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What People Are Saying About Us

From Our Customers

“Sapphire Community Pantry I just wanted to say a big thank-you for having a place where people can afford to shop. You make everyone feel welcome your staff are the most amazing people I have come across. I hope everyone keeps supporting you so you can only get bigger and better for the community.”

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“I shop at the Community Pantry because of its non-judgemental, caring atmosphere. There is an air of inclusivity in an attractive, child-friendly environment. The name Community Pantry says it all.

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This is the best little shop in town come and see us have a tea or coffee or just a chat all the staff are helpful and will have a chat to if you need some advice at any time. The little shop with a big heart.

From a volunteer who is also a customer

I had always worked in retail, nursing and as a manager in the community services sector, but no longer able to work due to my health I suffered financially, physically and emotionally.

I still could give something, I could give my time, I wanted to give back to the community.

I had read about the Sapphire Community Pantry in the paper and on Facebook but it took me a year to push myself to go in and just say "here I am I can help with anything I'm a quick learner "

I started volunteering a week later.

Teenagers and pets need to eat. We have always eaten meat and vegetables but prices each week would leave me cringing wondering and stressing about our budget. I can now buy all our vegetables at the pantry for less than \$10. I can buy the kids muesli bars and fruit. I can make meals with what's on the shelves.

My confidence has grown I'm not stressing about shopping any more I can manage my bills a lot better. I've met some wonderful people and volunteers I'm truly grateful to give my time back to our community.

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As of 30 June 2019, the Sapphire Community Pantry has been operating for nearly two years.

We have extended our trading hours, for the convenience of our customers, to two days week – Tuesday from 11am to 2pm; and Thursday, from 11am to 2pm; and 3pm to 5pm. Of course we would like to offer longer trading hours, but we rely on the goodwill of volunteers and volunteer labour. However, we may consider extending hours in the future, depending on the availability of volunteers.

Our membership numbers continue to climb and as at 30 June 2019 we had reached 833 members. Pantry membership is not compulsory so this number we have reached demonstrates the tremendous amount of support we have from our community. Membership has benefits – 5% discount on the shopping plus a gift bag of goodies when joining or renewing membership.

In July 2018 we became Sapphire Community Projects Inc, a charity and a public benevolent institution with tax-deductible status. Being a charity also gives us the opportunity to apply for various government and on-government grants. The Pantry is one of the projects operating under the Sapphire Community Projects Inc. operates under this charity.

There are so many people and organisations to thank and have included them in our “BOOK OF THANKS”. Without the hard work of our many volunteers we wouldn’t exist. We have over thirty people who regularly volunteer, and a number of others who volunteer when they can, or for special events.

I wish we could say that through our work we have eliminated poverty and hunger, but we haven’t. There are many factors beyond our control, such as the rate of government assistance, unemployment and underemployment, housing, cost of utilities and more. In the 2018 *Rumbling Tummies*¹² Report by FoodBank, it was revealed that 1 in 5 children in Australia lived in a food insecure household. Our own Pantry survey figures showed that 53% of surveyed customers struggled to find the money to buy basic food items such as bread, milk, fruit and vegetables.

However, we have made a difference to many lives. We have helped people stretch their food dollar further; we have provided a warm and welcoming space to meet, drink coffee, talk and shop; we have given out free food vouchers to other charities; run cooking groups; free internet and computer training; and many other community activities.

Another year, consolidating what we do, reviewing how we do it, looking for more gaps to be filled and considering how we can contribute to a vibrant, healthy and well community.

Thank you

Christine Welsh

President



¹ Foodbank, *Rumbling Tummies* – Child Hunger in Australia, 2018

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our vision, mission and values guide everything we do – they are the bedrock for our activities and our attitude. They are the **WHY** for our **WHAT**.

Vision

A community where everyone is nourished.

Mission

Supporting people to nourish themselves, their families and their communities

Values

Access to nutritious food is a basic human right. We are committed to responding to the needs of our community through focusing on food access and community connections.

Collaboration: We value all our partners, including members, customers, and volunteers in the mission to end hunger, knowing that working together we are stronger together.

Innovation & creativity: We strive to constantly evolve and evaluate, so we may implement the most effective strategies to achieve our mission.

Compassion & respect: We value and hold in high regard our staff, volunteers, partners, donors, and our community for whom we work.

