



ROTARY: Foodbank Whyalla branch manager Ian Pay with former Rotary Club of Whyalla president Jack Odgers.

Providing funds for food relief programs

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Foodbank Whyalla was given a boost in funds in July this year when Rotary Club of Whyalla 2010/11 president Jack Odgers presented a cheque for \$1000 to the non-profit community organisation.

This donation to Foodbank Whyalla was one of Jack's final acts before handing over the club presidency to Soto Stuppos who will be guiding the club through the remainder of 2011 until July 2012.

"The Rotary Clubs of Whyalla and Whyalla Norrie as well as many other service groups in the area have been extremely supportive of the efforts of Foodbank to provide food and produce to people in need," Foodbank Whyalla branch manager Ian Pay said.

"We are particularly grateful for the club's ongoing support and being instrumental in helping to establish the Whyalla branch, which has alleviated much of the travelling that Foodbank previously carried out in supplying this region," he said.

For many years Foodbank has supplied food to thousands of people who struggle to provide the daily necessities to their families.

Foodbank Whyalla collects

donations from food companies and stores the products at its warehouse in Whyalla where district member agencies organise to pick up selected items for distribution in their areas.

The welfare agencies must be members of Foodbank to use its services and members range from small community groups to large multi-agency organisations that range from Ceduna to Port Pirie.

"Our distribution has a wide range but our emphasis is on meeting the needs in Whyalla," Ian said.

"However, we are finding that more and more agencies require our services as the number of people in need grows.

"It's unfortunate that in a country like Australia we have a situation where so many families rely on the services of Foodbank," he added.

"The donation received from the Rotary Club of Whyalla was incorporated into our funds that assisted us to buy a container for storage and food products," Ian said.

"The Rotary Club of Whyalla is committed to ongoing support for Foodbank Whyalla and will continue to provide funds to help this worthwhile organisation," Jack said.