## Foodbank Victoria: CASE STUDY



Foodbank Victoria upgrades their Warehouse lights and decreases their maintenance costs

Foodbank Victoria is an independent not-for-profit organisation that sources and distributes food to 134,000 Victorians who rely on their assistance – including 38,000 children.

The organisation collects surplus food from across Victoria, weighs and sorts it into orders, then distributes it to a network of over 900 community partners to feed hungry Victorians. They have been in operation for over 80 years.







## The Challenge & Solution

In 2016, Foodbank Victoria sourced and distributed 7.4 million kilograms of food from their Yarraville warehouse – a 5% increase from 2015.

With increasing demand on their services, reducing operating costs is absolutely vital to continue their service for another 80 years.

Energy Makeovers was engaged to upgrade 409x1200mm & 600mm fluorescent tubes and 124 highbays in the Foodbank Warehouse.

This energy efficiency upgrade will result in a saving of almost half a million dollars over 10 years.





## Results & Benefit

Fluorescent tube: 409-x1200mm & 600mm

Highbays: 124

**Estimates Annual Savings: \$39,586** 

"I've seen the light! Our business is saving well over \$40,000 a year and has significantly reduced our energy wastage thanks to Energy Makeovers.

We upgraded our lighting to LED for our storage and warehouse facilities in 2016. As a not-for-profit organisation we are constantly looking at ways to reduce our carbon footprint and put money back into helping people.

I shopped around but when Energy Makeovers came out for a site inspection, they had the better service, more choice and greater quality. Dealt with one single contact and it was all organized and installed within the timeline we gave them. They worked with us and it got done as planned.

The estimated annual savings were going to be about \$39,586 but we've just had a 400% increase in energy costs so the savings are about 4 times that now."

Chris Scott, Operations Manager Foodbank Victoria, Yarraville



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