Integrity: We conduct our work with fairness and transparency.

Passion: We do this work with a shared passion, because no one should face the day hungry.

Volunteer Board (2018-2019)

Thank you to our Board members who give freely of their time and knowledge. The Board meets at least five times per year and sets the strategic direction of the charity. Our board members are:

- Christine Welsh, President
- Sharon Cornthwaite, Vice-President
- Peter Buggy, Secretary and Public Officer
- Chloe Bourke, Treasurer
- Leesa Chen, Board Member
- Deb Parsons, Board Member
- Karen Wright, Board Member

Membership of the charity, Sapphire Community Projects Inc is open to all. This allows you to attend our Board meetings, have input into the direction of the charity and stand for Board membership.

Volunteers

***Over 30 volunteers gave 6,350 hours of their time, worth almost
\$265,000***

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Sapphire Community Projects, and for the Pantry. Our volunteers cover a broad spectrum – retired, semi-retired, not in paid employment, participants in NDIS programs, school students, work placements, and people seeking work experience. They have a multitude of skills including teaching, customer service, nursing, craft, cooking, trade, to name just a few. Our volunteers offer their time and skills for many reasons, but mainly because they want to give to the community and help others. Volunteering also gives them the opportunity to make new friends, reduce isolation, and keep using their skills.

There are many roles for volunteers, who can spend as much or as little time as they are able to give. We serve customers, stack shelves, clean, operate the till, welcome customers and show them around, serve tea and coffee, run cooking groups, collect food, administration, computer mentoring.

Over the past 12 months, we estimate that our volunteers have given over 6,350 hours of their time. Using ABS figures, which estimate volunteer time as \$41.72 per hour, our volunteers have donated nearly two-hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars worth of labour³.



³ Figure based on ABS average hourly earnings estimate for volunteers, published on the Funding Centre." (<https://www.fundingcentre.com.au/grant/help>)





Programs – What we do

Sapphire Community Pantry

Our lead Program is the Sapphire Community Pantry. The Pantry was established in Bega in 2017 and welcomes anyone who needs food and groceries. Our prime customer group is people suffering food insecurity, but we also welcome anyone who wishes to shop with us.

The Bega Valley appears a wealthy area, but in common with many parts of Australia it has many people struggling to make ends meet and suffer from food insecurity – that is, being without reliable access to a enough quantity of affordable, nutritious food.



Food insecurity in Australia

Every year in October, Foodbank (Australia’s major food relief charity) releases survey results into food and hunger in Australia. Key facts from the Foodbank Hunger Report 2018⁴:

- More than 4 million Australians have experienced food insecurity in the last 12 months
- A low income is the most common reason why Australians are unable to afford food
- Half of all charities report an increase in the number of people seeking food relief
- 5 million Australians in regional and remote areas have experienced food insecurity in the last 12 months
- Regional and remote Australians are 33% more likely to experience food insecurity than their city cousins.



