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Queanbeyan City Council supporting OzHarvest Canberra

Communities@Work are very pleased to announce a donation of \$1,750 to the OzHarvest Canberra program from the Queanbeyan City Council's Assistance Program – General Donations Scheme.

OzHarvest Canberra began operating in February 2008 and has delivered over 260,000 meals to over 40 refuges and charities in the ACT and Queanbeyan. Along the way it has rescued over 77 tonnes of good food from being dumped as landfill, re-distributing an average of 1500 kilograms of good food each week.

The Queanbeyan City Council's donation will go toward keeping OzHarvest's regular run through Queanbeyan for another year.

OzHarvest Canberra coordinator Dave Burnett said "The feedback we receive from the charities we deliver to is one of the great rewards for our work. We hear stories of a charities such as St. Benedict's Community Day Centre and Missionaries of Charity in Queanbeyan, whose food bill has dropped dramatically, and others who are finding that folks in need of counselling and support are coming back regularly into centres because of the promise of such great food. "

"Having been operating in Canberra and Queanbeyan now for almost two years we have been humbled by the way the local community have 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 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." concluded Mr Burnett.

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