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Tasmanians' generosity shows True Spirit of Christmas

Once again, in the lead up to Christmas Senator Catryna Bilyk and *Colony 47* collected food and gifts for many people in the community who might be struggling to provide a festive Christmas lunch or gifts for family members.

Colony 47 has, for many years, held an Annual Christmas lunch with attendance increasing year by year.

"Items of food as well as a variety of gifts for adults and children were left at my Kingston office. It has been heart-warming to see the generosity of people, especially those who travelled from areas as far away as the Huon Valley to donate. I would like to sincerely thank all those people who thought about others and helped many people enjoy Christmas Day festivities," said Senator Bilyk.

"Colony 47 served over 400 meals at the Christmas lunch last year and thanks to the generous donations from the community, there was plenty of food and gifts to go around," said Senator Bilyk.

Colony 47 not only organises the Food and Toy Drive and Christmas Lunch but also assists members of the community with transport to and from the lunch so that people can share in the festive spirit regardless of where they live. People came from a wide range of areas, including the Huon and Channel.

Senator Bilyk will continue supporting Colony 47's Food and Toy Drive and Christmas Lunch.

"I hope to receive even more support this year to help make Colony 47's lunch a success once again," said Senator Bilyk.

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