

# Media Release



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## OzHarvest Canberra invites you to support 'Share Lunch Fight Hunger'

On **Thursday, 3 September 2009** all Canberrans are encouraged to donate what they would normally spend on lunch to the OzHarvest Canberra Share Lunch Fight Hunger campaign. This is one of the major annual public events for raising funds to keep OzHarvest Canberra on the road.

Workplaces and Canberrans across the ACT will be taking part in this year's campaign on 3 September in an effort to raise \$50,000 to support OzHarvest Canberra. OzHarvest is funded entirely by donations.

Over the past twelve months a staggering **200,000 meals** have been distributed to over 40 charities. "Canberra has taken OzHarvest to heart. We have been humbled by the support from the community in terms of donated food, the hard work of our volunteers and of course the financial donations that literally keep the wheels of our operation turning" said Camilla Rowland, Executive Director of Community Services for Communities@Work.

In our affluent city, there are over 1,200 people homeless on any given night and many more struggling to put a meal on the table. OzHarvest Canberra rescues good food, which would otherwise be wasted, from supermarkets, caterers, hotels, wholesalers, delicatessens or other food providers and delivers it free of charge to charities and refuges across Canberra and Queanbeyan that assist people in our community who are doing it tough.

"The reason OzHarvest Canberra works is because of its simplicity- food that would be wasted is being delivered to those who need it. Our operation is very lean – we are able to collect and distribute a meal for under a dollar, which means that every dollar donated to OzHarvest Canberra is another meal we can deliver to someone who needs it," said Ms Rowland.

Not only does OzHarvest Canberra help those in need, it also prevents good food from being dumped as landfill. The environmental innovation of the OzHarvest Canberra model was acknowledged by being the overall winner of the 2009 ACT Sustainable Cities Award. OzHarvest Canberra will go forward to represent the Act at the national awards later in the year.

For more information or to register visit website: [www.ozharvestcanberra.org](http://www.ozharvestcanberra.org). or Phone: 6288 0709.  
**Registrations close on 21 August.**

OzHarvest Canberra operates under a licence deed from OzHarvest Sydney. Communities@Work is the major sponsor and generator of funds for OzHarvest Canberra and also manages the Program. The ongoing operation of OzHarvest Canberra is dependent on continued support from sponsors and donors.

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