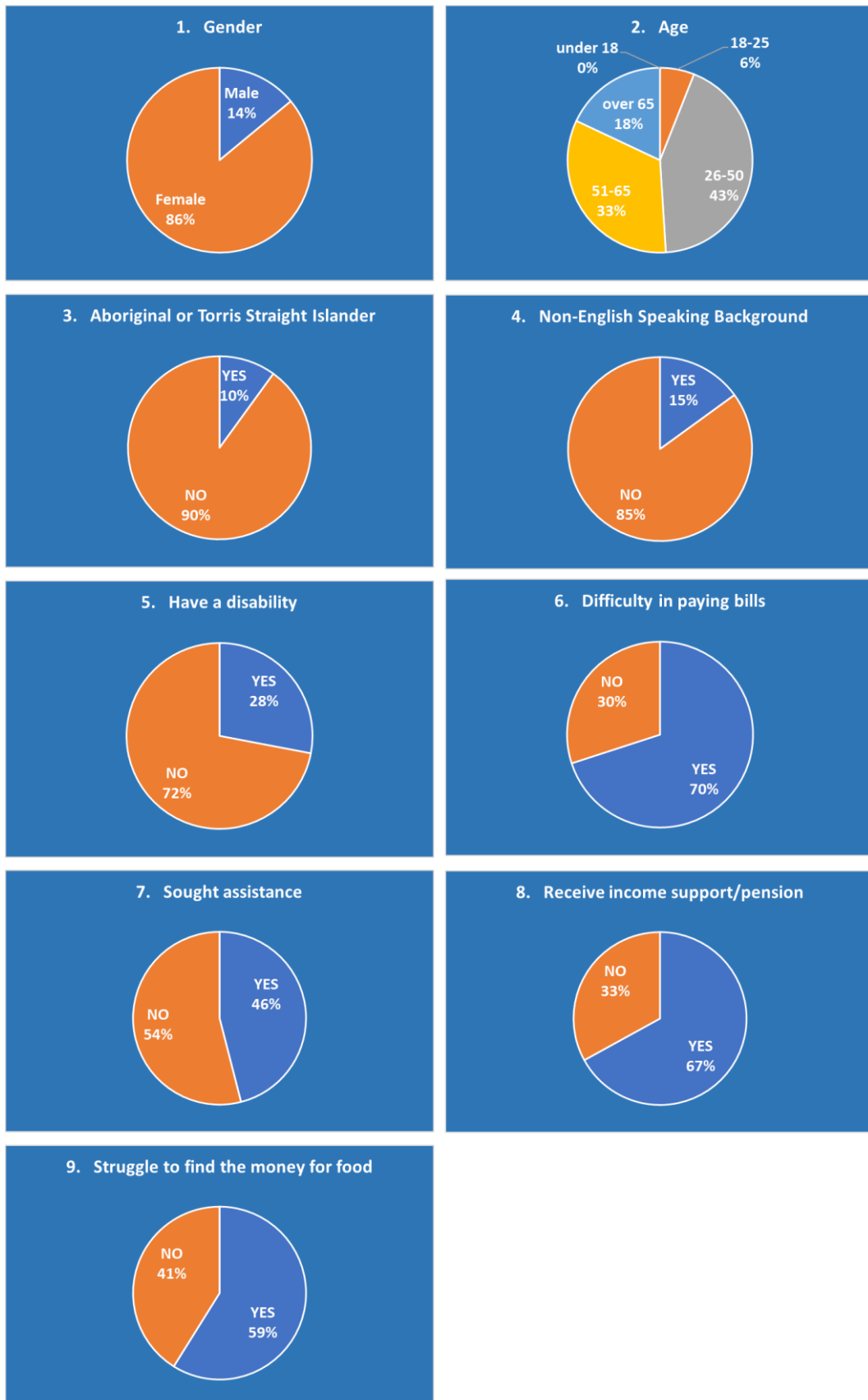
(from <https://www.foodbank.org.au/hunger-in-australia/the-facts/?state=nsw-act>)

A snapshot of our customers

Each week we serve over 200 customers. Our customers come from all over the Shire, with the majority from postcode 2550 (Bega and surrounds), followed by postcode 2548 (Merimbula and surrounds) and 2551 (Eden and surrounds).

⁴ <https://www.foodbank.org.au/hunger-in-australia/the-facts/?state=nsw-act>





Sixty-seven percent of our customers receive income support or a pension from the government, and sixty-three percent have had difficulty paying for utilities, rent, mortgage, rates and loans over the past twelve months. Additionally, more than half of our customers had struggled in the past twelve months to afford basic groceries such as bread, milk and other food items.



Who can shop at the Pantry?

The Sapphire Community Pantry was established to provide inexpensive and free foods and other items to people suffering from food insecurity. A deliberate choice was made to provide access to all, without requiring Centrelink or other “proof of need” identification. We felt that people in need should have a stress-free, dignified and respectful experience. So, while our target customer group is people in need, we welcome anyone to come shop with us. Doing this enables us to buy more food for our customers

We have four main customer groups:

