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From: Minister.Butler.Meetings
Sent: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 12:21 PM
To: info@maggiebeerfoundation.org.au
Subject: FW: Invitation to Celebrate Cooks & Chefs in Aged Care – An Afternoon Tea [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Jane,

Thank you for the invitation for Minister Butler to attend an afternoon tea to Celebrate Cooks & Chefs in Aged Care on 18th November.

Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate his attendance due to prior diary commitments interstate.

We appreciate your understanding and on behalf of the Minister, send best wishes for your event.

Warm regards,

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From: Info <info@maggiebeerfoundation.org.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 August 2025 2:53 PM
To: Minister Butler <Minister.Butler@Health.gov.au>
Subject: Invitation to Celebrate Cooks & Chefs in Aged Care – An Afternoon Tea

Dear The Hon. Butler MP,

On behalf of the Maggie Beer Foundation, I am delighted to invite you to an afternoon tea hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General to the Commonwealth of Australia, on **Tuesday, 18 November 2025**, from **2:30 PM – 4:30 PM** at **Admiralty House, Sydney**. *This is a personal invitation and is not transferable.*

The event will focus on food as we age and celebrate the cooks and chefs who deliver great food in aged care homes every day.

While enjoying a beautiful afternoon tea straight from an aged care menu, the event will also include remarks from our new Maggie Beer Foundation Patron, Her Excellency Sam Mostyn AC, and from Maggie Beer AO.

A panel discussion, featuring aged care cooks and chefs, will discuss the importance of food as we age.

Please register through this link [Celebrating Cooks & Chefs in Aged Care - An Afternoon Tea Tickets, Tue 18/11/2025 at 2:30 pm | Eventbrite](#) and **RSVP** by **Tuesday, 23 September 2025**, including any dietary and mobility requirements.

I apologise if we have made any errors in your details. Please include any corrections with your RSVP.

We look forward to you joining our celebration of great food as we age!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Mussared
Chief Executive Officer



Jane Mussared

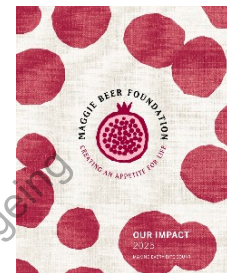
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From: [Lesley Woods](#)
To: [Info](#)
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Date: Wednesday, 12 November 2025 1:01:55 PM
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Good afternoon,

We are really pleased to share with you the Year 2 Evaluation Report of the *Improving Food in Aged Care through Education and Training* program, funded by the federal government Department for Health and Aged Care.

The external evaluation was undertaken by HealthConsult Pty Ltd. It confirms that in Year 2 of the program, our Maggie Beer Foundation team drove measurable improvements in food quality, nutrition, staff capability and resident wellbeing in residential aged care homes across Australia.

The media release and the full evaluation report are available [here](#)

We would love to tell you more about the program and about the work our team does with aged care homes all over Australia.

Jane Mussared

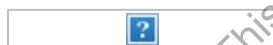
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From: [Jane Mussared](#)
To: [Minister Butler](#)
Cc: s47F
Subject: Maggie Beer Foundation Pre-Budget Submission
Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026 5:09:57 AM
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[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[Maggie Beer Foundation Pre-Budget Sub FY2026-29.pdf](#)
[2026-02-27_Cvr-Letter Minister Butler 2026-02 Submission.docx](#)

Dear Minister

I am pleased to attach the Maggie Beer Foundation 2026-27 Pre-Budget Submission.

The *Improving food in aged care through education and training* program has been an important and powerful part of your Government's commitment to aged care reform and especially to uplifting food, dining and nutrition in aged care homes.

We look forward to your continued support for this important initiative. I will be in Canberra next week and look forward to catching up with s47F as your aged care advisor.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely

Jane Mussared



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About the Maggie Beer Foundation

The Maggie Beer Foundation was established in 2014. It is a not-for-profit enterprise, governed by an independent Board, aiming to bring about life-altering change to the well-being of older people through access to food full of flavour and nutrients. In collaboration with older people, carers, researchers, foodies, aged care teams and clinicians, we are determined to improve the food experience and, with it, the quality of life for current and future generations of older people and advocate for the central place of good food for older people wherever they live.

