

Future Foods for Future Health Conference

Local Government

Maitre de or kitchen hand of food security?

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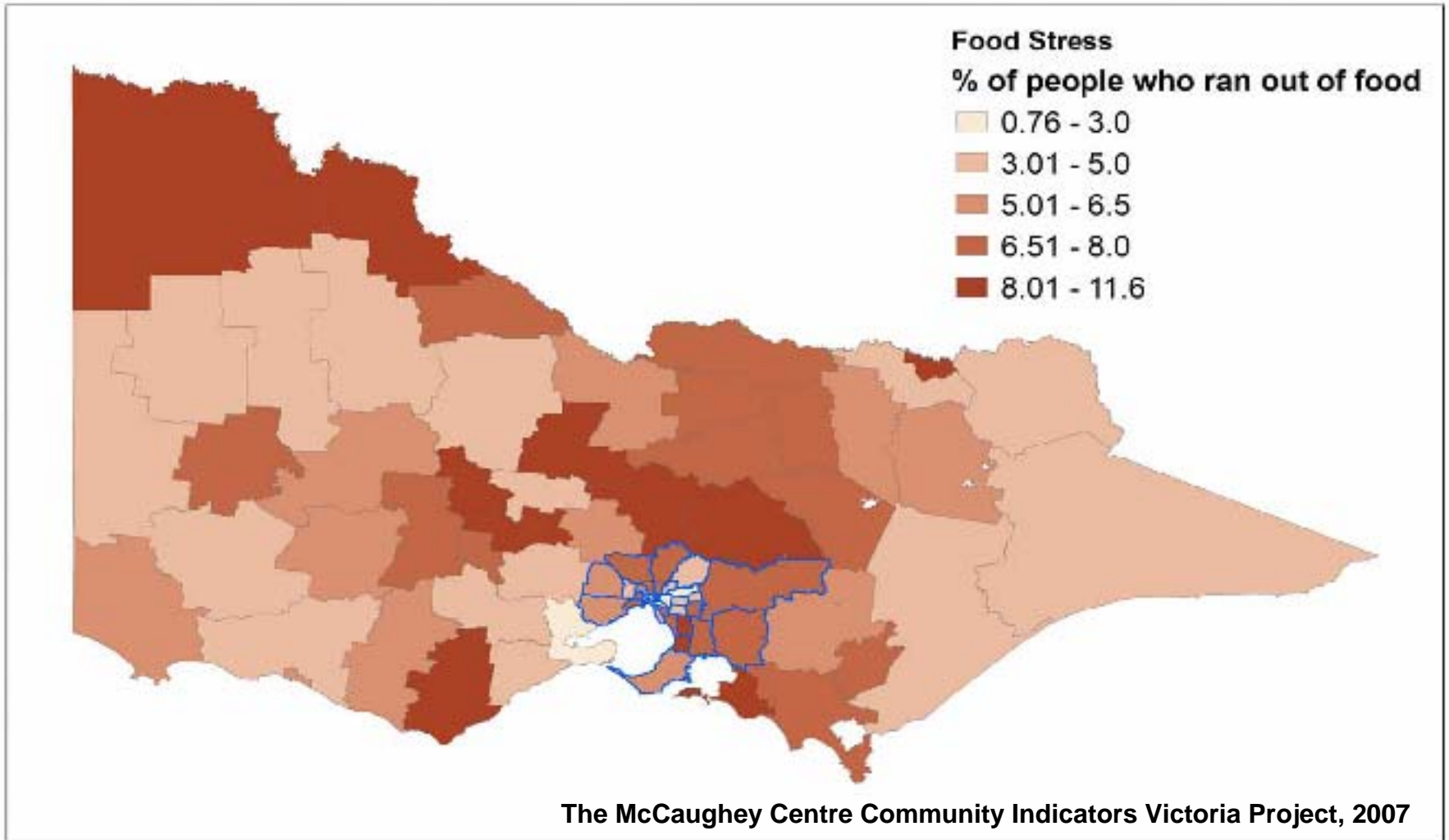


“Food security”
means food intake
is

- **Sufficient**
- **Reliable**
- **Nutritious**
 - **Safe**
- **Acceptable**
- **Sustainable**