			
<p>THE MAJORITY USER</p>	<p>TEMPORARY FINANCIAL HARDSHIP</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL MEMBERS</p>	<p>SOCIAL CONSCIENCE MEMBERS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low income earners • Families and individuals in crisis • New residents • Retirees • Single parent families • Unemployed • Homeless • People living with mental illness; disability • Students • Recipients of a government Health Care or Centrelink Card 	<p>Some people, due to a temporary change of circumstances need help. It may be because of reduction in wages; a large bill needing to be paid; unexpected expenses; illness or other reasons. The Pantry welcomes you to come shop with us, to get over that “bump in the road”. We don’t ask for, nor require, any information from you regarding your circumstances – just come in and shop. And when things get better financially for you, you are still welcome to come and shop with us and support our activities with your patronage.</p>	<p>You’re passionate about the environment. You hate seeing food wasted and ending up in landfill. You realise that sometimes the major manufacturers have hiccups in their production lines such as labels not being perfect, external packaging being torn (but the internal contents are still protected) or excess production. And that food that is close to or past its “<i>best before</i>” date doesn’t mean that it is unsafe to eat – it’s just the manufacturers dating system which estimates optimum flavour but it’s still tasty and safe.</p>	<p>You just want to support the Pantry by giving us your patronage. You may not necessarily need to watch your budget, but you like what we do, and realise that the more shoppers we have, the more food that is bought, then in turn, the more food we can buy and programs we can run.</p> <p>And if you want to, you can also donate money to the Pantry when you shop.</p>

Sourcing our food

The food and grocery items are sourced mainly from Foodbank, the nation's largest food rescue charity which obtains its stock from the food and consumable industries' excess or donated stock. It then on-sells this stock at very low prices to charities throughout Australia. We also receive rescued items collected by OzHarvest and SecondBite (such as bread, fruit, vegetables and grocery items), the local community, local growers, home pantry cleanouts, food drives and community gardens.



Cook and Connect – Chop Chat Chew

Cooking is a great way to bring people together. It's not just about food – it's also about enjoying yourself, working together, having a chat, learning new recipes, sharing old ones.

We continued with our *Chop Chat Chew* - 2-hour, weekly cooking sessions. These are small groups (maximum of 6 people) meeting to cook a couple of their favourite dishes. They are coordinated by volunteers who obtain the food, organize the kitchen equipment, and work with participants to choose dishes to cook and share cooking skills.

Two of our volunteers, Chris and Jacqui, started and continue to run a weekly cooking group for a group of teens who are home-schooled and on the autism spectrum. As we don't have cooking facilities, we use the kitchen of Meals on Wheels – thank you to Meals on Wheels for allowing us to use these at no cost. Each week, the kids decide what they would like to cook for the following week. Recipes have ranged from Anzac biscuits, meat pies, pizza, fish and chips, a German potato dish, soups, stews, and a salad with each meal. The food is provided by the Pantry at no cost – this is enabled by money received from the Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast, and Club Grants.



Barista Training

This reporting year we received a grant from Uniting Ability Links, to purchase a commercial coffee machine, stainless steel benches and a bar fridge. Our aim was to provide the opportunity for people with disabilities and long-term unemployed to train and practise barista skills by serving coffee and tea to our Pantry customers. We partnered with TAFE, who conducted a free course with three units of competency comprising barista skills, food hygiene and customer service. The course was well-received, with fourteen participants and their carers (where needed) completing the course and obtaining Certificates of Attainment. The skills attained are now being used regularly in the Pantry, and a friendly meeting place with great coffee and tea is enjoyed by both our customers and our volunteers.



Be Connected

The *Be Connected* program is an Australian Government program to connect senior Australians to the internet. Last year we received a grant to purchase computers for this purpose. We have a computer mentor available to help people, one-on-one to learn how to email, use the internet, scan in photos, online safety, other topics. **Splash Internet** continues to provide free Wi-Fi internet to us and our customers.



Be Connected
Every Australian online.

Rural Outreach

BRAS (Bemboka Rural Area Support) is a small community group of women living in the Bemboka area who get together to run social activities and events for their community. Being an unincorporated association, there are many challenges to overcome including the cost of insurance for public events. Sapphire Community Projects is proud to be able to support BRAS, who in turn raise funds and/or donations of dry goods from the generous people of Bemboka for the benefit of the Sapphire Community Pantry and its customers.

This year we will be trialling the provision cartons of food staples once a month for sale at the Quaama Hall. If successful, we want to extend and improve on this initiative, taking it to other areas. Ideally, we would like a mobile pantry, but this is for the future as it has costs and staffing implications.

Community Partnerships

We work with other groups in the area. Our view is that we are all part of the one community, with a shared vision of making a better life for all.

