

Christmas cheer in food drive

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CITY of Darwin's annual Christmas Hamper Food Drive is now open.

And Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis is calling on the public to donate much needed non-perishable food items for vulnerable and disadvantaged community members.

The food drive will run from October 9 to 27 as part of Anti-Poverty Week; and all items collected will be donated to Foodbank NT.

Mr Vatskalis every year, thousands of Territorians experienced food insecurity and all donations made to the food drive would go a long way to help provide nutritious meals

to community members in need.

"I am pleased to announce that council will once again donate all food items collected through the food drive to one of the Territory's biggest food relief organisations in the Northern Territory," he said.

"I strongly encourage you all to donate to this great in-

itiative — let's work together as a community to help provide food for families this Christmas."

Foodbank NT acting chief executive Paul Avery said he was very grateful for the support. "Food insecurity remains an issue for many Territorians and we will ensure all food collected goes to those in need,

especially during the Christmas period," he said.

According to Foodbank NT, 42,132 Territorians experience food insecurity — around half of them are children. That's one in every 10 people.

Non-perishable foods can include items such as canned foods, long-life milk and custards, biscuits, mince pies, ce-

reals, pasta, condiments, and one pan meals.

Donation bins can be found at City of Darwin Civic Centre, Casuarina Pool, Nightcliff Pool, City Library, Casuarina Library, Nightcliff Library, and Karama Library. Last year, 279kg of groceries collected through City of Darwin's Food Drive was donated to Foodbank NT.



Award illustrates Brodee's talent

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A TALENTED teenage artist from a remote Territory community has been named as a winner in Wacom Authorised Training Centre's The Next Level competition.

Brodee Leonard, 18, lives in Ali Curung and has only been drawing for two years.

"I started out self-taught. I drew pages and pages of circles and attempted to shade them to make a 3D effect, at the time it felt amazing to be able to do such a thing, however when you look back on them, you can see how awful they were — but that is what inspired me," Leonard said.

The illustrator is studying a Bachelor of Digital Media at Central Queensland University. Leonard said his winning

entry was inspired by surrealism and illusion.

For Leonard, winning the WATC student prize means that his work will be exhibited alongside renowned international talent — and he will take home the money if his piece sells.

"I was thrilled to be one of the chosen 50 artists and winning this prize has been the highlight of my year," Leonard said.

From September to November, Leonard's work will be displayed at The Next Level Exhibitions in Auckland, Sydney and Melbourne.

His work will feature alongside Merda, Furry Little Peach, Gemma Correll, Dizzy Little Dotty, Rik Oostenbroek and David Milan.

For more information, and tour dates, visit — wacomnextlevel.com



Territory teenager Brodee Leonard was named the 2017 WATC winner as part of Wacom's The Next Level competition. Left: A piece of Brodee's work

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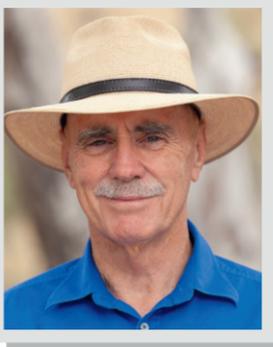
I had the honour to travel to Polygon Wood in Belgium to pay homage to the many young Australian soldiers who died.

I attended ceremonies at both Menin Gate and Polygon Wood to commemorate the service and sacrifice of all soldiers who served in the War.

As we waited in the pre-dawn darkness at Polygon Wood, the atmosphere was one of sombre reflection. I thought of all those young soldiers who, in 1917, also waited in the early morning darkness on that fateful day, not knowing if they would survive to return again to their loved ones. They bravely travelled to the other side of the world to fight to protect the freedom of their fellow Australians.

As the bugle sounded the Last Post, everyone present was moved, by sadness and by pride.

Lest we forget!





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