



Annual  
Report  
2013

# Overview

## Our Vision

A society where food is not wasted and hunger is minimised

## Our Mission

- Rescue food that would otherwise be wasted
- Cook and distribute meals to people in need
- Raise awareness about food insecurity and the value of food rescue

## Our Guiding Principles

- Compassion
- Practicality
- Sustainability

## Our Team

### Board members

David Harris  
*President*

Sandra Dudakov  
*Vice-President*

Julie Smith  
*Treasurer and Secretary*

Philip Brass

Toni Hetherington

### Staff

Marcus Godinho  
*CEO*

Kellie Watson  
*Production Manager*

Jocelyn Munro  
*Chef*

Mark Knight  
*Chef*

Christine Mitchison  
*Chef*

Polly Harvey  
*Schools and Corporate Kitchen Supervisor*

Amin Sadouni  
*Kitchen Hand \**

Shaun Romeo  
*Kitchen Hand \**

Rosemary Kelly  
*Manager Volunteer Programs +*

Dianna Chapman  
*Education Program Coordinator +*

Chris Scott  
*Food Donations and Logistics Manager*

Ali Juhar  
*Driver +*

Bruce Blake  
*Driver +*

Rob McMurrich  
*Driver*

Claire Leach  
*Director of Development*

### Founding Supporters

Pratt Foundation

Jewish Aid Australia

\* One position covered by two people  
+ Part time positions

Cover image: Long time volunteer Ruth McIvor at work in FareShare's new kitchen.

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Terry Cremean, Boscastle  
Founder, has supported  
FareShare since our very  
early days. We collect  
pastry from Boscastle  
every day to help make  
**2,500 savoury pastries.**

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# FareShare

*In 2000, a handful of people began meeting on Saturday mornings in the kitchens of the RACV centre in Melbourne's CBD. Each week they cooked around 300 pies for inner city charities, using surplus food they collected from various businesses.*

What they knew was that too much perfectly good food was being sent to landfill and too many people were struggling unnecessarily to afford nutritious meals. What they didn't know was that they were in the vanguard of a new kind of charity movement.

Many businesses commended FareShare's founders on their initiative, but were reluctant to provide them with surplus food because of liability issues. To overcome this obstacle, the group lobbied the Victorian Government to introduce Australia's first Good Samaritan law. This law enables Victorian businesses to donate food to charities without carrying the responsibility of how the food is handled once it leaves them.

The group then helped charities in New South Wales campaign for similar legislation. Within 10 years every state and territory in Australia had a Good Samaritan law, paving the way for other compassionate and energised people to rescue food.

In Victoria (indeed within Australia) FareShare is unique. We are the only food rescue organisation that has the ability to collect and combine large volumes of surplus food, cook nutritious meals on a large scale and distribute them free of charge to charities.

For example, a poultry business may offer a food agency two pallets of chicken breasts less than two days before its 'use by' date. For most agencies it is logistically impossible

to collect this food and distribute it across dozens of local charities in time for them to hand it out to people to take away and cook safely.

The FareShare model allows for such 'use by' donations to be safely collected in refrigerated vehicles and either cooked immediately, or frozen and cooked over the next fortnight into curries, tagines, pies or other meals. These meals can then be blast chilled, vacuum sealed, frozen and safely eaten, say two months later, by a family that has fallen on hard times.

Transforming large volumes of surplus food into nutritious free meals takes a lot of space, and in August this year we launched Australia's largest charity kitchen. Our aim now is to cook one million meals a year and distribute them free of charge to Victorian charities.

