

MEDIA RELEASE



Subject: **Murraylands Christmas Appeal 2023**

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The Murraylands Christmas Appeal is once again rallying the community to come together and support those in need during the holiday season. The council is joining forces with ac.care, St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) and the Salvation Army to collect donations of food and toys for those in need in our region.

Mayor Wayne Thorley said, "The pressures of Christmas can be very stressful for people in need, and your generosity and support will go a long way."

"In the past, the appeal successfully reached hundreds of vulnerable families and provided toys for many children. Our community organisations could not have reached this many people without the valued assistance from our generous community members."

Support for the appeal can be extended by:

- Donating money directly to the charity of choice
- Donating in-date non-perishable food items
- Donating unwrapped toys suitable for children under the age of 14

"Council, ac.care, The Salvation Army, and Vinnies Murray Bridge extend their heartfelt appreciation in advance for all the generous donations received for the 2023 Murraylands Christmas Appeal," said Mayor Thorley.

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The mentioned organisations will be utilising Food Bank vouchers to ensure efficient distribution. All food donations will be given to Food Bank for distribution.

Donations of toys or non-perishable food items are now being gratefully accepted. Monetary donations or cash cards should be provided directly to the charity of choice, which will provide a tax-deductible receipt upon request. Donated goods can be handed in at the offices of each charity, as indicated, on or before Thursday 16 November 2023.

For more information, please contact Diane at St Vincent de Paul Society on 0407 831 135 or Skye at ac.care on 8531 4900.

Donation forms can be found [HERE](#).

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