

Glen's introduction to Foodbank SA

The Rotary Club of Whyalla's past District Governor Rotarian Glen Eden has fond memories of Foodbank SA and said its infancy stage was a remarkable thing.

Glen first learnt of Foodbank SA the year he was the Rotary Club's District Governor in 2000/01 together with Rotary Club of Adelaide past president.

After visiting the Edwardstown depot in their first stages, Glen met chief executive officer Leigh Royans.

It was then Glen said he "really understood the program of the future workings of Foodbank SA" which involved the collection and distribution of foodstuff supplied through many manufacturing wholesalers.

Foodbank SA provides essential food resources for the disadvantaged in the community.

At the district conference held at the Middleback Theatre in 2001, Glen invited Mr Royans to attend and speak on the process of Foodbank SA and the part that Rotary could play.

"The main objective at this time was to broaden the support for Foodbank SA to all clubs in attendance at the conference," Glen said.

Another wonderful idea was inspired that same year as Glen was speaking to the Rotary Club of North Adelaide.

Glen was also well aware that the Ronald McDonald House was needing help.



KEEN INTEREST: Past Rotary Whyalla District Governor Glen Eden is proud Whyalla is getting a Foodbank as he knows how much help it can contribute to someone's life.

"Many country people with children suffering from cancer were staying at the facility and Foodbank SA was asking clubs for assistance and donations to purchase foodstuff to provide Ronald McDonald with much needed support.

"It was at the Rotary Club of North Adelaide I met a fellow Rotarian by the name of Aldo Crotti, the owner of San Remo, who is now deceased.

"After a discussion with Aldo at the meeting, he dropped off a truck load of San Remo products to Ronald McDonald House within the week.

"San Remo still support Foodbank SA today."

Foodbank SA has broadened into country areas as a result of this.

From the humble beginnings of Foodbank SA, Glen has been a marvellous advocate.

In 2003, the Rotary Club of Whyalla donated \$1000 worth of foodstuff from Foodbank SA to the Salvation Army towards their Christmas hampers to show their support.

"Personally, I admire a man that lives his life always helping those less fortunate as Glen does," Whyalla Rotary Club Public Relations officer Kerry Wishart said.

"He is an inspiration to all."

Foodbank SA is very grateful for the funding support they receive but in the face of growing demand for food relief, unfortunately they are still short-staffed.

To donate visit www.fbsa.org.au or via The Rotary Club of Whyalla at PO Box 269, Whyalla, 5600.