For enquiries, please contact: Jane Mussared, CEO, Maggie Beer Foundation

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27 January 2026

Hon Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Ageing
Mark.Butler.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Minister Butler

Re – Maggie Beer Foundation Pre-Budget Submission FY 2026-29

We have pleasure in forwarding the Maggie Beer Foundation's Pre-Budget Submission for consideration in the 2026-27 Budget.

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Jane Mussared will be in Canberra from 3-5 February 2026 and is meeting with s47F
s47F from your office. Jane can be contacted by email at
s47F @maggiebeerfoundation.org.au or telephone at s47F

We look forward to continuing this important, impactful program.

Yours sincerely,

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Maggie Beer AO
Founder and Director

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Jane Mussared
CEO

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From: [Lesley Woods](#)
To: [Lesley Woods](#)
Subject: Maggie Beer Foundation welcomes Chair
Date: Monday, 27 April 2026 12:52:19 PM
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[2026-04-28-MR MBF welcomes Chair FINAL.pdf](#)

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Dear Friend of the Maggie Beer Foundation

We are delighted to advise that the Foundation has appointed Julia Davison AM to be our new Board Chair.

Julia is a passionate supporter of the Foundation's vision and brings significant governance and leadership experience to the Maggie Beer Foundation Board. She previously chaired the Coaxial Foundation Board, the Catherine House Board and the Board of the Girl Academy in Cape York. She has been CEO of Flinders Medical Centre, WorkCover SA and Goodstart Early Learning and is currently a director of the Paul Ramsay Foundation. In 2023, Julia was made a member of the Order of Australia for significant services to children, youth and community.

We wanted to let you know of this exciting appointment ahead of our media release tomorrow. I have attached the embargoed release for your information.

We look forward to an opportunity to introduce Julia to you!

Cheers

Jane



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NEWS RELEASE, 28 April 2026

Maggie Beer Foundation welcomes Chair

The Maggie Beer Foundation this week announced the appointment of its new Board Chair, Ms Julia Davison AM.

“The Foundation is very excited that Julia will step into the role at a time when the Foundation is spreading its wings,” said Founder and Director, Maggie Beer AO. “We continue to grow our support of cooks, chefs and kitchen teams in aged care homes, but we are extending well beyond that to pursue new initiatives that drive home the vital nexus between eating well and ageing well, including projects to support older people to eat well at home.”

“Julia’s standing as a Director, Board Chair and senior leader in philanthropic not-for-profit and social impact organisations, will be invaluable as we take our next steps,” said Maggie.

Julia is a passionate supporter of the Foundation’s vision, and brings significant governance, advocacy and leadership experience to the Maggie Beer Foundation Board, having previously chaired the Coaxial Foundation Board, the Catherine House Board and the Board of the Girl Academy in Cape York. She has been CEO of Flinders Medical Centre, WorkCover SA and Goodstart Early Learning and is currently a director of the Paul Ramsay Foundation. In 2023, Julia was made a member of the Order of Australia for significant services to children, youth and community.

“I am absolutely delighted to join the Maggie Beer Foundation,” said Ms Davison. “I admire the work of the Foundation and the rigour, ambition and passion which drives it. The Foundation Board is impressive, and its staff team, based all over Australia, is skilled, clever and committed.”

Foundation Deputy Chair, Aditi Dhawan, said, “We set an exacting search criteria and timeline. We could not be more pleased with the result. Julia Davison is an experienced chief executive and non-executive director whose career spans organisations across social impact, health, early childhood education and public administration.

“Her governance experience includes chairing a philanthropic foundation and serving on national boards concerned with community wellbeing, economic participation and major grant-making. She has worked extensively with state and federal governments, regulators and community partners,” said Ms Dhawan.

About The Maggie Beer Foundation

The Maggie Beer Foundation was established in 2014. Access to good, nutritious, enjoyable food that supports health, dignity, connection and wellbeing is fundamental to ageing well. In collaboration with older people, carers, researchers, foodies, aged care teams and clinicians, we work to improve the food experience and, with it, the quality of life for current and future generations of older people wherever they live.

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To: s47F; [PAUL, Dimity](#); s47F; [MARTIN, Nick](#); [Minister Butler](#); [Minister Wells](#)
Cc: [Lesley Woods](#)
Subject: Our Impact 2025
Date: Tuesday, 8 April 2025 12:18:48 PM
Attachments: [Our Impact 2025 final April 7 2025.pdf](#)

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Dear Ministers Butler and Wells and teams

We wanted to let you know that this week we will release *Our Impact 2025*. It tells the story of the work of the Foundation, which this month enters its 12th year of operation.

