



# FareShare

## Facility expansion and refurbishment

Founded in 2001, FareShare runs Australia's largest non-profit kitchens in Melbourne and Brisbane. They turn rescued and donated food, along with produce from their farms, into millions of nutritious meals for those in need. These meals are donated to charities like soup vans, homeless shelters, women's refuges, and First Nations organisations.

FareShare expanded by acquiring an adjacent building, which will help them increase their capacity and support even more people in need.

-  Abbotsford, Victoria
-  Advisory services, design, construction, commissioning

### Project scope

Wiley is dedicated to supporting local health and wellbeing initiatives. Our team volunteers with FareShare in Queensland, helping to provide meals for those in need.

Wiley installed a large commercial kitchen at FareShare's Morningside facility in Queensland. This new kitchen, designed in collaboration with FareShare's food specialists, allowed them to increase their meal production to 5 million per year. Our strong partnership with FareShare, rooted in shared community values, led to close collaboration on the refurbishment of their Victorian facility.

After assisting with the design and approvals process, Wiley was engaged to decommission and refurbish their existing facility, including:

- Comprehensive demolition works
- Removal and replacement of roof sheeting and solar panels
- Extensive kitchen, warehouse and mezzanine upgrades
- Complex electrical, hydraulic, mechanical, fire and refrigeration services
- Structural upgrades and external works
- Commissioning, handover and documentation

### Business value to client

After acquiring an adjacent building next to their Abbotsford facility, FareShare chose to preserve the site's local heritage by refurbishing both original buildings. While the external facades were retained, the interiors were largely demolished and rebuilt to create a more efficient workflow tailored for high-volume food production.

The primary goals for these upgrades were to increase production capacity, enhance operational efficiency, and reduce the organisation's carbon footprint.

Key improvements include space for a third kitchen, expanded cold storage, additional blast chiller capacity, and optimised process flow pathways. Staff and volunteers now benefit from a new multi-functional area that accommodates social gatherings and sponsorship events. The refurbished first floor offers expanded administrative facilities, with modern, comfortable offices and meeting rooms, accessible via a new stairway and passenger lift.

Sustainability has been improved through the installation of more efficient solar PV inverters paired with reclaimed and reused solar panels, enhanced building insulation, an on-site composting facility, and upgraded refrigeration and lighting systems.

The merger of FareShare and SecondBite was finalised toward the end of the refurbishment, creating a modern office space that enhances collaboration between the two teams and their merged board members. FareShare has streamlined its operations, boosted efficiency and significantly increased its capacity to provide more meals to those in need.

### Partners and consultants

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Sustainable



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