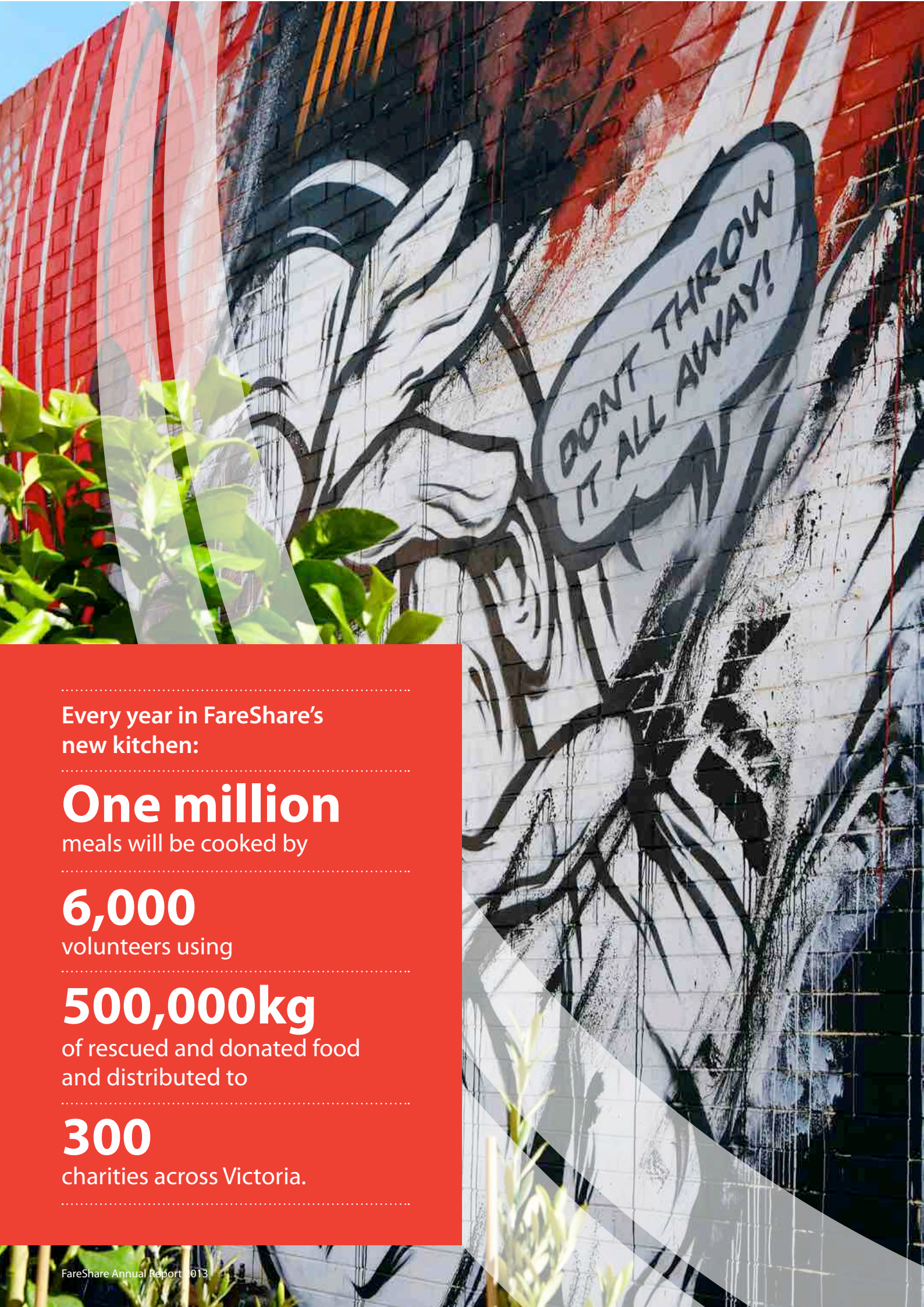
This means we need to cook 20,000 meals a week, which is a bold ambition – but with the generous support of our food donors, financial supporters, and 400 enthusiastic volunteers a week, within two months of opening our new kitchen we are nearly there.

Long term, our vision is for Victorian charities to have access to as many FareShare meals as they need to support the men, women and children who turn to them for help.



Next year **more than 150 people** will walk for FareShare as part of the Upstream Challenge, organised by Sharon Hoen.





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Every year in FareShare's  
new kitchen:  
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**One million**

meals will be cooked by  
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**6,000**

volunteers using  
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**500,000kg**

of rescued and donated food  
and distributed to  
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**300**

charities across Victoria.  
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# President and CEO's Report

*In late 2010, FareShare set out to ascertain the number of meals required to meet the need for food relief across Victoria. Volunteers and staff visited and interviewed nearly 100 community food programs, and from this research we calculated that FareShare needed to cook one million meals a year.*

At the time our kitchen was at capacity; we were collecting more food than we could cook; and we had a growing waiting list of people volunteering to help cook meals.

In 2011, based on this thorough research and the increasing availability of surplus food, we began raising funds to establish the much larger kitchen we needed to meet the goal we had identified.

Numerous philanthropic trusts and foundations, businesses and individuals had kindly supported FareShare's growth over the previous 10 years, and many were again very generous in contributing to our kitchen fundraising efforts.

Fast forward two years.

In May this year we opened the doors to our huge new kitchen, turned on the coolrooms and fired up the ovens. We had already organised to collect more food. We employed two more chefs and quickly activated volunteers on the waiting list still keen to help. Our education program also expanded to running shifts for groups of secondary school students on Monday to Thursday, every week during term time.

Our fabulous new kitchen is actually divided into two work areas: K1, where our regular volunteers work morning, afternoon and evening shifts; and K2, where we have school and corporate groups helping in the mornings and afternoons.

The smooth transition from one kitchen to another – and the rapid increase in the number of meals cooked each week – reflected incredibly thorough planning and the hard work of all staff and volunteers. Particular mentions must be made, however, of our Vice-President and regular volunteer Sandy Dudakov, who project managed the build and fit out; our Production Manager, Kellie Watson, who designed the new kitchen and planned its operation; and our Manager of Volunteer Programs, Rosie Kelly, who has expanded and fostered our community of committed volunteers. All three made exceptional contributions to the successful establishment of the new kitchen.



*John and Pauline Gandel (right and left) provided very generous financial support to help establish our new kitchen. Pictured with food critic and FareShare Ambassador Dani Valent and FareShare's President, David Harris.*

Looking back over the last two years we are extremely grateful for the outstanding financial support we have received for our kitchen project. There are too many people and organisations to thank on this page, but we would like to make special mention of five organisations that donated very large gifts: the Jack and Ethel Goldin Foundation, Newman's Own Foundation, Ian Potter Foundation, Gandel Philanthropy and Sargents Pies Charitable Foundation. (See full list on page 19).