We offer our premises to other community groups such as 12 Step Programs, Mumbulla Foundation and for meetings. This year we partnered with Wellways and other agencies to develop and present a course for young people called "Adulthood". The six-week course shared life skills such as getting a birth certificate, tax file number, superannuation, budgeting, cooking and shopping, health, even changing a tyre on a car. It was very well-received and more of these courses will be run over the year.



Waste Reduction and Recycling

We are very conscious of waste reduction and recycling. Where possible, we do not use plastic bags and we encourage our customers to bring their own shopping bags. If they forget, we have cartons available and multi-use bags for purchase at very low costs. Perishable food that is damaged and rejected by shoppers is taken to Potoroo Palace, a local wildlife refuge for their animals, along with left-over rescued bread.

Partnership with the EPA and Bega Valley Shire Council

We have partnered with the Bega Valley Shire Council, who have provided our volunteers with training in waste reduction, recycling and FOGO. The Council was successful in obtaining a grant of \$177,070 from the NSW Environment Protection Authority. This purpose of the grant is to decrease the amount of good food going to landfill and diverting it to the Pantry. It builds on the success of the FOGO (Food



Organics Garden Organics) household bin collection service that Council introduced last October. The new project will help The Pantry build connections with potential food donors such as large clubs, supermarkets and food producers. It will also target transport companies.

Waste Management Coordinator Joley Vidau said Council applied for the funding on behalf of The Pantry which had demonstrated a strong commitment to acting on food waste. She said their work linked closely with Council's 10- year Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy (2018-2028) 'Recycling the Future'. "Council is committed to achieving NSW EPA targets of avoiding and reducing waste and diverting more waste from landfill, and this project is a fantastic initiative that works towards that goal," Ms Vidau said.

Diversity, Inclusion and Access

The Pantry should reflect the community in which it lives. We work hard to provide a safe, non-discriminatory and accessible venue, within the constraints of a rented premises. Entry to the Pantry is accessible to people with limited mobility and vision. As the actual shopping area is quite small, we invite and encourage people in wheelchairs, with walking frames and other mobility aids to come shop before the general public does. We also extend this invitation to people who have health, anxiety or noise issues, offering them a quiet time to do their shopping.

We have a small area with toys, books and children's table and chairs where children shopping with their carers can play.

We welcome volunteers with all abilities, offering and creating roles to suit their particular skills and interests. We are proud to have several volunteers working with us as part of their NDIS program.

Looking Forward

We have done a lot in a very short space of time. It seems right that the coming year should build on our achievements, consolidate, and ensure that we have good foundations for the future.

In June 2019 we recruited a part-time, paid Operations Coordinator, Reka Upward. Reka started her employment on 1 July 2019. She will be the person who will ensure the Pantry runs smoothly, giving Board members the time to be less hands-on and concentrate on strategic matters.

We will:

- Run cooking programs, not just in Bega but also in surrounding areas, where facilities permit
- Continue to offer, share and invite use of our premises to community organisations
- Build and consolidate relationships across the community
- Run “Be Connected” short courses for people to become more confident in using the internet and devices
- Provide volunteering opportunities to students, people with disabilities, and those needing to meet their Centrelink requirements. We see this as a way to provide experience, belonging and be mutually beneficial. Volunteering is a wonderful path to learn new skills; use the skills you already have; make new friends; and if you are a job-seeker, keeping active and showing future employers that you would make an excellent employee.

The Pantry building is more than food – it is also a tool for connectedness and community. All of our activities have as a main focus the bringing together of people, nourishing their lives, in a warm and supportive environment. With your help and support we can achieve this and much more.

Donate & Volunteer

You can help in several ways –

Giving Time

Not everyone can make a financial contribution. Maybe you could consider volunteering, either regularly or for special projects?

Call the Pantry on 0490 843 518 or email info@sapphirecommunity.org.au to discuss your options

Giving Money

Every dollar donated helps feed a family. To donate, call on 0490 843 518 to or email info@sapphirecommunity.org.au for more information. Sapphire Community Projects is an approved charity and receipted donations are tax deductible.

Rather than getting unwanted birthday presents, ask us how to set up a birthday donation page for the Sapphire Community Pantry.



Giving Goods

Food drives, pantry cleanouts, donating excess fruit and vegetables. Cafes, clubs and restaurants donating meals or ingredients. Donating good excess or unwanted food helps reduce waste and food insecurity. The Sapphire Coast Anglican College has been collecting non-perishable food and donating fresh meat to the Pantry. If you would like to do the same, just call the Pantry on 0490 843 518 to arrange pickup or email sapphirecommunity.org.au. We can arrange a regular pick up or organise a pick up on demand service for clubs and corporate commercial organisations.