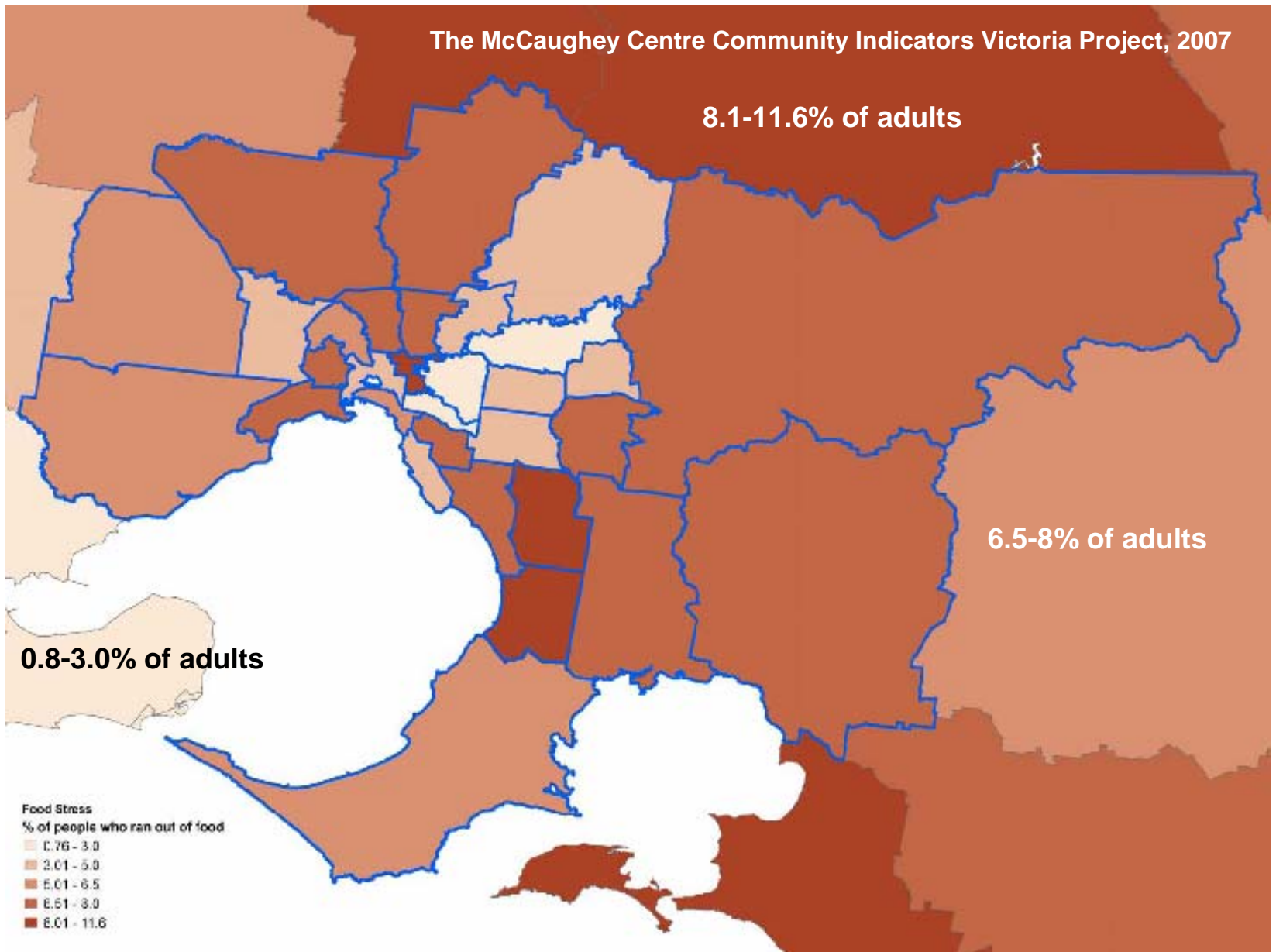
'In the last 12 months, were there any times that you ran out of food and you couldn't afford to buy more?'

