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Waste Not Want Not off to a flying start

Thanks to the generosity of our local producers the Waste Not Want Not program has delivered a massive 140 tonnes of produce in the first two months. This is a fantastic way to kick off the project and bring fresh fruit and veg to needy families in Sydney and across NSW. Foodbank NSW, who receives the food in Sydney, estimates that this is the equivalent of 186,000 meals.

Julie Greig, chair of the Waste Not Want Not committee said that she is delighted with the response from Hillston to the project. "I knew it was a good idea but I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of others in our community. It is just extraordinary how much support we have received".

"This project had not only been really good for the community but has generated a tremendous amount of publicity for the Carrathool Shire", said Penny Davies, Shire Community Development Officer. "We have been featured not only in the Riverina but also in state and national media."

Foodbank NSW has been so enthusiastic about the concept and its potential to provide good fruit and vegetables to the charities they service that they have now employed Lou Revelant as their Riverina Coordinator. "It's great to be able to use produce that would have otherwise been left on the ground, to feed families that are doing it tough. The Waste Not Want Not project has become a pilot for other projects around the area and the result is that more food will be provided to meet the needs of struggling families", said Lou.

If you would like to hear more about the project and what is happening then come to the AGM on Thurs 8th Sept at 6pm in the Uniting Church Hall.

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Come and hear how much is going on with this exciting project.