We are also grateful for our food donors' generous responses to our target of cooking one million meals a year. Their commitment to our vision for Victorian charities to receive as many FareShare meals as they need to support people who turn to them is unquestionable – from long term supporters such as Boscastle and Kinross Farm, to Woolworths and the more than 100 supermarkets that we visit, to our closest distribution partner, Foodbank Victoria.

The third vital ingredient is, of course, our fantastic volunteers. In our old kitchen, we were fortunate to have 350 regular volunteers and a waiting list of 300 people who were keen to help – not to mention more than 70 major Australian corporates that encouraged groups of their staff to spend half a day with us.

While the year was dominated by setting up and moving into our new kitchen, we nevertheless:

- Cooked 450,000 meals for 270 charities in Victoria, and supplied them with an extra 440,000kg in uncooked fruit, vegetables, dairy and other food.
- Raised nearly \$400,000 for dozens of community food programs run by local charities through our Feed Melbourne and Feed Geelong Appeals, as well as enough money to keep our vans on the road, our coolrooms refrigerating and ovens cooking.
- Educated people about food insecurity and environmental issues associated with food, at the same time providing them with a rewarding and fun community service experience through our daily schools and corporate volunteering shifts. Over the last 12 months 3,000 students and staff from our corporate partners volunteered with FareShare.

Before the end of 2013 FareShare staff and volunteers will be cooking 20,000 meals a week, however the need for one million meals a year was determined two and a half years ago. Since then the economy has softened, and later this year FareShare volunteers will again be asked to visit and interview charities to reassess the need. We sincerely hope it has not increased, but if it has, we now have the resources to respond.

*David Harris, President,  
Marcus Godinho, CEO*

# Cooking

*While over the year much time was spent designing the new kitchen and planning our move, the kitchen team continued to cook 9,000 meals every week.*

In 2012-13 we cooked 450,000 meals – slightly fewer than last year. The reasons for this decrease were twofold:

- We increased the number of casseroles, pastas, curries, ragouts and other wet meals we made by 26,000, or nearly a quarter. Wet meals are much more time consuming to prepare and pack than our traditional savoury pastries.
- We also stopped cooking for two weeks while we decommissioned our old kitchen as required by the sale of the building, relocated and recommissioned equipment and stock, and undertook training in running the new equipment that we had installed.

We moved into our new home in May, and in the first month we cooked 47,000 meals!

The new kitchen is a significant step up for us in space, equipment and flooring. We now have four ovens, whereas we previously had one. We have two 150 litre cookers for making wet meals compared with a 75 litre bratt pan in our old kitchen. We now have a blast chiller to quickly reduce the temperature of cooked food, a briefing room to induct our two or three visiting volunteer groups a day, and a breakout area for volunteers to get off their feet. Two new permanent kitchen staff are helping oversee volunteers, and having the kitchen, warehouse and offices all under one roof has greatly improved the efficiency of our day-to-day operations.

With a larger kitchen and more equipment our running costs have naturally increased, but we anticipate that the actual cost per meal will reduce based on the significantly increased volumes.

We are also fortunate to have the ongoing support of many businesses that help us to contain our costs, including:

- **Clem Tech** – maintaining our kitchen equipment

- **Exopest** – keeping pests out of the kitchen and warehouse
- **Fildes Food Safety** – labelling food in our coolrooms
- **Hunter Chemicals** – ensuring an hygienic work environment
- **Jaymak** – cleaning our coolrooms
- **SAI Global** – auditing our kitchens and procedures
- **Sealed Air** – providing cryovac bags for our wet meals

The opportunity to vastly increase our valuable contribution to charities across Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria has further inspired our volunteers, too, and there is no doubt that 2013-14 is going to be an exciting year in the kitchen!





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Chef Polly Harvey stirs  
**150 litres of curry**  
in one of our two  
new cookers.  
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Woolworths' Errol Ryan is passionately committed to making sure any meat and vegetables his supermarkets cannot sell are cooked in our kitchen. FareShare collected **215,000kg of food** from Woolies stores over the year.



# Rescuing Food and Distributing Meals

*FareShare continues to receive donations of food and products from a variety of businesses. While these are often ad hoc offers of surplus food – which we either incorporate into our cooking or pass straight on to charities – most of the food we turn over comes from a relatively small number of generous businesses that regularly supply key ingredients for our meals.*

We would particularly like to acknowledge the wonderful ongoing support of Ardmona, Boscastle, Calendar Cheese, Chin Brothers, Costas Farms, d'Vine Ripe, Fonterra, Goodman Fielder, The Fruit Box, Kinross Farm, R Anguey, Rinoldi Pasta, Scalzo, SPC, Ward McKenzie and Woolworths.

Over the year the amount of food we rescued increased by 12 per cent to 610,000kg: from tinned tomatoes to long life milk; shredded cheese to mincemeat. While some days we have had to improvise because we are temporarily out of one ingredient or another, overall we were able to collect plenty of food for the kitchen.

This year we expanded the number of Woolworths stores visited by our paid and volunteer drivers to over 100. A special mention deserves to be made of volunteer Michael Barden for all the time and effort he has put into working with Woolworths management and scores of their stores, helping ensure anything that is useful to our kitchen or agencies that cannot be sold is put aside for FareShare. Kitchen staff and volunteers have really noticed how much more meat we are able to incorporate into our meals since Michael came on board.

