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Council Staff dress down for charity

On October 22nd Shoalhaven City Council staff will dress down by holding a mufti day in return for donations of non-perishable goods that will go to All Saints Community Care.

With the festive season not far into the future, it's a great opportunity to think about those less fortunate in our community and to dig deep to make a difference to their lives.

This is the third year that the food drive has been run with staff enjoying the chance to have a bit of fun with their attire. The idea for the event came from a staff member from Strategic Planning who had attended a meeting at a local community centre. At this meeting it was explained that many people go to the centre seeking assistance with food.

Shoalhaven City Mayor, Cllr Paul Green said; "One of Council's objectives focuses on the generosity of the community, so it's wonderful when the organisation can lead by example. A small donation of food can mean so much to charities like All Saints who work tirelessly to care for others in need."

The last two years yield has been around 1000 food items that go a long way to help organisations like All Saints Community Care that provides emergency relief material in the way of food, fruit and vegetable vouchers, chemist vouchers, EAPA assistance and service information.

Cllr Green said "Some staff donate more than one item, which is fantastic to see. It's a fun day with such positive outcomes. I'll certainly have no objection to leaving the tie and suit at home in exchange for a donation of something out of my pantry."

So look out for some casual, kooky and crazy outfits at Council on the 22nd of October and know that its not just about bad taste in clothing, it's also about leaving a good taste in everyone's mouth.

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