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OVER 11 TONNES OF FOOD SAVED: OZHARVEST LAKE MACQUARIE AND CENTRAL COAST CELEBRATE HUGE CHRISTMAS SEASON

It has been another huge Christmas for the team at OzHarvest Central Coast and Lake Macquarie, with literal tonnes of delicious, nutritious food saved from landfill and instead used to put great meals on the tables of hundreds of families.

OzHarvest launched a second food rescue vehicle in the region in November, through a grant of \$90,000 from Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation.

The team quickly found their stride leading into Christmas, traditionally the busiest time of the year for OzHarvest across Australia.

Jennifer Leslie, Chair of Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation, said the efforts of OzHarvest and their team of volunteers made a massive difference to ensure thousands of people during this holiday period.

“The new vehicle has only done 12 shifts but has already rescued and donated 11,370 kilograms of food, which is such a help and a tremendous show of holiday spirit,” said Ms Leslie.

“This food made a direct and tangible difference and equates to 22,740 meals, helping to ensure a more fulfilling, nutritious Christmas.

“I was privileged to spend an afternoon with OzHarvest in December and experienced first-hand what a difference their work makes, both in terms of the people they help feed and the food rescued from ending up in landfill.”

Richard Stark, OzHarvest’s Newcastle and Central Coast Manager, said the second van was already making a difference.

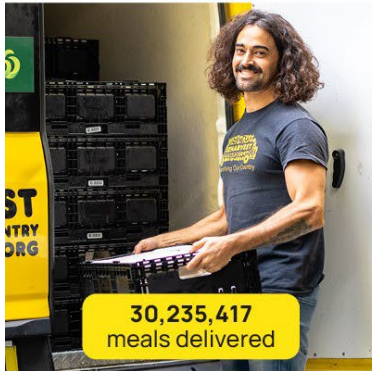
“We are so grateful to Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation for this funding,” said Mr Stark.

“With people in our community doing it tough this Christmas, the second vehicle helps us cover so much more ground and get that rescued food to more families.”

It has been a huge year for OzHarvest across Australia, with more than 11 million kilograms of food rescued, helping to serve over 30 million meals. You can find more info in the infographic on the following page.



2022 OZHARVEST IMPACT



30,235,417
meals delivered



438,475
cooked meals created



11,483,360
kgs food rescued



400

Mobile Markets in
regional communities



85,000
OzHarvest Market customers



**Refettorio
OzHarvest**
Sydney

300

guests served a
3-course lunch weekly



404,239
hampers packed
and delivered



1,900

charities supported



25,000
households with
Use It Up tape!



580

enrolled FEAST schools



55
Nourish students



577

NEST participants

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