

# JULY REPORT 2021



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Food Secure North Canterbury has gone from strength to strength. Our focus for the past six months has been on consolidating our FSNC strategic group, starting with the consultation process with our community and wider stakeholder group at our Food Secure North Canterbury Forum, which was held at the Woodend Community Centre on the 25th February 2021. We had 50 stakeholders present including; Waimakariri District Council Mayor and community board reps, local social service providers, community representatives, community groups and Enterprise North Canterbury – our districts business arm, which shows that there is interest in food security crossing many sectors. The information gathered at that forum was the basis for our FSNC two year and beyond plan that was submitted to MSD.

The next step in our journey was workshopping the project plan and template for reporting that aligns our plan with the FSNC strategic plan, this ensures that new projects proposed at the forum are inline with our plan and that partners are identified for each project. The reporting template makes it easy for the lead group to keep track of progress.

The FSNC logo was the next task to conquer, but we finally got there as a group, with the help of our designer! We are very proud of getting this across the line and have plan's for this to go far and wide!

The next stage in our development included workshopping our values; Kaitiakitanga- Guardianship/Protection, Whanaungatanga - Connection/Relationship, Rangatiratanga - Leadership /Authority; we have a story for each one that reflects the strategic partners values, thier organisations and our food secure intention in the community. Once these are finalised we will add to our next report. This was possibly one of the highlights in our journey and was facilitated internally with one of our strategic partners.

Upcoming projects include: Website development and FSNC App, Newsletter, Communications Strategy and Funding Strategy – all of these supporting resources are being done in house using the strengths of our strategic partners.

The FSNC story continues!

Ngā mihi nui!





## OVERVIEW

We have rescued significantly more food than in the same period last year (50% increase in 2021 five-month period Jan to May compared to 2020).

**131,800**

food distributed

**376,573**

equivalent meals

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE

We have had stronger collaboration with NZFN since they opened a South Island hub in March. We have received 31 donations from NZFN since January amounting to 11,677kgs of food. We are regularly receiving 3-4 pallet loads of food each week from them.

Our collaboration with Oxford & District Lions has been a huge success. The Lions club planted potatoes, pumpkins, beetroot, courgettes and corn last year and since December 2020 we have received over 10 tonnes of vegetables from them.

The number of regular recipient organisations we support has increased to 31 and we have also been able to support several one-off non-profit events, for example a Rogaine event in the Hurunui.

**89%**

rescued food

**11%**

food from local partnerships  
& NZ food network



## ACTIONS PLANNED

### **Kaiapoi Community Hub**

Continuing to work with Waimakariri District Council, funders and other stakeholders to realise the vision of a community hub in the Kaiapoi Red zone that will have among other things collaborative spaces and a dedicated purpose-built facility for Satisfy to operate out of.

### **Amberley Offshoot**

Continue to work with Hurunui District Council and local Hurunui food banks to establish a collaborative space that Satisfy can operate an Offshoot out of so that we can better serve the people in the Hurunui.



## OTHER NEWS FROM SATISFY

Naked Cuisine's Naked Locals soup collaboration (<https://nakedcuisine.co.nz/local-heroes/>) has been a great way to increase our profile and also raise awareness of food rescue across New Zealand.

Satisfy was featured on TV3's The Project ([www.fb.watch/611S9XBtm8](http://www.fb.watch/611S9XBtm8)) along with New Zealand Food Network and Foodstuffs North Island.

We made a submission to the North Canterbury Business Awards and have been invited to the Gala event where we are in the running for the Community Enterprise Award.



# Connect - Educate - Rongoa - Nourish - Inspire **Kaiapoi Food Forest**

**11 REQUESTS**  
for community-led  
Food Forests

**15**  
presentations

## OVERVIEW

Over the last 6 months our work has grown exponentially as an organisation. We are currently working internally on some processes and systems to assist in this increased demand. It is exciting being able to see skills transferred across the district.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE

We attended the GROW Otautahi Festival which created a lot of new exposure for us alongside the growth we had already been experiencing.

