



To whom this may concern,

Baldivis Community Support Inc. (HappyPantry) has been established in March 2022. It is aimed to support members of the Baldivis area; however, it did not take long before the word was spread, and people are now arriving from all over Rockingham shire and as far as Armadale and Mandurah. Each week, Monday-Saturday, our volunteers pick up food supplies from various donors around greater Perth and deliver them to our pantry. Our volunteers then sort everything out, placing the good produce in cool rooms for Wednesday and Thursday, where we open our doors between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. For people who are doing it tough and can't meet the ends each week, they come and pick up all they need free of charge. We are now catering for 3000+ people registered on our books as members. Doing what we do, we became a hub in Baldivis for young mothers and their children, seniors, and multicultural immigrants who enjoy a warm meal together and share stories of their lives, exchanging experiences with each other. We work together with Centrelink and other job seeker offices that send us people on rehabilitation programmes to build up their skills; we also work with TAFE and high school students to complete their community work education. We save all food supplies that the supermarkets and other suppliers donate from going to landfills by passing them to other farmers in our region to feed their animals.

Our charity is also helping other charities in our region, including Salvation Army, The Crew, Adra Café, etc.

We are currently helping 4 local schools by donating food for their breakfast club and giving food to families who cannot send their children to school with lunch, one teacher mentioned that often some students came to school with only one carrot or nothing at all.

Our Charity has proven to be an essential programme, lifting worries from parents concerned about how they are going to feed their children each week, reducing depression in dads who are going through medical treatment and loss of their jobs for unforeseen circumstances, and providing them with nutritious meals that they can take home each week regularly without fail. To many seniors, the charity became an essential place for a source of food supply without worrying whether their income is enough to choose between paying their bills or buying necessities.

The charity is now part of the community that has grown so much that it needs a much larger venue to cater for the amount of people who visit each week; it needs a safe place that has a proper kitchen and dining area without having to wait in line under the weather, especially for mums with toddlers and seniors who find it very difficult to stand longer than a few minutes; it needs a place that's safe to park without causing traffic congestion.

We have produced the plans to build a new space that we are providing to the council to enable all the above mentioned to our community, and we are looking forward to a great project for our community.

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