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## **INNER WEST SYDNEY CHARITY RECEIVES GRANT TO CLOSE THE LOOP ON FOOD WASTE**

The Addison Road Community Centre in Sydney's Inner West will be one of the first charities in Australia to establish a 'zero waste, zero emissions' kitchen for rescued food thanks to a grant from the Coles Nurture Fund.

Located in Marrickville, the new commercial kitchen will run entirely on solar energy and close the loop on rescued food by making ready-to-eat meals from food donated by SecondBite and Coles. The meals will then be distributed to disadvantaged people in Sydney's Inner West.

Addison Road Community Organisation CEO Rosanna Barbero welcomed the \$165,000 grant from Coles to fit out the new commercial kitchen and install solar panels for her organisation.

"With the support of Coles, the Addison Road Community organisation will achieve a zero waste, zero emissions food rescue program. The winners are the people and the planet. We will show Australia and beyond that it can be done, creating jobs and training opportunities, one community at a time," she said.

Addison Road is an independent, community-based charity that has been operating since 1976, providing food and services for disadvantaged people in Sydney's Inner West and beyond. Through Coles' partnership with national food rescue organisation SecondBite, Addison Road Community Organisation receives and redistributes unsold food donations from local Coles stores to help feed those in need.

Coles State General Manager for New South Wales Ivan Slunjski said he was delighted to see the Nurture Fund award support great sustainability initiatives for small organisations like Addison Road.

"The Coles Nurture Fund was set up to support new, innovative practices, processes and technologies and we've been delighted with the calibre of recent applications. At a time when providing food to people in need across Australia is so important due to the flow-on effect of COVID-19, we're delighted to support Addison Road Community Centre," he said.

"At Coles, we want to win together with Australian communities to be the most sustainable supermarket in Australia. By helping to fund initiatives which increase local production and enhance the environment, we aim to drive generational sustainability in Australia."

Federal Member for Grayndler, Anthony Albanese, welcomed the investment to his local community.

"Thank you to Coles for the great initiative that is 'The Coles Nurture Fund'. Addison Road Community Centre is the ideal recipient for this award," he said.

"Addison Road, under the leadership of CEO Rosanna Barbero, continues to lead the way in ensuring that genuine community needs are met whilst considering the effect on the planet and the future. I am always inspired by the spirit and energy that drives so many good results for the most disadvantaged in our society. This is a great project."

Since it was established in 2015, the Coles Nurture Fund has provided financial support to over 60 Australian businesses to help them introduce innovative technology, improve sustainability, establish new products and drive productivity.

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