnambool, Bendigo and Wodonga.

More than 400,000 kilograms of Victorian-manufactured breakfast foods was provided to our School Breakfast Clubs. This program, delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government, continues to tackle hunger in the classroom by providing up to 50,000 breakfasts a week in 500 of the most disadvantaged state primary schools.

We also supported food relief efforts across Australia, with 1.4 million kilograms of food shipped to Foodbanks in Western Australia, the Northern Territory, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania.

Our commitment to providing fresh and nutritious produce received an enormous boost in October 2016 with the installation of a 250-pallet cool room. This more than tripled our capacity to handle fresh produce and enabled our Food Donor Team to source a record 1.1 million kilograms in fresh produce donations.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOOD DONOR?

Please contact Foodbank Victoria's Food Donor Team on 03 9362 8300 or email food@foodbankvictoria.org.au

The \$208,000 cool room was generously funded by Agriculture Victoria, Danks Trust, Campbell Edwards Trust, The Jack Brockhoff Foundation, Collier Charitable Foundation, and the Rotary Clubs of Canterbury, Frankston, Broadmeadows, Caulfield and Hampton.

Our transport fleet also expanded during the year, with the donation of a freezer truck in February from our partner Peters Ice Cream.

OUR DONORS. OUR HEROES

More than 4.2 million kilograms of food was donated by 342 Victorian food donors, including 48 donors from the Melbourne Market wholesale fruit and vegetable trading centre. An incredible 94 new local donors came on board to support Foodbank Victoria in 2016-17, which resulted in a 17 per cent increase in local donations.

A further 53 national food partners provided a total of 4 million kilograms. This included donations of excess stock, as well as a regular supply of staples such as milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, meat and tinned fruit and vegetables for our Key Staples Program. This program enables a consistent supply of pantry items, with national manufacturers donating or subsidising the ingredients and services required to produce, pack and transport staple food items. With public donations, we were also able to purchase additional staples to meet increased demand during peak periods.

At the grassroots level, 140 food drive heroes in workplaces, schools and community groups around Victoria collected a combined 36,421 kilograms of pantry items for Foodbank's emergency food relief hampers.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE **VOLUME OF HEALTHY FOOD, PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO** SUPPORT MORE VICTORIANS IN NEED.

61%



Peters Ice Cream has been supporting Foodbank with product donations for more than a decade. In 2015, the Victorian-based company expanded its support to include annual financial contributions.

National Logistics Manager at Peters, Andrew Martin, said financial donations were an extension of Peters ongoing support and in response to the growing need to provide food to struggling families.

"Actively supporting the communities we serve is an important part of Peters' culture and we believe donating to Foodbank will make a big difference in supporting families in need," Andrew said while volunteering at a Farms to Families market funded by Peters.

As well as financial and product donations, Peters is also supporting Foodbank through sponsorship of Farms to Families markets, staff volunteering days and food drives, and lending its leadership team to work on strategic projects. In addition, Peters added to the Foodbank vehicle fleet in February with the donation of a freezer truck.

"It's very easy to support Foodbank," Andrew said.

"They do great work and they're an unsung hero. Most people don't realise that Foodbank supports almost 500 charities in Victoria - charities that people do know of and potentially donate and contribute to, not realising that Foodbank is behind the scenes supporting them."

Andrew believes the ability for Peters' staff to really get involved in the work of Foodbank is what makes the partnership so special.

"It's very easy to get caught up in the day-to-day and in our own lives. It can be easy to forget that there are people struggling within our community. So to be able to volunteer at a market, in the warehouse, or on a strategic project is really gratifying," he said.

"And to see the smiles on people's faces at a market, and how genuinely pleased they are, is just brilliant. There are other challenges that they're facing in life, but providing food means one less thing they have to worry about."

According to Andrew, food manufacturers should be doing as much as they can to support Foodbank.

"At Peters we have an obligation as an organisation to assist the community where we can. I would challenge other food manufacturers to do more and follow the lead of Peters. There are so many ways to support Foodbank be it financially, volunteering or with product donations."

FINANCIAL DONORS KEY INGREDIENT

Our financial donors are the key ingredient to enabling us to get food out the door and into the hands and homes of those who need it most.

We were once again overwhelmed in 2016/17 by the generous spirit of so many individuals and organisations who supported our work financially.

