

**Speech for Mayor, Cr Sam David**  
**Food Security Forum**  
**Sunshine Convention Centre, Victoria University, 460 Ballarat**  
**Road, Sunshine**  
**Friday 1 August 2008 at 9am**

**Acknowledgements:**

- My fellow Councillors:
  - Deputy Mayor, Cr Kathryn Eriksson
  - Cr Ken Capar
  - Cr Marilyn Zukalski
- VicHealth Board Member, Ms Sue Cormack
- Chief Executive Officer of VicHealth, Mr Todd Harper
- Distinguished guests
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning, everybody.

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are standing on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation.

I offer my respect to the elders of the traditional owners of this place, the Wurundjeri people, and through them to all aboriginal and islander people.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the City of Brimbank this morning.

As the Mayor of Brimbank City Council, I am pleased to have this year's *Food For All* forum being held in our City, in Sunshine.

Brimbank City Council is committed to working towards a community where all people have the opportunity to access healthy food.

Since the beginning of Brimbank's Food Security Program in 2005 called, *Healthy Eating in Brimbank*, we have been working with our project partners to improve access to healthy food, and to educate people in our community who need help when it comes to food and nutrition.

It has been a process of understanding the barriers to healthy eating that exist within our community and working together to ensure people have access to healthy food.

The Council is looking forward to implementing phase two of the program, building on what we have learned during the first three years.

I am also looking forward to hearing and learning more about the *Food For All* program across the state and from other viewpoints, through the presentations and discussions today.

I thank you all for being here today.

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