Thank You to All of Our Donors, Supporters and Volunteers

Donors & Supporters

The Bega Valley is full of generous people and businesses. So many people, businesses and organisations have helped the Pantry be established and continue to operate. We thank you from the bottom of our heart for your continuing support.

- About Regional – Ian Campbell
- Bega District News
- Bega Valley Meats
- Bega Valley Medical Practice
- Betta Home Living, Bega
- Bobbins Transport
- Bournda Retreat – Steve Ryan
- Bub’s Early Learning Centre, Bega
- Butcher’s Block Bega
- Candelo Wholefoods
- Coles Bega
- Erin Threlfall
- F & J Orchards
- Foodbank NSW
- Goodyear Autocare, Merimbula
- Karen Grant
- MGM Panel Beaters
- Millingandi Greens
- On The Perch
- OzHarvest Sapphire Coast
- Pantry Volunteers
- Reaching Out Foundation
- Salvation Army Bega
- Sapphire Coast Anglican College
- Sapphire Dental
- Saucy Spices
- Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast
- Southern Women’s Group
- St Vincent de Paul Bega Conference (Tathra goods)
- Women’s Resource Centre and lots of anonymous backyard growers and food donors

Volunteers

Volunteers – without you we couldn’t operate. Throughout the year you have turned up, cheerfully worked, given your time and served our customers. We volunteer for all manner of reasons, but you all share two things in common – you want to give back to the community and do so in a non-judgemental way.

The following generous people gave their time to support the work of Sapphire Community Projects and the Sapphire Community Pantry during the period 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019. Some have

moved on – to paid work, study, family reasons. Thank you. The list might not be perfect so if we have left you off, let us know. We appreciate you just as much.

Julie	B	Clancy	Kelly
Poppy	Benton	Janet	Kieltyka
Lesley	Bull	Pam	McCambridge
Peter	Buggy	Joan	MacDonald
Heidi	Burke	Rowan	MacDonald
Yvonne	Burman	Christine	McDowell
Jacqui	Carter	Sue	Mackinnon
Daniel	Cole	Kirsty	Mackinnon
Jordana	Connell	Jo	Oastler
Kay	Crocker-George	Penny	Mitchell
Sharon	Diamante	Lynnette	Munchenberg
Greg	Dive	Noah	Pittolo
Andrew	Duchesne	Charlotte	Quennell
Jackson	Fisher	Nadine	Quennell
Jenny	Foster-Chrome	Alan	Rootsey
Angela	Fulton	Nakayla	Rootsey
Brian	Hall	Sue	Rootsey
Deb	Hall	Josh	Shoobridge
Rebecca	Hardiman	Tonia	Smith
Carmel	Hards	Lisa	Spence
Barbara	Helland	Bec	Stevens
Kim	Hitchcock	Daizie	Trew
Ione	Hunter	Corey	Waplington
Geoff	Johnston	Christine	Welsh
Leonie	Johnston	Sarah	Young

Resources & Financial Management

Sapphire Community Projects Incorporated Financial Position

This most recent financial year (2018-2019) was the first full year of operations under the banner Sapphire Community Projects Inc. The organisation was incorporated February 2018 and financial activities were limited to entering into the lease arrangements for 2 Peden Street. The activities of the Community Pantry for 2017-8 year were auspiced by the Southern Women’s Group who looked after most financial arrangements. Sapphire Community Projects was set up to take over the activities of the Pantry and other associated activities.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement show a strong year where finances were consolidated to put the operations of the Community Pantry and other activities on a sound footing for coming years. At the end of the 2018-2019 financial year, net equity amounted to \$43,104.21. There was an operating surplus of \$32,139.14. Day to day expenses are fully covered by income generated from the Community Pantry and, where possible, grants or alternative funding sought for capital expenditure.

With increased operating costs due to rising prices of food and other overhead costs, the coming year will be more challenging; however, we should still maintain a positive outcome.

