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Community input needed for Little FREE Pantry impact survey

The Little FREE Pantry, a vital community resource offering food and essential items to those in need, is calling on the community to help shape its future. A new survey is being launched to gather insights on how the pantry is impacting individuals and families and to identify areas for improvement.

The anonymous survey, accessible via a QR code or by visiting <https://shorturl.at/93PQ5> aims to capture valuable feedback from pantry users and the wider community. The responses will help the organisers better understand the pantry's reach and effectiveness in addressing local needs.

"Our goal with the Little FREE Pantry is to make a meaningful difference in people's lives," said Joanna MacDonald, Board member of United Way Glenelg and Research Fellow, National Centre for Farmer Health Deakin University.

"But to keep improving and ensuring we're meeting the community's needs; we need to hear directly from those who interact with the pantry. Their experiences and insights will be invaluable."

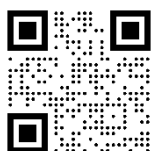
The Little FREE Pantry initiative began with a simple idea: to provide a space where individuals can access essential items discreetly and without judgement. Since its launch, the pantry has grown, thanks to community support and partnerships with local organisations.

"When we started, we couldn't have imagined how much it would mean to people," said United Way Glenelg executive Officer Nicole Carr.

"We've heard stories of the pantry being a lifeline for some, but we want to make sure we are reaching everyone who needs this support."

How to Participate

Anyone who has used or engaged with the pantry, or who has thoughts on how it could be improved, is encouraged to complete the survey. The survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code below or by visiting <https://shorturl.at/93PQ5>



QR code will be available at pantry locations and local support organisation such as Salvation Army Portland and St Vincents de Pauls in Casterton.

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