

Who is Burnie Brae?

Since 1984, Burnie Brae has been operating as a non-profit organisation based in Chermside.

Burnie Brae is a Chermside based not for profit community organisation which was founded in 1984. Since then, the organisation has expanded to become a vibrant hub of social, leisure and health services for over 50s. The Centre also operates a wide range of government-funded services which provide assistance to more than 6,000 households in Brisbane's northern suburbs.

In 2008, Burnie Brae launched **Project Pantry** as a means of support for struggling pensioners in our local community.

What is Project Pantry?

Project Pantry is a service offered by Burnie Brae to provide staple foods and personal care products to pensioners in our community.

One Saturday of each month **Project Pantry** operates from the Burnie Brae auditorium.

An entry fee of \$5.00 is required from patrons as they arrive. This provides them with a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs and bread, non-perishable and personal care items.

In addition to receiving a hamper, recipients are invited to share a tea or coffee and connect with others in the community.



Why is this service needed?

Project Pantry is a direct response to the growing number of pensioners struggling to survive from week to week.

With an overall aim of enabling pensioners to regularly save some money on basic food items by supplying quality products at minimal or no cost, **Project Pantry** currently supports over 600 individuals through the Market and provides additional emergency hampers to others in need.

This service provides support that allows pensioners increased financial flexibility to enjoy a better quality of life and continue to live independently.

We need your help...

Your sponsorship enables us to assist even more people in need.

By becoming involved with **Project Pantry** you have the opportunity to connect with our members, our clients and our volunteers – all people who are part of our community.

At Burnie Brae, we rely on the assistance of over 200 volunteers to deliver services to our community. Without such valued support, we would not be able to assist as many people as we currently do.

Our philosophy is
'Community, connection and care.'
Please make it your philosophy too!

How to get involved

Project Pantry is a totally self-funded initiative. We rely solely on the support of our local community – and that's where your help is needed. Here are some suggested ways you can help...

1. Food donations

Each month, Burnie Brae provides over 300 hampers of fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs and bread, non-perishable and personal care items.

You can help us by providing any items that appear on the list on the next page of this brochure. Hold a Donation Drive, or keep a box in your staff lunch room or library. You'll be amazed at how quickly you can gather much-needed supplies for **Project Pantry!**

Turn over to see suggestions if you wish to hold a Donation Drive...

2. Financial Sponsorship

Many of our supplies come from purchases we make at FoodBank. Other items such as carry-bags, refrigeration appliances and trolleys are also needed. For items such as these, donations of money are gratefully received. You may wish to hold a raffle or coin collection and donate the proceeds to **Project Pantry.**

3. Become a Project Pantry Volunteer

By volunteering your time, you can help **Project Pantry** to prepare, pack or hand out hampers each month. Elect to have three representatives from your school, business or social group to donate 3–4 hours one Saturday each month.

However you can support Project Pantry – we will gratefully accept and recognise your most valued contribution!

Suggested donations

Tinned goods

fish, soups, baked beans, spaghetti, tinned meals

Drinks

long-life milk and juices, cordial and soft drinks tea and coffee

Dried goods

breakfast cereals and muesli, rice, beans, pasta and noodles, sweet and savoury biscuits, spreads, sauces and jams

Personal care items

deodorant and tooth-paste, shampoo, conditioner, soap and shower gel, toilet paper and tissues

Household items

cleaning products, laundry powder and dishwashing liquid

Other items to donate

Enviro-bags, recycled shopping, freezer bags, food-safe disposable gloves.

Please remember to check the "Best Before" or "Use by" expiry dates



For further information, please contact our Project Pantry co-ordinator
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Who can get involved?

We welcome the support of anyone and everyone who wants to get involved!

- Schools, kindergartens, playgroups
- local businesses and industry groups
- Sporting and social clubs
- You!!!



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