Food Stress



Victorian adults: 6.1% plus dependent children (1:1)

Say 12% Victorians (550 000 individuals)



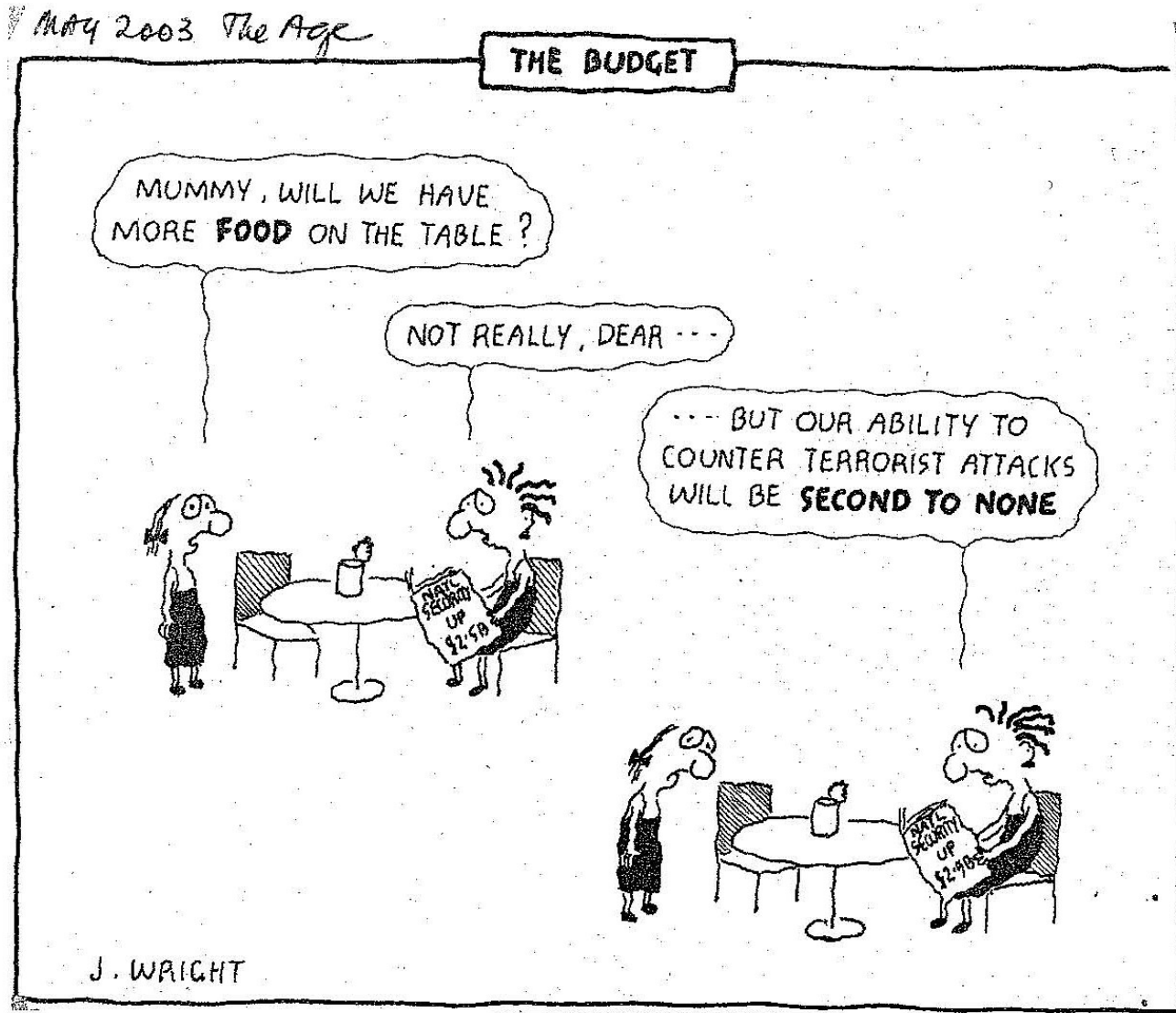
Adults only - 'In the last 12 months, were there any times that you ran out of food and you couldn't afford to buy more?'

The good news is – I finally found a place that sold milk!
And the bad news? It had *Kahlua* in it”



The Melbourne Times, September 8, 2004

“Mummy, will we have more **FOOD** on the table? Not really, dear . . .
. . . But our ability to counter terrorist attacks will be **SECOND TO NONE**”



“Adapt or suffer”

**Australians must learn to live in a
warmer climate with less rainfall
AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE CAN DO
IS TO BUY LOCAL PRODUCE ***

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change, 2007)