SAPPHIRE COMMUNITY PROJECTS INCORPORATED

Balance Sheet As at 30/06/2019

Assets	\$ 48,954.79
Cash at bank	46,654.79
Cash on hand	200.00
Deposits & Bonds	2,100.00
Fixed assets	19,086.32
Fixed assets, accumulated depreciation	- 19,086.32
<u>Less Liabilities</u>	\$ 5,850.58
Grants	5,019.58
Government Grants accountable	4,565.00
Grants Non-Government accountable	454.58
Tax payable	- 309.00
Vouchers Outstanding	1,140.00
Equity	\$ 43,104.21
Retained earnings	43,104.21

Profit and Loss Statement For the period from 01/07/2018 to 30/06/2019

Income	\$ 135,785.43
Donations And Bequests	18,729.56
Donations in	16,729.56
Grants-non specific	2,000.00
Goods or Services	112,072.86
Cost Recovery	91,799.49
Membership Fees	980.00
Non-Government Grants (accountable)	17,123.37
Vouchers	2,170.00
Government Grants	3,935.00
Government Grants	3,935.00
Income Investments	26.91
Interest	26.91
Other Revenues	1,021.10
Other income	1,021.10
<u>Less Expenses</u>	\$ 103,646.29
Employees	-
Grants & Donations Outside Australia	-
Grants and Donations in Australia	1,170.00
Donations Out	1,170.00
Interest	-
Other	102,476.29
Advertising & Promotions	705.13
Equipment	3,668.13
Fittings & Fixtures	2,157.14
Fixed assets - depreciation	19,086.32
Insurance	1,530.17
Motor vehicle expenses	3,218.03
Operating Costs	6,399.27
Purchases (Stock)	45,276.30
Rent	16,923.20
Training	2,144.43
Utilities	1,368.17
Net profit	\$ 32,139.14

Grants, Sponsorship and Donations

Grants

A summary of grants received is shown below. Unspent accountable grants are shown as “Liability” in the Balance Sheet as they represent a future liability until the grant funding is used and acquitted. When the funds are spent, they become an income item as either a Government or Non-Government income item. The separation of government and non-government grants is done to assist reporting to the ACNC at the end of the year. Non-government grants that are not for a specific purpose and are not accountable are treated as a sponsorship or donation.

Government grants were received from

Be Connected: Get Online Activation Grant	\$2000 + GST
Be Connected: Get Online Week Event Grant	\$1500 + GST
DSS Volunteer Grants	\$5000 (balance remaining at 30 June 2019 \$4565)

Non-government grants were received from

Clubs Grant: Community Cooking	\$2000 (balance remaining at 30 June 2019 \$454.58)
Mumbulla Foundation – Chop, Chat, Chew	\$6720
Uniting Ability Links Funding of Community Ideas- Coffee Connarista Project	\$9,803.13

Sponsorship (i.e. payments not related to a project and not accountable)

Sapphire Marketplace Hands On Community Sponsorship	\$2000
Bubs’ Early Learning Centre, Bega	\$500
On the Perch, Tathra	\$500
Betta Electrical and MGM Crash Repairs	Large chest freezer
Goodyear Autocare Merimbula	Tyres, brake repairs and servicing of truck
Local Business Connections	
Rural Women’s Gathering	
Splash Internet	Internet services including free public access internet

Donations – Tomra Return and Earn

Tomra Return n Earn has listed Sapphire Community Projects as one of the beneficiaries of their reverse vending machines for the return of bottles and cans.

We are listed at the Tura Beach and Bega Woolworths stores where you can donate your refund from your old bottles and cans directly to Sapphire Community Projects Inc. Over the past year, Sapphire Community Projects has received \$727 in donations. Thank you Tomra and thank you community for thinking of us.

Next time you drop by the Return and Earn machine at either Tura Beach or Bega, please think of Sapphire Community Projects. A donation of \$2 (20 bottles or cans) are enough to provide for a meal for someone in need.



Donations Out

Generally small donations of food to other organisations are taken from stock and not recorded. As we operate on a cash-basis and do not do a stocktake, this is not an issue and the cost of such donations are not significant. All cash donations and significant donations of goods are recorded. Donations out during 2018-2019 included the following:

Pearls Place	\$240 of toiletries for Christmas hampers
Rotary Club of Pambula	\$180 of chocolates for drought relief
Southern Women's Group	\$500 cash and \$200 vouchers (Women's Resource Centre)