The supply of fresh vegetables and herbs was also greatly boosted by another terrific FareShare supporter, Les Baguley. Les has a market garden in Oakleigh, and for many years has set aside some of his land to grow produce for charities. For the last couple of years FareShare has provided a dozen volunteers every Wednesday to help harvest, weed, water and generally help out. The activity has become very popular for regular and corporate volunteers. In all 22,000kg was harvested over the year, shared between FareShare and Les's other favoured charity, Sacred Heart Mission.

Our partnership with Foodbank Victoria (Foodbank) continues to be invaluable to both parties, working collaboratively to supply FareShare meals and other rescued and donated food to an increasing number of charities in rural and regional Victoria. Foodbank is also a source of valuable priority ingredients. In return FareShare provides Foodbank with a facility that can cook highly perishable surplus food they are offered, returning it to them in the form of nutritious meals. In Foodbank's outgoing CEO Ric Benjamin's words, "FareShare meals are the most valuable food we distribute to agencies".

Together with Foodbank, we continued to work with the Ardoch Youth Foundation, delivering food to primary schools and kindergartens that have a high number of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Over the year we delivered 38,000kg of fruit, bread, dairy products, cereals and other food rescued by or donated to FareShare and Foodbank.

While FareShare continues to directly deliver food to more than 50 agencies and schools that run community food programs, we cannot speak highly enough of our friends at Foodbank. Through our combined efforts, overall 450,000 FareShare meals and 442,000kg of additional food were distributed to nearly 300 community food programs across Victoria.

Looking to the year ahead, although we are collecting enough of most types of food to meet our million meals goal, securing enough pastry and some vegetables will be priorities.



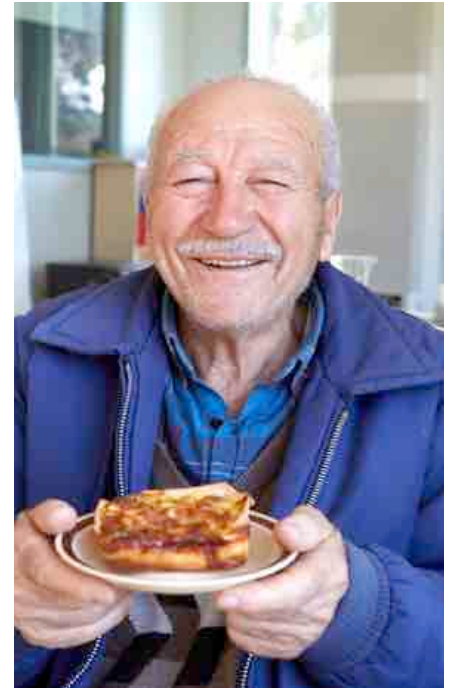
# Just some of the agencies that received our meals this year

Aborigine Advancement League Inc.  
Albion North Primary School  
All Saints Church – Preston  
Anchor Community Care Inc.  
Anglican Parish of Longbeach  
Anglicare – Leaving Care Program  
Anglicare Vic. – Glasgow Street Unit  
Anglicare Victoria – Mission House  
Annie Todd Kindergarten  
Apostolic Church Australia Ltd.  
Ardeer Primary School  
Ardoch Youth Foundation – West  
Asylum Seekers Resource Centre  
Auspol  
Australian Community Support Organisation Inc.  
Australian Multicultural Community Services Inc.  
Australian Romanian Community Welfare  
Avocare  
Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House Inc.  
Ballarat Community Health  
Banyule Housing Support Group Inc.  
Baptist Church – Newmarket  
Baptist Church – Werribee  
Begium Avenue Neighbourhood House  
Bellarine Living & Learning Centre Inc.  
Benalla Foodshare  
Bendigo Foodshare  
Berry Street – Grant Street  
Berwick Nazareth Baptist Church  
Betel Australia Ltd.  
Box Hill Citizens Advice Bureau  
Broadmeadows Anglican Mission  
Broadmeadows Mature Persons Group & Food Service  
C3 Church – Newport  
Cardinia Combined Churches Caring Inc.  
Careforce Community Service Lilydale  
CareWorks Sunranges Inc.

Catholic Care – Werribee  
Catholic Care – Footscray  
Caulfield Park Community School  
Chelsea Community Support Services Inc.  
Chippendale Lodge  
Christ Church Mission Inc.  
Christ Church Williamstown  
Church for the Whole Family  
Church of All Nations – Community Support Agency  
Church of Christ – Carnegie  
City Life Community Care – Wantirna  
City Life – Frankston  
City of Hobsons Bay – Neighbourhood Development  
Cloverdale Care Inc.  
Coburg Teaching Unit  
Collingwood Community Information Centre  
Collingwood Knights  
Combined Churches Caring Melton Inc.  
Compassion Ministry  
Concern Australia – St. Martins  
Connecting Home Ltd.  
Cook Court Kindergarten  
Corpus Christi Community Greenvale Inc.  
CountryWide Community Missions (Vic) Inc.  
Croydon Uniting Church  
Dandenong Foodshare  
Destiny Care  
Diamond Valley Foodshare Inc.  
Dingley Village Community Advice Bureau Inc.  
Dinjerra Primary School  
Darebin Information and Volunteer Resource Service  
Doutta Galla CHS – North Melbourne  
DOXA Youth Foundation  
East Sunshine Kindergarten  
Elwood Secondary College  
Emerald Hill Mission  
Eternal Life Church  
Evangelical Tonga Methodist Church  
Fairbairn Kindergarten  
Faithcare Relief Fund