Holding presentations across both the Hurunui and Waimakariri District has been very rewarding. We have presented at early learning centres, schools, right through to a retirement home. This element of inter-generational skills sharing will be crucial to FSNC achieving its vision and our partnership within that,

The collaborative nature of Food Secure North Canterbury and how we are all working together is evident in the Oxford Lions Club project that we are now also engaging with to teach kumara growing for the next season!



# KEY STORY

Kaiapoi North School is one of our local partners and with our support have started their own Food Forest.

We have been seeing such growth in the students learning and understanding of growing food and a sustainable approach to it.

This picture is some of the students enjoying the fruits of their labour recently.

Hopefully the learning is taken home and we can see more families with more fresh produce in their own backyards!



# OTHER NEWS

Kaiapoi Food Forest has just been approached by a major social housing provider in Canterbury to work alongside them and see Food Forest development at each of their sites for their residents.

We are working with a designer, FSNC and WDC to see our vision of a gazebo/bbq area established on site for education classes but also for families from our community to come and enjoy the food forest.

A new area that we have started working in alongside local iwi is "Rongoa" which means traditional medicinal plants. It is exciting to be learning in this space and being a conduit for such important information.



## FOODBANKS

Our local foodbanks that operate within FSNC are located across a vast area in North Canterbury. We have three in the Hurunui District and five in the Waimakariri. They meet monthly within their own forum and report to FSNC through their representative on the governance group.

**922**

food parcels  
delivered

**9**

foodbanks within  
FSNC

### KEY STORY

The North Canterbury Food and Budgeting forum (FAB) has met bi-monthly for the past 7-8 years.

Since the establishment of FSNC network the FAB have been trying really hard to reach out and buddy up and support other smaller food banks within the Waimakariri & Hurunui districts.

This has not only supported the food banks financially and with food donations but also has helped with mentoring in the areas of client supports and internal processes such as documentation, privacy laws and the movement towards transformational changes including the education, empowerment and engagement of food bank clientele.

We were represented at the Ōtautahi Food Bank Network hui, a representative from Kore Hirakai discussed the importance of nutritional balance in food parcels; we are so fortunate to have our local food rescue organisation Satisfy Food Rescue operating and distributing fresh produce to us so that we can pass onto our clients.







## OVERVIEW

Being part of the FSNC governance group over the last 6 months has been significant in the development of new projects and collaborations for us at Kaiapoi Community Garden.



Aerial shot of the Kaiapoi Community garden

Kaiapoi Community Garden is situated within the grounds of Kaiapoi Borough School.

This gives us unique opportunity for partnerships and education with the families and children at the school.

One of our key projects at the moment within FSNC is to develop an education booklet about all things gardening and foraging for the community.

This will underpin the FSNC APP that is being planned to really equip and enable our community to be more resilient when it comes to food.

## KEY EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

GARDEN TO TABLE  
SEED SAVING AND AUTMUN TIDY UP  
FERMENTATION AND PICKLING WORKSHOP  
PRESERVING WORKSHOP  
5 WAYS WITH BEETROOT



## MAJOR PROJECTS

We currently have two major projects within FSNC and many smaller collaborative projects within our planned activities.

# KAIAPOI COMMUNITY HUB

## OVERVIEW

The Kaiapoi Community Hub is a project FSNC is collaborating on with the Waimakariri District Council, Kaiapoi Mensshed and the Kaiapoi Croquet club. From an FSNC perspective it will be the home of Satisfy Food Rescue and the communal buildings will create an amazing space for our education and intergenerational skill-sharing to occur.

## PROCESS SO FAR

A huge amount of work has gone into public consultation and getting the hub project through the appropriate processes within the Waimakariri District Council. Partial funding for it was approved through the long term plan in June.

The three main hub user groups are meeting regularly to work on building design and funding strategies. We have had verbal confirmation of two funders that are keen on the project and will work collaboratively to see it happen. The shared community activity spaces will be very significant for Food Secure North Canterbury and will work towards addressing food security as well as social isolation in our district.

### **Oxford Lions Club project – duplication**

With collaboration being a key theme within FSNC we are in the process of meeting with other Lions Clubs across both the Waimakariri and the Hurunui to enable the project to be rolled out much more widely. This will really encourage cross-pollination of skills and help supply fresh healthy vegetables to the foodbanks and community groups within FSNC.

