1,000,000 MEALS INTO ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES BY 2020 PILOT PROGRAM
SecondBite acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our company is located and where we conduct our business. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present.

SecondBite is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.
SecondBite exists to provide access to fresh, nutritious food for people in need.

Established in 2005, SecondBite was an idea of Ian and Simone Carson who decided they could no longer watch good food go to waste while people went hungry.

SecondBite redistributes surplus fresh food around Australia which is donated by supermarkets, farmers, wholesalers, and markets. This high-quality surplus food is redistributed to over 1,300 community agencies who provide food programs that support people in need.

In its first year, SecondBite was run by three volunteers and moved just over 600kg of food.

14 years on, 2018 saw an amazing 14 million kilograms of food rescued from landfill. This equates to over 28 million meals to people who need it most. SecondBite has warehouse locations across Australia, operates with 90 staff and continues to provide its service completely free of charge thanks to our fundraising programs and generous donations.
THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS.

SecondBite acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are diverse. Each community is different, with unique historical and cultural characteristics.

Food insecurity occurs when people do not have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

The underlying cause of food insecurity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities include socioeconomic factors such as income and employment, housing, overcrowding, transport, food costs, cultural food values, education, food and nutrition literacy, knowledge and skill. (1)

Poor nutrition from poor quality or unreliable dietary intake leads to ill health. A food secure healthy diet is a key driver of achieving health equality and closing the gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other Australians.


“Bringing us food every week has been an absolute lifesaver for me and my children, thank you Heart Futures.
- Aunty Jenny
THE 1 MILLION MEALS INTO
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER COMMUNITIES BY 2020
PILOT PROGRAM

SecondBite’s 1 million meals pilot program was launched with the purpose of redirecting edible food headed to landfill into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to support families and individuals experiencing food insecurity.

OUR GOAL IS TO REACH
1,000,000 MEALS BY 2020.

SecondBite have employed additional staff, whose role it is to develop relationships with communities and service their needs by providing consistent deliveries of fresh nutritious food.

Engagement with communities provides an opportunity to listen, learn and deliver.

Our Pilot Program has to-date been successful in that it is relevant, appropriate and sustainable, and is supported by the communities who receive our food.

OUR IMPACT

The Pilot Program was launched March 2018.

Our performance to-date has been impactful and well received among the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services in New South Wales and Queensland.

409,174 kilograms of food provided to community food agencies

818,348 meals provided to people in need

40+ Services utilising SecondBite’s rescued food

Statistics as at May 2019
SecondBite deliveries have allowed us to deliver regular, healthy, wholesome food hampers to our local Aboriginal community. These free hampers have been so well received, and have put many smiles on many faces. We love working in our community, and are thankful of all the support we receive from SecondBite to help us promote healthy lifestyle choices for our community.

- Amy

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PILOT PROGRAM

BECOME A FOOD DONOR
By donating food to SecondBite, you are partnering for impact. Your involvement helps us to get food to people who need it most. Not only does donating to SecondBite make the most of produce and products, it can also help to reduce wastage costs and lessen your environmental impact.

BECOME A FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
Whether you offer a once off or a regular donation, your contribution supports the ongoing success and growth of a nationwide model of food rescue and redistribution that is proven and measurable. For every $1 donated we provide 5 meals to those in need.

VOLUNTEER WITH US
If you would like to give something special back to your local community and have a positive impact on the environment, become an active part of SecondBite and sign up as a volunteer. There are many ways to get involved. Please contact volunteers@secondbite.org.
SECOND BITE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ART COMPETITION

To celebrate the richness and diversity of the indigenous culture SecondBite welcomed submissions for an art competition in 2019.

Submissions were required to follow the theme of ‘Connection’ to highlight and celebrate the connection between communities.

The winning piece of artwork, right, is proudly on display at SecondBite headquarters in Victoria.

“This story represents many different countries that all of our many tribes are from; Water, Bush, Desert. While we are different we are connected through family, stories, sharing, teachings, learnings and much more. Through this we come together as one.

- Sylvia Jones-Terare, competition winner.
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