First Samoan Full Gospel Pentecostal Church  
Fitzroy Primary School  
Flemington Kingston Community Lunch  
Flowerdale Community House  
Foodbank Victoria Yarraville  
Foothills Neighbourhood Communities  
Footscray House  
Gateway Social Support Options  
Gathering Place Health Service  
Geelong Food Relief Centre Inc.  
Global Care – Epping  
Global Care – Kinglake  
Global Care – Plenty Valley  
Grace of God Church  
Hanover Southbank  
Helping Hands Mission Inc.  
Hobsons Bay Christian Church  
Holy Eucharist Foodbank  
Holy Eucharist Primary School  
Holy Trinity Anglican Church – Williamstown  
Hope City Mission  
Hotham Mission – Asylum Seeker Project  
Hunger for knowledge Inc.  
In Touch – Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence  
Independent Samoan Assemblies of God – Broadmeadows  
Independent Living Skills Inc.  
Jehovah Jireh Christian Fellowship  
Jireh Foodbank  
Joey's Van  
Keilor Views Primary School  
Kingston City Church  
Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation  
Last Mile Independant Samoan AOG  
Laverton Community Centre  
Lighthouse Foundation  
Lions Club of Altona Inc.  
Living Streams Community Care  
Livingstone Community Centre  
Lord Somers Camp & Power House  
M.O.S.S. – Brunswick High Rise Foodbank

Mackillop Family Service – Footscray  
Melbourne Alcohol Recovery Centre  
Melbourne CityMission – Footscray  
Melbourne Jewish Charity Fund  
Melrose Food Group – Hotham Parish Mission  
Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria  
Missionaries of Charity  
Missionaries of God  
Missionaries of Love and Peace  
Moirā – Southern Directions Youth Services  
Moonee Ponds Baptist Church  
Mountain Glory Church  
Mozambique Association  
Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place  
Narre Warren Baptist Church  
New Hope C.C Inc. – Blackburn North  
New Hope Foundation – Footscray  
New Peninsula Community Caring Inc.  
New Stars  
Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Ltd.  
Noels Social Services  
North Ringwood Care  
Northern Community Church of Christ – Foodbank  
Northpoint Church  
Northside Community Care  
NYCH – Inner Space Program  
Oasis Melbourne Mission  
Odyssey House – Residential Program  
Olympic Adult Education Inc.  
Open Family Australia Inc.  
Open Hands – Carnegie  
Open House Christian Fellowship Inc.  
Operation Reachout  
Ozanam House – Kitchen  
Plenty Valley WOW  
Positive Living Centre  
Prahran Mission  
Quamby House



Quang Minh Temple  
 Community Development  
 Program  
 Real Life Foundation  
 Ralac  
 Remar Australia Inc.  
 Richmond Hill Foodbank  
 Richmond West Primary  
 RMIT  
 Rowville Community Kitchen  
 Rupert Street Child Care  
 Sacred Heart Mission  
 Sacred Heart Primary School  
 Salvation Army – Berwick  
 Salvation Army – Craigieburn  
 CSS  
 Salvation Army – Flagstaff Crisis  
 Accommodation  
 Salvation Army – Glenroy CSS  
 Salvation Army – Moonee Valley  
 CSS  
 Salvation Army – Plenty Valley  
 CSS  
 Salvation Army – Preston CSS  
 Salvation Army – Project 614  
 Salvation Army – Richmond CSS  
 Salvation Army – SalvoConnect  
 Salvation Army – Westcare  
 Aramant House  
 Salvation Army – Westcare Fox  
 Street Unit  
 Salvation Army – Westcare  
 Orbital Drive Unit  
 Salvation Army – Westcare  
 Steane Street Unit  
 Salvation Army – Wyndham City  
 Meals Program  
 Samoan Community in St.  
 Albans

Scottsdale PORSS (Pahran  
 Mission)  
 Sisters of Mercy  
 SKYS – St Kilda Youth Service Inc.  
 South West Community  
 Services  
 Southern Land Christian  
 Centre Inc.  
 Spanish Association  
 St. Ambrose's Foodbank  
 St. Kilda Gatehouse Inc.  
 St. Kilda Primary School  
 St. Mark's Community Centre  
 St. Mary's House of Welcome  
 St. Andrews Hall  
 St. Arnaud Neighbourhood  
 House Inc.  
 St. Ignatius – Richmond Hill  
 Churches Food Centre  
 St. Mary Magdalene's Church  
 St. Vincent De Paul – Benalla  
 Stonnington Primary School  
 Street Missions Inc.  
 Sunshine Kindergarten  
 Sunshine Mission  
 Sunshine North Kindergarten  
 Sunshine Primary School  
 SVDP – Mitcham Conference  
 SVDP – Moonee Ponds  
 Conference  
 SVDP – Ballan / Gordon  
 Conference  
 SVDP – Collingwood Conference  
 SVDP – Croydon Conference  
 SVDP – Dandenong Conference  
 SVDP – Daylesford Conference  
 SVDP – Deer Park Conference

