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## District 21 – Central Coast

# Masons help Mary Macs with over \$5,000.



‘Just in Time for Christmas!’, exclaimed Sally Baker, Manager of Mary Macs, Woy Woy. ‘What a great surprise ... and it’s just what we need right now.’

Sally went on to explain that many, many people and organisations donate food, clothing and household goods which is essential and really appreciated, but they also need cash gifts to help purchase items which complement the store of donated items.

In recent years, the six masonic lodges on the Central Coast have collected non-perishable foodstuffs from their brethren to supplement Mary Macs Christmas Hampers but this year, because of COVID restrictions, this wasn’t a possibility. A more prudent option was agreed upon and the brethren were asked to donate money instead.

This morning Freemasons on the Central Coast presented a cheque for \$5,000, plus an additional \$300 from one of the lodges, to Mary Macs.

**\$5,300**

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Established some 22 years ago, Mary Macs Woy Woy provides lunches for 60 to 80 persons Monday to Friday; this number was over 100 before COVID restrictions. Their band of dedicated volunteers – five shifts of six volunteers – provide a minimum of 250 meals per week. In addition, the organisation provides food hampers, showering facilities, washing machines, and a crisis intervention gateway which allows users to gain access to various support agencies.

Sally and the volunteers from Mary Macs Woy Woy thanked the Freemasons for their support.

## Open to anyone who is homeless, transient or needing a helping hand

Mary Mac's traditionally supplies a sit down meal served to our companions by our wonderful volunteers. Currently we are offering a takeaway meal due to COVID restrictions. But it's more than just a place to get a meal – it provides connection, value and belonging without judgement. Mary Mac's offers a place to shower and to wash clothes. We offer friendly support and companionship to address the experience of isolation and loneliness of some vulnerable people in our community. More information at [www.catholiccareddb.org.au/family-youth-children/mary-macs-place](http://www.catholiccareddb.org.au/family-youth-children/mary-macs-place)



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