

# Media Release

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## Council helps get 77 kilograms of food to charity

The food leftover from Camden Council's much-loved TASTE Festival has been donated to food charity, OzHarvest, for the second year running.

OzHarvest NSW Manager, Richard Watson, said they collected a massive 77 kilograms this year.

"The delicious surplus food collected included fresh fruit and vegetables, cooked meals, bread and pastries," Mr Watson said.

"It allowed OzHarvest to deliver 230 meals to people in need from the Macarthur area, which is really significant.

"We'd like to say a big thank you to Camden Council, as well as the participating store holders from the TASTE Festival, who have helped us in the fight against food waste."

This food donation accounted for four per cent of waste diverted from landfill from the TASTE Festival. Council employed other waste-wise initiatives at the event to divert **almost one third of waste in total**, which included:

- The Hume Scouts collecting 4,080 drink containers as part of the Return and Earn Program, accounting for 14 per cent; and
- Council's Waste Team collecting recyclable materials which were disposed of incorrectly, including paper, cardboard boxes and plastic cups, and recycling them, accounting for 12 per cent.

Mayor of Camden, Theresa Fedeli, said it was all part of Council's commitment to sustainability.

"Council is a proud bronze member of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Sustainability Advantage Program," Cr Fedeli said.

"As part of this, and to support Council's sustainability journey, a group of passionate Council staff came together to form the Green Team. Part of their mission is to work towards sustainable events, which is how the partnership with OzHarvest was formed.

"We have our eye firmly set on achieving silver status in the near future and I am proud to say the Green Team will continue to look for waste-wise initiatives to implement to help us get there."

For information on Council's sustainability programs, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au](http://camden.nsw.gov.au) and search 'Sustainability Programs'.

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