Our appeal to support Victorian dairy farmers facing financial ruin over plummeting milk gate prices in the lead-up to Christmas received an extraordinary response, enabling us to distribute 1000 emergency hampers into farming communities in time for Christmas.

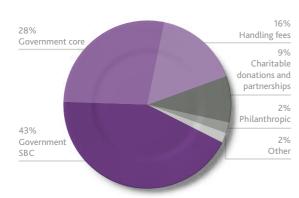
Workers from Ford, also facing uncertain futures with the announced closure of the Ford manufacturing plant in Broadmeadows, showed tremendous generosity and spirit by volunteering their time to pack the hampers. A number of volunteer-run organisations already working in farming communities completed the efforts by coordinating the delivery of hampers.

Our community again responded at tax time, helping to support struggling families like Laura's and Peter's – who unexpectedly lost an income and were forced into the terrible situation of having to choose between feeding their family or paying the rent.

Throughout the year a number of extraordinary people also enlisted the support of friends, families and workmates for a variety of fundraising activities – from fun runs to school dress-up days, workplace morning teas to community barbecues.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO NURTURE
OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH
FINANCIAL DONORS, MAINTAIN
OUR COST EFFECTIVENESS AND
IMPACT, AND DIVERSIFY OUR INCOME
STREAMS TO HELP US REACH OUR
VISION OF HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT 2016/17



We continue to receive core funding support from the Victorian Government, helping us to cover some of our warehouse, transport and staffing costs. We are also incredibly grateful to the Victorian Government for its ongoing support and passion for the School Breakfast Clubs program, which is making a huge difference to the education and future of disadvantaged kids (read about the program on pages 22-23).





THE GIFT OF GIVING

When Anna Hill is not travelling the globe building her events and communications business, she is looking for ways to give back to the community.

Fortunately for Foodbank, Anna's passion and talent for bringing people together led her to organise a team of motivated peers to get fit, train and raise funds for our organisation.

Anna started Runners With A Cause (pictured above, Anna far left), recruiting 10 friends for the annual Run Melbourne event.

"I wanted to fundraise for Foodbank Victoria because I'm personally committed to helping people in need. I honestly can't bear the thought that 1 in 7 children go to school hungry," Anna says.

"Every Victorian deserves access to healthy food on a daily basis and we should all work to ensure this basic need is met for everyone in our community, regardless of their situation."

By the time Run Melbourne came around, the team had smashed all the fundraising goals they'd set out to achieve.

"I am humbled and proud to say that my Runners With A Cause team exceeded all expectations. We raised a total of \$7,508.75, surpassing our original fundraising goal of \$2,500 by more than 300%. On top of that, almost everyone ran a personal best on the day which was so impressive!"

Anna said the whole experience had opened her eyes to the largely hidden crisis of food insecurity in Victoria.

"For me, it's very concerning to learn that the need for food relief is rising in our state and that it's not just the homeless living on our streets who require support. It's the people who are unemployed, the elderly, refugees and families with low incomes who need assistance."

INTERESTED IN RAISING FUNDS FOR US?

Please contact Foodbank Victoria's Fundraising Team on 03 9362 8388 or email fundraising@foodbankvictoria.org.au

Age is no barrier when it comes to supporting Foodbank, as demonstrated by two donors we had the pleasure of meeting during the year.

At just eight years of age, Charlie (pictured below) became our youngest donor because he didn't like the thought of kids going hungry. So he donated \$10 of his pocket money.

"I wanted to help other kids, because it must be hard to be hungry," he told us when he came for a tour of our warehouse with dad Felice and older brother Jonathan.

At the more experienced end of life is Edna, aged 100 (pictured below right).

Edna was 13 when Foodbank first started in Victoria in 1930 to assist people during the Great Depression. She has seen and done a lot in her 100 years and attributes her long life to the fact she was "always doing for somebody else". Whether that was looking after her mother (who was widowed a month before giving birth to her fifth child), helping to care for her baby brother, cooking for the railway workers of Victoria, raising two children (with her late husband Bernie), presiding over the local bowls club, and helping countless friends, family members and strangers over the years.

Her charitable spirit is grounded in a simple philosophy.

"It's important to be generous and kind," she told us when we visited her soon after her 100th birthday celebration, which included a visit to Government House.