# OTHER KEY PROJECTS

We have many projects on the go but we thought we would highlight a few.

## Bag project

We are in the process of designing and ordering some bags with the FSNC logo on them as well as our partner organisations.

This is dual purpose:

Reduces waste

Develops understanding of FSNC

## Website/ App

As we start to cement future processes such as a communications strategy, we are looking at the website for FSNC to run alongside the Next Steps website that is being developed to reduce stigma and increase awareness of the assistance available in our community.

We are also looking to design an APP with a community partner that will enable people to find out information, access education opportunities, and 'find a mentor' for gardening tips.

## Harvest Education

A key project for early 2022 during harvest time is going to be a collaborative project between Satisfy, Soroptmists and any other groups interested. It will be a 4 – 6 week educational series on bottling and use of the current harvest food in our district.





# CHALLENGES

There are a number of challenges facing our partners and this program. Some of which are more easily addressed than others.

The common theme is however with growth, the need for resources on all levels increases.

- More volunteers
- More funding
- Better systems
- Time

We are utilising the skills on our governance group to help our key partners in these areas. If we can strengthen and upskill individual organisations within the Food Secure North Canterbury Project we will ultimately strengthen the whole project.

One on one skills-sharing at that level is occurring as well as considering the possibility of significant corporate sponsorship and multi-streamed funding for our groups.

Another challenge is the larger projects do take a significant amount of time to be ready to build and function etc. eg the Kaiapoi Community hub is starting from a blank canvas. Ideally building will begin this time next year. For a project such as this to have the right governance, funding and support from all sorts of sources to be sustainable long term there is a lot of work and time that goes into it. To have impact in this we have to be patient.

**NĀKU TE ROUROU NĀU TE ROUROU  
KA ORA AI TE IWI - WITH YOUR  
BASKET AND MY BASKET, WE WILL  
SUSTAIN EVERYONE**

# KEY STORY

Satisfy Food Rescue has recently collaborated with the Oxford and Districts Lions Club to bring fresh produce to people in need in North Canterbury. During a Covid-19 Social Recovery Planning Workshop in August 2020 the Oxford Lions approached Satisfy with the idea of growing produce for Satisfy to distribute through its existing networks.

Over the last six and a half months the Lions and their hardworking volunteer team has grown beautiful fresh produce for Satisfy Food Rescue. Satisfy has then used this food to nourish communities in need across the Waimakariri, Hurunui and Christchurch Districts. The results of this is an incredible yield of 11,040 kgs of food, with an average of 424 kgs being delivered each week. David Halls, Neville Major-Johnston and many other Lions members grew fresh potatoes, courgettes, beetroot, sweetcorn, beans, rhubarb and pumpkin on several previously empty paddocks at Neville's property in Ohoka. Satisfy first received produce from the group on the 15th of December 2020, with the last drop off being the 28th of June - this has resulted in approximately 31,542 equivalent meals distributed across six months!



Satisfy received constant feedback from recipient organisations with glowing reviews and thanks for the fresh vegetables. The abundance of potatoes, pumpkin and courgette have been staples for many families in our communities, while sweetcorn, beetroot and rhubarb have been a real treat not often seen in food parcels. This increase in quality of fresh and nutritious food that Satisfy has been able to provide to its recipient organisation, has been welcome due to their freshness and longer shelf life.

The team at the Lions have big plans for the coming growing season, with hopes to double the amount of produce provided to Satisfy!



## CONCLUSION

Food Secure North Canterbury is moving ahead at a significant rate. There is a lot to do and a lot of key projects. We have an amazing governance group with representatives from both the Hurunui and Waimakariri District Councils, Social Services Waimakariri and our key partner organisations.

This means that whilst BAU happens within the organisations that are part of the Food Secure project, significant community development, facilitation and support can happen simultaneously.

This skills-vault and distribution of tasks is what gives FSNC such strength and stability.



We look to the future with great anticipation of our district becoming even more food secure.  
Nga Mihi



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