SVDP – Fawkner North  
 Conference  
 SVDP – Forest Hill Conference  
 SVDP – Gladstone Park  
 SVDP – Glenroy Conference  
 SVDP – Margaret Oats Soup Van  
 SVDP – Matthew Talbot Soup  
 Van – Footscray  
 SVDP – Mobile Conference  
 SVDP – St. Arnaud  
 SVDP – Thomastown  
 SVDP – Wangaratta  
 SVDP – Oak Park  
 Syndal Baptist Church  
 Foodbank  
 The Brosnan Centre – Jesuit  
 Social Service  
 The Collingwood Cottage Inc.  
 The Neighbour's Place Inc.  
 The OutPost Inc.  
 The River Community Church  
 The Salt Foundation  
 The Youth Junction Inc.  
 TRY South Yarra Kindergarten  
 Uniting Care – Broadmeadows  
 Uniting Care – East Burwood  
 Centre  
 Uniting Care – South Port  
 Uniting Care – St. Kilda  
 Uniting Care – Sunshine Mission  
 Uniting Care – Wodonga  
 Uniting Care Werribee –  
 Housing & Support  
 Upper Murray Health &  
 Community Services  
 Upper Yarra Community House  
 Vantage Point Church

Ventana Hispana Inc. (Spanish  
 Window)  
 Vicdor Living Centres  
 Victoria University – Community  
 Development  
 Victory Care – Victory Worship  
 Centre Church  
 Vive Café – The Crossing  
 Community Centre  
 Voice of Christ Full Gospel  
 Church  
 Wesley Footscray Outreach  
 Western English Language  
 School  
 Western Suburbs Indigenous  
 Gathering Place  
 Westside Community  
 Centre Inc.  
 Whittington Primary School  
 Williamstown Emergency Relief  
 Wingate Ave Childrens  
 Co-operative Ltd.  
 Wingate Avenue Community  
 Centre  
 Wings of Care Inc.  
 Wodonga Foodshare  
 Women's Health West  
 Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Co-  
 Operative  
 WRHC – Indigenous Program  
 Wyndham City Council – Youth  
 Services  
 Y.S.A.S.Pty Ltd – Napier Street  
 Y.S.A.S.Pty Ltd – Brunswick  
 Street Day Program  
 Yarra Valley Campsite Collective  
 Youth with a Mission  
 (Melbourne) Inc.

# Volunteering

*Much to our delight, FareShare has evolved from being a community based organisation to being a community in its own right.*

One of the frustrations in our previous kitchen was that we were so limited in the number of people who could lend a hand. When we moved to our new kitchen 350 regular volunteers came with us, and we were able to approach the 300 people who were on our waiting list keen to help cook. Within months we had 550 people committed to weekly, fortnightly and monthly shifts – although frustratingly we continue with a waiting list.

Our kitchen volunteers come from all walks of life. On one of our regular shifts in K1 you could find yourself next to a retired magistrate or a factory worker, an asylum seeker or a CEO from a Top 100 Australian company, a part time teacher or a retired AFL footballer starting university. In K2, work colleagues get to know each other much better away from the workplace, and secondary school volunteers not only have a lot of fun, they also go home with a lot to think about.

We are incredibly fortunate to have so many committed volunteers, but on many occasions volunteers have remarked how they get as much back from volunteering at FareShare as they give. What they get varies from person to person. For some, it has helped them with career changes; for others,

it has given them skills to better integrate into society. For many, it has led to great friendships: it is always touching to observe when one of our volunteers goes through a difficult patch how people on their shift rally to their side.

In our new kitchen around 80 people volunteer every day. In K1 we run a morning, afternoon and evening shifts, with regular volunteers helping to make 2,000 casseroles, tagines, curries, pastas and other wet meals a day. In K2 we have school groups on Monday to Thursday mornings during term, and corporate groups the rest of the time. Around 6,000 visiting volunteers will help us every year – that's in addition to our 500 regular volunteers.

Of course people, schools and businesses not only help us in the kitchen. There are 30 men and women who regularly get behind the wheel of one of our vans and collect food and distribute meals. Volunteers also help in our warehouse; with events as part of the Feed Melbourne Appeal; and with raising funds to keep our vans on the road, ovens cooking and coolrooms chilling. Others speak about our work at schools and service clubs; service our kitchen equipment; and advise us on legal matters, communications and fundraising.

With so many people helping us in so many ways, we thought it would be interesting to calculate the dollar value that our volunteers contribute to FareShare in people power. So adopting a base rate of \$22 per volunteer hour – the base rate adopted by Volunteering Victoria – volunteers contribute \$30,800 worth of value to FareShare every week – that's more than \$1.5 million a year!

FareShare was started by volunteers, and volunteers remain at the heart of our organisation. We are deeply grateful to each and every one. Without their generosity and commitment, tens of thousands of Victorians would be missing out on nutritious meals.

And accolades to Rosie Kelly and Dianna Chapman, who do such an incredible job recruiting and inducting new volunteers, scheduling 80 volunteers to help every day, and creating such a wonderful sense of community.



