



Winter warming soup on the menu for Foodbank clients

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There's no better way to warm up on a cold winter's day, than with a bowl of hot soup. For clients of Foodbank WA, freshly prepared meals direct from the kitchens of Crown Perth can be life changing. Each week, Crown Perth produces 170 litres of soup, reaching an average of 890 households each day.

Foodbank CEO Kate O'Hara recently joined the Crown Perth apprentice chef team as they whipped up their weekly Foodbank batch for deliver to six Foodbank locations throughout Western Australia. Ms O'Hara said the preparation and delivery of ready-to-eat meals is critical to supporting members of the community experiencing food stress.

"By reducing the cost of food, and not just any food – nutritious food, quality food that anyone would be grateful to be eating, we're actually helping people stay in their homes."

"It means they are able to pay their rent, or their mortgage and not become homeless. Crown's partnership with Foodbank WA is part of the Crown Resort Foundation's strategy to support vulnerable Australians, build inclusive partnerships, and empower team members (known as Crown Community Champions) to give back to their communities.

Through this partnership, Crown will provide ongoing support to Foodbank via food donations, volunteer hours, and fundraising initiatives. The collaboration reflects Crown's commitment to giving back to the communities in which it operates and helping ensure all Australians have access to nutritious meals. Crown Perth Chief Executive Officer Brian Pereira said Foodbank plays a critical role in getting food to the people who need it most.

"We're honoured to support the work of Foodbank WA and contribute in a tangible and meaningful way. "It is a great source of pride for our team members to be involved in something that gives back to the community, too."

Media Notes:

Crown Perth opened its doors in 1985 and has grown to become the city's ultimate entertainment destination. Offering unrivalled hotel accommodation, events and conferencing, dining and entertainment throughout, the integrated resort draws more than 7 million guests per year.

Located on the banks of the Derbal Yerrigan (The Swan River), Crown Perth is Western Australia's only fully integrated entertainment resort and the State's largest single site private employer with more than 5,000 team members.

Offering almost 1,200 hotel rooms, Crown Perth is also home to a 24-hour casino featuring more than 130 table games and 2,300 electronic gaming machines, making it the ideal venue to stay, celebrate and entertain. Crown Perth's line up of more than 30 restaurants and bars includes the world-renowned Nobu



and Bistro Guillaume, featuring acclaimed chef Guillaume Brahimi's exquisite French cuisine. Crown Perth is also home to Australia's only Forbes Five-Star hotel.

The 2300-seat Crown Theatre draws audiences to more than 250 shows annually from cabaret to musicals to solo artists. Crown is also a destination of choice for more than 1,500 events and conferences each year, delivering some of Perth's finest, most-acclaimed events spanning from gala dinners and black-tie affairs to conferences, breakfasts, and exhibitions throughout the more than 8,000 square metres of available venue space.

Crown is a proud part of the WA community and is committed to serving guests, the community and the city. Crown Perth has contributed thousands of training places to the local hospitality network through education and training and since 2015, the Crown Resorts Foundation has contributed more than \$25 million to local causes, proudly giving back to the community it operates in.

About Foodbank WA

Hello, we're Foodbank WA. We believe everyone should have access to healthy food. There are Western Australians going without every day, and we are working hard to change that.

We provide food and groceries to those who struggle to afford them. We also deliver nutrition education to promote healthy eating and advocate on behalf of people that experience hunger and food insecurity. We are here to support Western Australians in times of need. We do this through:

- » Providing 9.2 million meals last financial year to those who were doing it tough
- » Distributing food and groceries through 500 frontline charities
- » Providing breakfast and fruit to 560 schools feeding 25,600 children weekly
- » Delivering nutrition education attendances to over 6,577 children, adults and parents

We work with farmers, wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers who donate and redirect surplus product to us. This also plays a vital role in tackling food waste and positively contributes to climate change by reducing CO2 emissions arising from landfill.

Our purpose is to Feed. Educate. Advocate.

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