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KITCHEN SUPERSTARS

Foodbank's mission believes everyone should have access to good quality food which is why they aim to help the everyday Australians who are going without. With the rising cost of living, over 2 million households in Australia (21%) have experienced severe food insecurity in the last 12 months. They are a not-for-profit organisation operating in every state and territory in Australia, providing almost 7.8 million meals to Western Australians in 2022. And as Australia's largest food relief organisation, Foodbank work with 2,950 frontline charities and 2,890 school breakfast programs every year to get over 87.9 million meals out to those who could use a hand.



On March 10th, the MECoE Planners and Schedulers gave up their Friday to volunteer at Foodbank Kitchen. The team of six were welcomed by Chef Grant who spoke about the origins of Foodbank, the services they provide and the tasks of the day. The team listened intently as Chef explained to the team where the ingredients the team would be preparing had been sourced, many products coming from food delivery services such as Hello Fresh, Marley Spoon and Light and Easy.



Chef then demonstrated to the team how he would like them to pack the meals, whilst explaining to them what different size meal packs Foodbank offers. It was all systems go, and the enthusiastic group created a production line, taking turns swapping jobs throughout the day. The team were asked to pack single serving sizes of Lamb, Beef, Chorizo and Pork lentil stir fries which included fresh vegetables, pickled carrot and daikon and garnishes on the top! Yum.

Over the course of the day, the team managed to pack over 625 meals which is an amazing achievement. We hope the team had a meaningful experience and learnt about the current Food relief and crisis issues that are present in Australia. The meals the team prepared would go directly towards those who need it most. Thanks, BHP, for your ongoing support to such a worthy organisation.



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