

Important Announcement

Last week Smart Employment Solutions (SES) signed an agreement with Eastern Food Alliance (EFA) to provide trainees from the Disability services sector and School Based Trainees from schools in the southern suburbs of Brisbane. SES will employ a total of 15 adult disability trainees and 45 school based trainees over a 12 month period. These trainees will be undergoing training in Certificate 3 in Warehousing and Certificate 2 in Warehousing respectfully. The opportunities for the graduates will hopefully be long term employment in the transport and logistics sector. Here is how it works and how Smart Employment Solutions' 27 year history of assisting the community will provide careers for eligible participants. Please click on the link to the EFA website. www.easternfoodalliance.org

Feeding the Community

Eastern Food Alliance is a not-for-profit organisation established to provide healthy food to families in the North Eastern suburbs of Melbourne now in Queensland and South Australia who otherwise wouldn't have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. EFA addresses the needs of food insecurity by feeding those who need it most. Food is rescued by [SecondBite](http://www.SecondBite.org) and delivered to our warehouses on a daily basis. The food is then sorted by a team of volunteers who are trained in food handling as well as warehousing, transport and logistics.

We accept other donations for items such as furniture, clothing, school supplies and anything the community needs. If you would like to donate to any of the agencies in the East that we currently supply, please call 03 9761 6345 and we'll organise a drop-off time or collection from you. If your donation involves any food, please contact Second Bite directly at www.SecondBite.org



There are 105,000 homeless people across Australia, which means that 1 in every 200 Australians are homeless. These are people who do not have access to fresh food. Even individuals receiving welfare are food insecure, with an estimated 15% of welfare recipients struggling to find a decent meal at least once a day. In Australia, over 1 million children go to school that may only have 1 meal per day, while up to 35% of school lunches end up in the bin. We find this unacceptable, and are passionate about getting fresh food to these people who need it most.

Did you know that 47% of municipal waste in Australian landfills is food or green waste? Every day we send all food waste from our program to free range pig farms, in sealed tubs, preventing further contamination and not attracting pests to the food. Our food is collected daily and fed to the pigs within 24hrs to get happy pigs now, and good tasting pork!



Making dreams a reality with the Mentoring Australia Apprentices Program!



Eastern Food Alliance is pleased to announce our new partnership with [MAAP](http://www.MAAP.org), which will help support our holistic training program for young people and adults in crisis. One-on-one professional mentoring is critical to achieving quality industry, and personal outcomes for all of our students, and we see this program as another essential piece of the jigsaw puzzle that motivates our students to achieve their goals and ambitions. Thank you to MAAP and Stell Team of National Mentors for making this possible!