"There's no use being selfish. Better if you're open and you can look people in the eye and know you've been alright."

Wise words for us all to live by.







TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS HELPING US TO BUILD

We were thrilled to receive support from a number of Trusts and Foundations in 2016/17. We were the recipient of 13 grants announced during the year.

More than a third of the funding was awarded to projects that will minimise our environmental impact and reduce our energy costs. Along with Foodbanks in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, we received funding from the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy for the installation of solar panels on our warehouse roof. Further funding is required to complete this project in 2017/18.

We received funding from The Collier Charitable Fund to help us install energy-saving automatic doors on our cool room and freezer and upgrade to LED lighting in our warehouse and office.

It was also due to the generous support from the Jack Brockoff Foundation, The Marian and E.H. Flack Trust, the City of Moonee Valley and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services that we were able to hold 16 Farms to Families pop-up markets throughout the year to feed people in areas of disadvantage.

The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation provided funding for both the exploration of an education and training centre (EaT Centre) to be developed at our Yarraville site along with the funds to investigate the viability of a gleaning program.

Thank you also to the Bell Charitable Fund, Salesforce Foundation, The Georgina Menzies Maconachie Charitable Trust, and Fleet Partners Foundation who provided financial support through the year.

CORPORATE PARTNERS PARTNERS OF OUR FAMILY

INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH US?

Please contact Foodbank
Victoria's Partnerships Team
on 03 9362 8300 or email
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Our partners, Peters Ice Cream and Bulla Family Dairy, again showed incredible commitment to supporting our work in 2016/17.

Our partnership with Peters delivered far more than funding in its second year. Peters engaged its leadership team to work on strategic projects, including looking at the viability of incorporating fresh produce into the School Breakfast Clubs program and ways to generate funding for our Farms to Families program.

More than 17,000 kilograms of Peters product was donated during the year, and staff held a food drive to raise a further 890 kilograms.

In November, the team funded and staffed a Farms to Families pop-up market in Mulgrave, helping to distribute more than 3000 kilograms of fresh fruit and vegetables.

And in February, Peters donated a freezer truck to the Foodbank fleet.

Bulla also provided wonderful support in 2016/17, funding and staffing five Farms to Families pop-up markets that distributed more than 17,000 kilograms of fresh produce.

In addition, Bulla donated 67,000 kilograms of dairy products, as well as billboard advertising space to help get the Foodbank message out.



Principal at Hallam Primary School, Julie Macfarlane, knows the benefits of a nutritious breakfast to support students' learning.

Prior to the statewide rollout of School Breakfast Clubs, Assistant Principal, Shirley Fletcher, used to apply for grants to be able to purchase food for hungry students.

"Our school is regarded as a low socioeconomic status, disadvantaged school," said Julie.

"We have children from some families that have suffered financial crisis, homelessness and mental health issues, the sorts of issues that undermine stability in the family. We also have children from homes where both parents work long hours, so it's a really big spread.

"When kids have come to school with a packet of chips for breakfast you just can't put a value on our Breakfast Club really, because they can eat something that's decent, feel comfortable and enjoy the start of the school day."

The Breakfast Club at Hallam Primary School runs five mornings a week, thanks in large part to Breakfast Club Coordinator, Vanh Poeung.

All hungry students are welcome. On most days, about 30 students attend. On special days when Vanh makes pancakes, it can be 50 or more!

The school's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program provides jam and citrus curd as well as some fresh fruit, while a local grower generously donates additional fruit.

According to Vanh, the VitaBrits and canned fruit are always popular. In winter, a big pot of baked beans combined with wholegrain bread donated by the local bakery is a winner.

"I enjoy seeing the kids eating healthy before they head to class," said Vanh.

"It's like a big family. The kids chit-chat and it's just a really good start to the day for them."

For Julie, the benefits are clear.

"Kids are more alert. They're happier. They arrive on time," she said.

"It's adding to students' wellbeing."





John Farquharson has worked for the Salvation Army for more than 30 years.

He manages Project Hope, supporting the communities of Noble Park, Doveton and Dandenong through emergency relief, financial counselling, case management and drug and alcohol counselling.

"These areas are probably the most disadvantaged in the state and we're here to help the members of our community cope with everyday life," said John (pictured above and left with volunteer Margaret in the community pantry).

