



# STUART GRIMLEY MP

Member for Western Victoria  
State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### Grimley's 'Souper' Contribution

Stuart Grimley MP has donated his 'pollie pay rise' for June to the Soup Kitchen Melton.

The Soup Kitchen Melton will benefit from a \$500 boost in the form of supermarket vouchers to buy produce to feed families who need it in the area.

Given each meal costs approximately \$2.50 to produce, the financial assistance will equate to 200 meals.

Soup Kitchen Melton operates every Saturday fortnight, producing around 40=80 meals.

Mr Grimley vowed in September 2019 – following the decision of the Independent Remuneration Tribunal to give a 3.5% pay rise to all Victorian MPs – that he would give the funds to organisations in his electorate who needed it.

The amount equated to approximately \$500 a month and every month Mr Grimley has honoured this commitment with some beneficiaries including Geelong Mums (who received 2,000 nappies and 60 packets of baby wipes) and two cafes in regional Victoria – Ballarat and Warrnambool - to give free coffees to frontline workers at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Member for Western Victoria has vowed to make monthly donations to organisations who reflect the key policy areas of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party. These organisations will include those dealing with vulnerable women, children and families as well as the elderly and animal welfare organisations.

Mr Grimley is open to recommendations for donations and refers members of the public to contact his Electorate Office to endorse organisations in Western Victoria that may benefit from these donations.

*\*See image attached to use alongside editorial with caption: Soup Kitchen Melton's Kylie Farrugia holding the donated food vouchers with Stuart Grimley MP*

### Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"I'm humbled to give Soup Kitchen Melton a boost to help with feeding families in the region who need it.

Soup Kitchen Melton is an amazing operation, fully run by volunteers. Congratulations to Kylie and her team on providing meals to those who need it.

COVID has provided challenges for everyone, but for those who have lost their jobs in particular. Putting food on the table has become much more difficult.

It's crazy to me that at a time when people are losing their jobs, politicians are still receiving pay rises. It's just not right."

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