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### ARE THERE REALLY PEOPLE GOING WITHOUT FOOD IN AUSTRALIA?

Yes there are, but hunger is largely a hidden social problem and many victims suffer in silence. Each year two million people rely on food relief – around half of them are children. That's one in every ten Australians in need.

Despite almost two decades of economic growth nearly a quarter of Australians still live in low economic resource households and 10% live in actual poverty. The prices of essentials like food, health, education, housing, utilities and transport have climbed so much in recent years that people who are already struggling are susceptible to sudden bill shock and financial disadvantage. The current economic climate means people are turning to charity who would never have dreamed of seeking such support in the past. So it's not just traditionally vulnerable groups such as the homeless seeking food relief, but also the aged, single parents and the working poor.

Children, a casual worker or an elderly couple could be going hungry in any given street. When bills have to be paid, food becomes a discretionary item. Some statistics about the unlucky people in our lucky country: **105,000 PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY HOMELESS, 2.2 MILLION AUSTRALIANS LIVE IN POVERTY, 10.9% OF CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY, 1 IN 4 PENSIONERS LIVE IN OR CLOSE TO POVERTY.** 

FOODBANK IS THE LARGEST FOOD RELIEF ORGANISATION IN AUSTRALIA

"Many of our clients access the food provided by Foodbank, initially, in a crisis where it makes the difference between eating and not eating..." MEALS LAST YEAR **31,794,967** 

MEALS THIS YEAR **36,456,800** 









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# \$136,000 WORTH OF HAMPERS PACKED FOR THOSE IN NEED



ver 130 members of the SCLAA, AIP and the APPMA, spent their annual Christmas party for the fifth consecutive year with a twist. The members spent the day packing a record 800 hampers, for Foodbank to distribute to those in need at Christmas; many of whom are without employment, families with young children and living on the poverty line.

As Ken McMillan, General Manager of Foodbank Queensland said on the day **() The Foodbank Hamper project is wonderful** – you are all good people who are helping 800 families at Xmas. I can guarantee that the people who receive these hampers this year will cry because the hampers show that someone actually cares.

The packing of the hampers was a culmination of twelve months of work, over \$136,000 worth of goods raised to go inside the hampers and generous support from many companies across the country who assisted with the goods collection. The 2014 hampers were worth over \$170 each and were made up of food and personal hygiene products. In five years the SCLAA, in conjunction with the AIP, the APPMA and the QSCLC, have packed 3200 hampers to the value of over \$386,000.







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# **CAN YOUR COMPANY HELP US?**



o how can you help? Well it is easy! You could encourage your staff and colleagues to help you collect one of the nominated items on our wish list during the next 6 months, purchase the items, or donate funds towards the items. Any contribution to attaining our wish list is appreciated.

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### **HAMPER WISH LIST**

Shampoo x 1

Rice x 1Kg

Cakes of Soap x 6

Toothbrushes x 6

Tooth Paste x 3

Pasta/Spaghetti 500g x 1

Deodorants - Female/Male x 1

1 ltr fruit juice x 2

Tissues x 1 box

Pudding x 1

Tin food x 2

Razors x 1

Xmas cake x 1

Cans of fruit x 1 NB: The above list is per hamper. 800x hampers in total is required.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST BY DONATING GOODS FOR THE HAMPERS PLEASE EMAIL qld@sclaa.com.au Ph: 1300 364 160