"People simply don't have sufficient money to live on. We also have many new and recent arrivals who find it challenging. And there's a significant number of people in our community here with mental health and addiction issues who have real difficulty in managing."

In 2016/17, Foodbank provided 25 Salvation Army bases in Victoria with more than 200,000 kilograms of food.

In Doveton, the Salvation Army runs a community pantry and food voucher program that helps to feed about 4000 people a year.

"Foodbank drives our dollar much, much further. That's the critical thing. We just couldn't do it without Foodbank. We just couldn't do it," John said.

In addition to supplying staple produce for the pantry, during the year Foodbank delivered more than 12,000 kilograms of fresh produce over three Farms to Families markets at the Doveton site.

"When people are offered fresh produce, they take it," said John.

"It isn't affordable for them in the supermarket, but they really value nutritious food. The Farms to Families markets are incredibly enriching for our clients. It's not just about what we give them in way of food, but it's greeting them, making them feel important, making them feel welcome. So our clients walk away with food but also that someone cares and someone's interested."

WITH HEART

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IN AREAS OF HIGH NEED TO ENSURE ALL VICTORIANS HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD.

INTERESTED IN HELPING US GET FOOD TO WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST?

Please contact Foodbank Victoria's Community Development Team on 03 9362 8300 or email community@foodbankvictoria.org.au

At the heart of our distribution model are our charity partners.

Since our beginnings in 1930, when the Victorian Relief Committee was created during the Great Depression, we've built local networks across the state to distribute food to where it's needed most.

With thousands of charities now registered in Victoria, Foodbank selects its partners based on strict criteria to ensure we're reaching the most people in need.

In 2016/17 we worked with 472 charity partners across Victoria, ranging from large organisations such as the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul through to smaller community-run centres, neighbourhood houses and church groups.

Around 30 per cent of our charity partners operate in rural Victoria and 70 per cent are located in metropolitan areas.

Through this network, 6.1 million kilograms of food – the equivalent of more than 11 million meals – was distributed into disadvantaged communities. (Refer to pages 8-9 for total kilograms and meals distributed).

Throughout the year we welcomed nine new charity partners, expanding our reach into the communities of Mirboo North, Dandenong, Sunshine, Wendouree, Hallam, Sale, Longwarry, Lakes Entrance and St Arnaud.

We also continued our partnership with Telstra through the Telstra Bill Assistance Program, distributing 5650 vouchers to the value of \$282,500. These vouchers helped to ease the burden for people struggling to pay their bills and afford basic necessities.

Despite our best efforts, our 2017 Foodbank Hunger Report revealed that charity partners in Victoria would need 31 per cent more food in order to meet the growing demand for food relief.

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BREAKFAST WITH BENEFITS

Schools play an important role in our distribution network and our School Breakfast Clubs program had a healthy growth spurt in 2016/17.

The number of schools in the program doubled from 250 to over 500, the breakfast menu expanded to include more Victorian-manufactured products and the interim evaluation findings revealed some wonderful results.

Approximately 1.9 million breakfasts were served in 2016/17, helping to fill hungry tummies and address the startling statistic that 1 in 7 Australian children arrive at school without having had breakfast.

In May, to mark 2 million breakfasts served since the program rolled out in January 2016, Victorian Premier The Hon. Daniel Andrews and Education Minister The Hon. James Merlino visited the School Breakfast Club at Seaford Primary in Melbourne's south-east (pictured below).

While the Premier helped to serve up breakfast, family business Montague Fresh announced they were donating 38 tonnes of their Jazz apples to the program. The delivery of fresh fruit was so well received by schools, that apples will be a permanent fixture on the menu in 2017/18.

Muesli, fruit cups and wholegrain Cheerios were also added to the School Breakfast Clubs menu during the year, expanding the range of options meeting Australian Healthy Eating Guidelines. Other items include Vita Brits, oats, milk, baked beans and canned fruit.

Victoria University, tasked with evaluating the School Breakfast Clubs program, released its interim report in April. Of the schools and teachers surveyed:

- > 83% reported they were meeting the breakfast needs of their students, an improvement from the 43% of schools who felt they were meeting the needs of their students prior to the program's commencement
- > 91% reported that students' concentration had improved
- ▶ 86% believed social relationships between students and staff had improved
- 83% identified an improvement in students' overall social skills
- ▶ 81% reported that students' engagement with class activities had improved
- > 79% reported that academic outcomes had improved
- 97% were using their Breakfast Club for informal learning around healthy eating and nutrition.