FareShare volunteer Eileen van Bavel helps roll out pastry and line quiche trays every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Eileen is one of **550 regular volunteers** at FareShare.









## Educating

*FareShare's mission is to:*

- *Rescue food that would otherwise be wasted*
- *Cook and distribute meals to people in need*
- *Raise awareness about food insecurity and the value of food rescue*

Most people know us for our efforts to reduce food waste and cook meals for people who need a hand, however we are equally as passionate about education.

Each year in our new kitchen 6,000 people will volunteer with us as part of either corporate or school groups. This gives us a great opportunity to inform people about food insecurity in Melbourne and environmental issues associated with food.

Similarly, our annual Feed Melbourne and Feed Geelong Appeals aspire to raise awareness and understanding of food insecurity, and with Leader Community Newspapers and The Geelong Advertiser as partners we are certainly getting the word out there.

We are particularly keen to educate young people, and every Monday to Thursday during term, classes of secondary school

students now volunteer in our kitchen. Our challenge is how to make the most of the time we have with these students; to maximise the number of meals we cook and how much the students learn.

To this end we have teamed up with the University of Melbourne to more formally develop our schools program and its evaluation. Our new part-time employee Dianna Chapman will also be focusing on our schools program. Dianna is an education professional, who just also happens to have previously established a volunteer-driven community food program within schools.

FareShare's student shifts have been meeting with great success. Almost every shift for the remainder of 2013 is booked out by public and independent school groups, ranging from Year 9 to VCAL.



*Food relief in Melbourne has been greatly strengthened by Leader Community Newspapers' commitment to the Feed Melbourne Appeal. From left to right, Leader's Katharine Frostick, John Trevorrow, Rebecca David and Nick Miller.*

# Fundraising

*While this year much time was taken up designing the new kitchen, raising funds, managing the fit out and relocating, we continued to cook 9,000 meals every week. To achieve this, it was imperative that we continued to fundraise.*

This year FareShare's Director of Development, Claire Leach, once again deftly and successfully managed the fundraising so critical to our ongoing survival. Between writing appeals, preparing grant applications, co-managing the Feed Melbourne Appeal and even co-running regular film nights, Claire capably ensured that we were able to cover our operating costs and even post a modest surplus.

Our sincere thanks to the enterprising supporters who ran fundraisers for FareShare; to our philanthropic trust and foundation backers; and the growing number of businesses that help with donations, sponsorships and grants through their charity foundations. We would particularly like to acknowledge the exceptional generosity of the Westpac Foundation and the management and staff of GE, who ran a hugely successful Corporate Charity Golf Day and donated all of the money raised to FareShare.

Our other major fundraising goal this year was to secure all of the funds needed to establish Australia's largest charity kitchen.

We were humbled by the support we received and feel a deep sense of not just opportunity, but responsibility, to ensure that our backers are rewarded by the impact of their giving.

This year's Feed Melbourne Appeal got off to a flying start with Bruce Springsteen launching the campaign at his Melbourne concerts. His endorsement led to incredibly generous support – for both Feed Melbourne and our new kitchen – from the Sargents Pies Charitable Foundation.

Together with Leader Community Newspapers and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, this year's Appeal raised \$531,000 – our highest amount ever. Two thirds of these funds were granted to dozens of community food programs, and one third was granted to FareShare to rescue food and cook meals for charities.

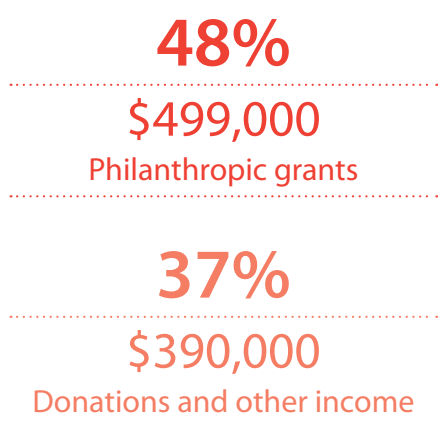
Leader journalists researched and wrote stories that provided very personal insights into food insecurity in our community.

And once again The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation did a sterling job of managing all donations, grant applications and assessments. By matching every dollar donated up to \$225,000, the Foundation provides invaluable assistance to community food programs via the Feed Melbourne Appeal. Since we started the Appeal in 2009, more than \$1.5 million has been given out to local charities.

Geelong philanthropic organisation Give Where You Live joined The Geelong Advertiser and FareShare for the second Feed Geelong campaign. They really took the reins and have adopted the Appeal as one of their major annual initiatives. Give Where You Live's reputation and knowledge of the community gave the campaign a real boost and allowed FareShare to focus on supporting Geelong charities with our meals and other rescued food. This year Feed Geelong Appeal grants were awarded to six community food programs.



