

Media Release

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Food Rescue Moves up a gear!

OzHarvest Canberra managed by **Communities@Work** welcomes the arrival of a second van this week. “We can now rescue more food and deliver more meals to people who need it. OzHarvest Canberra currently delivers 22,000 meals a month. With a new van, we can’t wait to see what we can do!” said Dave Burnet OzHarvest Canberra Coordinator.

OzHarvest Canberra began operating in February 2008 and has delivered over 350,000 meals in the Canberra Region. Along the way it has rescued over 100,000 kilograms of good food from being dumped as landfill, re-distributing an average of 2,000 kilograms of good food each week.

Molonglo Financial Services Limited, owners of the Bendigo Community Banks, Calwell and Wanniasa branches, have generously donated the funds needed for a second OzHarvest Canberra van. Director, Lance Prior said, “this is the largest, single amount we have donated in Canberra. OzHarvest Canberra represented a way for us to positively impact on so many worthy causes through the simple and effective model of OzHarvest.”

In praise of Canberra’s generosity, Dave Burnet stated, “We have been operating in the Canberra region for two years now, and have been humbled by the way Canberra has taken OzHarvest Canberra to heart. In such a short amount of time we have grown to become part of the landscape and goodwill is evident as we get around the area on our daily run. We often get a wave or a toot from motorists at the lights, or a donation pressed into our hand as we deliver the goodies. One of greatest joys of our work is to see the real soul and generosity of our city in action every day.”

‘Partnering with a local business, like the Bendigo Bank in Calwell and Wanniasa, makes sense to us. It’s a local bank, owned by local people supporting a local charity doing great things for people in need and the local environment”, concluded Mr Burnet.

Photo opportunity:

Date: Friday 5 February 2010
Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Wanniasa Bendigo Bank Branch
Sangster Place Wanniasa

Interview opportunity

Media will have the opportunity to view the new van outside the Wanniasa Bendigo Bank Branch and chat with Maureen Cane CEO Communities@Work, Jayson Hinder, Chairman, Alan Hodges, Director of Molonglo Financial Services Bendigo Bank and staff from OzHarvest Canberra.

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