However, 80% reported that hunger is not isolated to breakfast for many of their students, and they continued to provide emergency lunches.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS HUNGER IN THE CLASSROOM AND HELP SCHOOLS SOURCE BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS.





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HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL

Our Farms to Families pop-up market program flourished in 2016/17.

In its first full year, 24 markets were held at 11 locations. In total, more than 90,000 kilograms of fresh produce was distributed to 4500 families in need.

The markets are helping us achieve our vision of healthy food for all. Working with growers and producers, we're sourcing quality fruit, vegetables and dairy products to provide to people who cannot regularly access healthy food.

During the year, charity partners in Ascot Vale, Colac, Mernda, Hoppers Crossing, Bundoora, Mulgrave, Thomastown, Doveton, Airport West, Laverton and Warragul were invited to hold markets for their most vulnerable and disadvantaged clients.

Volunteers staff the markets, helping to set up the produce displays, pack food into people's bags and trolleys and provide seasonal recipe cards based on available produce.

With an increase from 11 markets the previous year, thanks must go to the partners who funded the expanded market program in 2016/17. These include The Jack Brockhoff Foundation, Campbell Edwards Trust, The Marian and E.H. Flack Trust, ANZ, Bulla Family Dairy, and Peters Ice Cream.

The Department of Health and Human Services funded eight markets through their Healthy Food Connect Thrive program. This funding enabled the City of Whittlesea to pilot the Farms to Families model in its municipality, where food insecurity is a significant and growing issue.

Findings from a Monash University evaluation of the DHHS-funded pilot found in addition to delivering high quality fresh fruit and vegetables, the markets had social and community building benefits.

The relaxed market environment helps to foster social inclusion and cross-cultural connections in communities, and provides a rewarding and unique volunteering opportunity for our partners.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE **FARMS TO FAMILIES PROGRAM WITH ESTABLISHED MARKET SITES AND** SECURE MORE FUNDING PARTNERS TO **ENABLE US TO HOLD MORE MARKETS.**



For Alex Hayes volunteering at Foodbank Victoria has inspired plans for her next career move.

Formerly a program director in the global mining sector, Alex decided to take time out from the corporate world to contemplate her next career move and do something she had always been meaning to do – return to volunteer with Foodbank again.

Alex, 32, first came to Foodbank to pick and pack food orders with a team of work colleagues from Sodexo on a corporate volunteering day. Sodexo generously allows employees two paid work days each year to volunteer to help the community.

She enjoyed it so much that when she finished up with Sodexo earlier in the year, she was back.

"I wanted to use my time wisely while planning my next career move and I wanted to be involved with an organisation with a strong social purpose," she said.

"Being able to volunteer here is an opportunity I am very grateful for. I'm learning more about what I want to do in my next move and working for an organisation and with people making a positive impact on the world is a strong motivator."

Alex (pictured above with fellow volunteer Tom) says she has met some wonderful people among her fellow volunteers.

"They are very interesting people, from all walks of life, the sort of good people that you want as life-long friends.

"We talk about what brought them to Foodbank. We have lots of great conversations among the boxes of breakfast cereals and pasta!"

Alex is among a growing number of women who are volunteering their time at Foodbank to make a difference in the world. Among them are retirees looking to help their local communities, mums hoping to contribute while the kids are at school and tertiary students keen to lend in their spare time.

In 2015 just under a third (26%) of our volunteers were women. Today 44% are women.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH US?

Please contact Foodbank Victoria's Volunteering Team on 03 9362 8300 or email volunteering@foodbankvictoria.org.au

A PRICELESS CONTRIBUTION

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our operations, making up around 25 per cent of our workforce on any given day.

In 2016/17, our team of regular volunteers increased by a third – with 89 people regularly assisting in warehouse and office-based roles. In total, 14,748 hours were donated by our regular volunteers.

An additional 9599 hours were contributed by 1925 people who volunteered their time as part of a corporate or community group, helping to pack orders in our warehouse and distribute food at our Farms to Families pop-up markets throughout the year.

Almost 90% of corporate volunteers surveyed rated their volunteering experience out of 10 as a nine or above.