# 2012/13 Income



## Philanthropic grants

ANZ Trustees Limited  
 Birchall Family Foundation Trust  
 Buckland Foundation  
 Calvert Jones Family Foundation  
 Campbell Edwards Trust  
 Charles and Cornelia Goode Foundation  
 David and Lilly Harris  
 Flora & Frank Leith Charitable Trust  
 Garry White Foundation  
 Geelong Community Foundation  
 Gordon Brothers Charitable Foundation  
 Grosvenor Foundation (via Equity Trustees)  
 Helen Macpherson Smith Trust  
 Ivy H & Arthur A Thomas Trust (via Equity Trustees)  
 J Markoff Family Trust  
 Jack and Ethel Goldin Foundation  
 John and Betty Laidlaw Legacy  
 Lions Club of Wholesale Market  
 Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation  
 Perpetual Trustees  
 Philip and Vivien Brass Foundation  
 Pierce Armstrong Foundation  
 Pratt Foundation  
 Rotary Club of Glenferrie  
 Rotary Club of North Balwyn  
 Sandi Foundation  
 Scanlon Foundation  
 Sisters of Charity Foundation  
 StreetSmart  
 St Willibrord's Care  
 Sunshine Foundation

## Corporate philanthropy and sponsorship

Accenture  
 Australian Unity Foundation  
 AXA  
 Black Horse Foundation  
 BOS International  
 Buzz Products  
 Clayton Utz Foundation  
 Dan Murphy's  
 ExxonMobil  
 Jemena  
 KPMG  
 GDF Suez Energy Australia  
 GE Fraud Services  
 GE Foundation  
 Grill'd  
 Levi Strauss Foundation  
 Medibank  
 Movida  
 NAB  
 Nelson Alexander  
 Pitcher Partners  
 RCR International Pty Ltd  
 Roger David Stores  
 Tabcorp  
 TIC  
 Treasury Wine Estates  
 Unico  
 Ward McKenzie  
 Westpac Foundation  
 Woolworths

We also continued to receive very generous support from the philanthropic sector and businesses for establishing our new kitchen. Particular recognition is due to The Ian Potter Foundation, Gandel Philanthropy and Newman's Own Foundation, as well as to the Sargents Pies Charitable Foundation, who we have recently got to know through the Feed Melbourne Appeal.

We are also really grateful to the following supporters for their terrific backing:

Collier Charitable Fund  
 Honda Foundation  
 St Willibrord's Care  
 Campbell Edwards Trust  
 Besen Family Foundation  
 Magistrates' Court Fund  
 Flora and Frank Leith Trust  
 Caterpillar Foundation  
 John and Betty Laidlaw - ANZ Trustees  
 Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin  
 Sunshine Foundation  
 Jeffrey Markoff  
 Aussie Farmers Foundation  
 Rotary Club of Balwyn  
 Peter and Lyndy White  
 Jack Brockhoff Foundation  
 Mazda Foundation

# Financials

## Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2013

	2011/2012	2012/2013
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,766,774	1,757,222
Debtors	15,627	4,800
Other assets	260,000	–
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,042,401</b>	<b>1,762,022</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	1,067,681	3,968,729
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>1,067,681</b>	<b>3,968,729</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,110,082</b>	<b>5,730,752</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Funding for future operations	225,000	1,075,501
Capital grants	2,492,295	–
Payables	16,029	67,279
Provisions	45,294	46,329
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,778,618</b>	<b>1,189,109</b>
Long term provisions	15,896	–
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,794,514</b>	<b>1,189,109</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,315,568</b>	<b>4,541,643</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>1,315,568</b>	<b>4,541,643</b>
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>1,315,568</b>	<b>4,541,643</b>
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<b>1,315,568</b>	<b>4,541,643</b>

## Income Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	2011/2012	2012/2013
<b>Revenue</b>		
Philanthropic organisations	302,632	499,148
Donations, fees, memberships and other	244,214	389,917
Business sponsorship and donations	327,950	127,021
Interest	87,965	35,597
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>962,761</b>	<b>1,051,683</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Production	343,628	410,615
Transport – collecting food donations and distributing meals	345,203	299,114
Fundraising and communications	180,294	180,826
Administration	20,760	38,892
Feed Melbourne and Feed Geelong	46,725	28,217
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>936,610</b>	<b>957,664</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>26,151</b>	<b>94,019</b>
<b>Extraordinary income</b>		
Profit on sale of building	–	85,974
New kitchen grants and donations	–	2,963,415
Vehicle grants and donations	–	82,780

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Our accounts have been audited by Pitcher Partners. Please contact FareShare for a copy.

Volunteers Nick Mann  
and Angela Weber  
working towards  
**one million meals.**



# Donation Form



Title  First name

Surname

Company name

Address

State  Postcode

Phone

Email

I would like to help by making a tax-deductible donation of:

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$200  \$500

other (please specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR,**

I authorise FareShare to make automatic deductions from my credit card (details below) until further notice to the value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

Please charge my:  VISA  MasterCard

Card No.  /  /

Expiry Date  /  CCV No.:

Cardholder's name

Signature  Date

**OR,**

Cheque/Money Order (enclosed) made payable to FareShare.

## Ways to donate:

**Post** this completed form to :

**1 Sth Audley Street  
Abbotsford VIC 3067**

**Phone** (03) 9428 0044 or mobile 0416 180 802

**Fax** this completed form to (03) 9428 1844

**Internet:** Donate online at [www.fareshare.net.au](http://www.fareshare.net.au)

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Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

## Thank you for your support



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or see the donation form inside this report.

### **To volunteer – individual, corporate or school**

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### **To donate or receive food**

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