

BHP



BIG SMILES AND HAPPY FACES

Homelessness, addiction, and mental illness often leave people alienated from the communities in which they live, which is why the Salvation Army (TSA) aims to provide opportunities for people to connect with others and feel part of a community. TSA provides a large array of spiritual and social services throughout Western Australia, bringing hope to people experiencing hardship or injustice. At their headquarters in Northbridge, TSA hosts a Community Lunch every Friday, which is a great opportunity for anyone from the local community, especially those who are less fortunate and vulnerable, to come to a safe and welcoming environment and enjoy a delicious and nutritious meal – prepared by corporate volunteers!

On Friday 10 February, ten volunteers from the FI Port Planning team joined TSA for a unique volunteering experience, preparing a two-course meal (main and dessert) for their Community Lunch. The team were welcomed by Peter, TSA volunteer, who spoke about TSA services and how the day will operate.

For their main course, the team were instructed to cook a Cottage Pie and a side salad (with a vegetarian option), and for dessert a Coffee and Walnut cake. Dividing and conquering, the kitchen team prepared all the ingredients and got straight into cooking. Whilst the other half of the team, set up the dining halls ensuring as the doors opened at 12noon, the room was ready to go.

In less than an hour, the team served over 80 meals to the community, with many of the guests coming back for seconds, commenting on how delicious the food was! As the day wrapped up, and with the piano playing in the background, the team cleaned the dining hall, and washed and packed away all the dishes used.

Big thank you to this team for working together to create a wonderful meal that was enjoyed by many. TSA staff were so grateful for this team's effort, leaving a big smile on the staff and clients faces.

[You can view more photos from the team day HERE.](#)