In recognition of our volunteering program, Foodbank Victoria was awarded the Volunteering Victoria Impact Award in 2016.

The Impact Award recognises a volunteer organisation that has made a positive, measurable and sustainable social, environmental and/or economic impact on the community, individuals or cause supported by the program.

The award was presented to our CEO, Dave McNamara by the Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Laspley, at Parliament House in November.

This achievement was further celebrated in December when four of our regular volunteers were among 50 guests invited to lunch with the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency the Honorable Linda Dessau AC, at Government House. The lunch celebrated the commitment and contribution made to community by volunteers across the state.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR AMAZING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR WORK.





The Board is proud of the achievements of Foodbank Victoria over the past year increasing its services to meet growing needs for families struggling to make ends meet. We acknowledge the tireless efforts of staff, volunteers and charity partners across the State who enable the provision of food to those experiencing hardship.

The generous support of individuals and organisations contribute to our work making it possible to take food directly into communities. It is through these big-hearted donations that we have delivered 14 million meals in 2016/17.

The growth of the School Breakfast Program and its clear benefits of improved school attendance, attention and academic results is one of our biggest achievements. It is proof that good government policy, matched

with funding and volunteers, can make a real difference – in this case for primary school aged children.

Food insecurity remains a major, largely hidden, issue for those who live in this "Lucky Country". As we head to our 90th Anniversary in 2020, we look for your continued support for real and lasting change to lives by making healthy food accessible for all.

Together, we will continue to strive to end hunger in Victoria.



Dorothy Coombe Foodbank Victoria Chair Foodbank Australia Board Member

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Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria

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FINANCIALS 2016/17

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		
Revenue from handling fees	1,227,281	1,219,946
Cost of goods purchased	(1,236,314)	(880,152)
NET REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	(9,033)	339,794
OTHER REVENUE AND INCOME		
Government Grants - recurring grant	2,119,632	2,293,056
Government Grants - School Breakfast Program	3,195,000	1,518,000
Donations, charitable income and fundraising	652,240	551,970
Other grants - assets and program development	157,634	232,000
Other income	122,911	124,975
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE AND INCOME	6,247,417	4,720,001
EXPENSES		
Employee benefits expense	(3,011,309)	(2,379,747)
Distribution/Warehouse	(851,089)	(678,446)
Depreciation	(300,818)	(277,797)
Marketing	(124,454)	(157,545)
Fundraising expense	(226,813)	(140,170)
Other	(456,311)	(386,564)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(4,970,794)	(4,020,269)
SURPLUS	1,267,590	1,039,526
Other comprehensive income:		
Other comprehensive income: TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	1,267,590	1,039,526

Foodbank Victoria had a surplus of \$1,267,590 for the year ended 30 June 2017, which included \$1,103,606 for the School Breakfast Clubs program. Total revenue for the year was \$6,247,417 – a 32% increase on the previous year.

Over recent years, surpluses have allowed us to form a sustainable program fund to help us better service our community partners, develop new programs to tackle hunger and begin to diversify our income streams.

The continued expansion of the Victorian Government funded School Breakfast Clubs program, which doubled in size over the course of 2016/17, also contributed to a planned surplus to be spent over the life of the program, which is funded until 2019.

Operating costs rose by 23% in 2016/17 due to program expansion and associated increase in employee numbers and increased warehousing costs following the lease of our site from the Port of Melbourne.

With more people requiring emergency food relief, our ability to support people and communities in crisis while remaining sustainable continues to rely heavily on the support of individuals, organisations, trusts and foundations, and all levels of government.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,482,862	1,125,077
Trade and other receivables	234,167	245,674
Inventories	441,300	325,659
Financial assets	3,827,130	2,869,174
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	5,985,459	4,565,585
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	1,116,742	1,133,802
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,116,742	1,133,802
TOTAL ASSETS	7,102,201	5,699,388
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	478,751	379,092
Provisions	242,256	215,142
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	721,007	594,234
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	36,829	28,378
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	36,829	28,378
TOTAL LIABILITIES	757,836	622,612
NET ASSETS	6,344,365	5,076,775
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EQUITY	5.004.355	2 026 775
Accumulated surplus	5,094,365	3,826,775
Reserves	1,250,000	1,250,000
TOTAL EQUITY	6,344,365	5,076,775