We are proud to attach an advance copy of *Our Impact 2025* for you.

Beyond our federal government-funded work in residential aged care homes and our advocacy for accredited training for aged care cooks and chefs, we are excited to advise that we have just received a small amount of philanthropic funding to start the work needed to research the perspectives and options for older people living and eating at home.

We appreciate that this is a very busy time for you all but we know that *Our Impact 2025* will provide a very positive pause in the rush.

Sincerely

Maggie and Jane

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OUR IMPACT 2025

MAKING EVERY BITE COUNT

Maggie Beer Foundation Impact Report 2025

Welcome to our first annual impact report.

It's unthinkable that, in a country like ours, substantial numbers of older Australians are at risk of malnutrition. Good food is fundamental to ageing well, for essential nutrition, for belonging and purpose, and for socialisation and sensory stimulation.

For more than 10 years, the Maggie Beer Foundation has pursued life-changing impact for people living and working in aged care to lift the standard and enjoyment of food.

We advocate for the central place of good food for older people living at home and in aged care homes, and we do this in collaboration with older people, carers, researchers, foodies, aged care teams and clinicians.

Working beside aged care leaders, chefs, cooks and kitchen staff, we deliver our Maggie Beer Foundation training programs, with the shared goal of uplifting food so that it is enjoyed and eaten, supports choice and meets individual nutritional, cultural and health needs.

We use our opportunities in popular media, with government and with the research community to elevate the understanding and priority of the relationship between food and well-being.

We strive to make a difference. With that goal in mind, we are proud to present our first annual impact report.

Jane

Jane Mussared
CEO



AFTER YEARS OF EATING OR TRYING TO EAT WHAT WAS PRESENTED IT IS SO ENCOURAGING TO RECEIVE A MEAL THAT NOT ONLY LOOKS APPETISING BUT IS ALSO TASTY AND NICELY PLATED.

THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING ME BACK MY APPETITE. I NO LONGER FEEL LIKE JUST ANOTHER NUMBER, BUT THAT SOMEONE CARES ABOUT ME AND ALSO TAKES PRIDE IN THEIR WORK.

WITH SINCERE HEARTFELT THANKS
FROM RACHAEL J

"Mum looks forward to her meals now and has put on weight in the past 10 days so happy days! Keep up the good work!"

Anita, family member

"Their (residents') spirits have been lifted by this, particularly with the focus on food, because they all love their food."

Ruth, daughter of aged care resident



"Thank you because without the small yet vocal steps you are making, nothing will change."

Mary-Ann, family member

Our Impact



Our changes
were enjoyed by

9,000

aged care residents



One hundred and twenty

homes selected as part of
our trainer mentor program

13

Chef Trainers
employed
nationwide



“I think it’s a very very good idea. Everybody
will be so happy I think and not so lonely.”

Barbara, aged care resident



We are building a community
of people who will help us
tackle malnutrition among
older people living at home



4,673

people make up our
Professional Community,
a growing tribe of people
passionate about aged
care food



Our

26

Learning Hubs reached
176 aged care homes
with **200** aged care
staff participating

7,130

students participated in
our online learning modules



745,000

views of Maggie Beer’s
Big Mission
(by September 2024)



157

menu appraisals of
aged care homes



Eighty six

scalable recipes make up
our growing searchable
library, complete with
nutrition and texture
modification information
devised for older people
needing aged care

“I find your courses very valuable
and enjoyable.”

Aged care cook



Our Professional
Community had
exclusive access to

47

forum
articles



21

newsletters produced
for our Foundation
Communities



Our advocacy covered topics
ranging from accredited
training for aged care cooks
and chefs to the importance
of nutrition in preventing falls

Patron

Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC,
Governor General of Australia

Board

Jon Clarke (Chair), Maggie Beer AO, Robyn Hayward,
Beverly Smith, Aditi Dhawan, Petrina Baker, Professor
Alison Coates, Professor Susan Kurrle

CEO

Jane Mussared

Creating
an
appetite
for life

We acknowledge our government funding

Federal Government Department of Health and Aged
Care for its funding of the Improving Food in Aged Care
through Education and Training program.

SA Government through Skills SA for funding our
partnership with TAFE SA to deliver Professionalising
Skills for Good Food in Aged Care.

The Maggie Beer Foundation relies upon the
extraordinary generosity of our donors to increase
our reach and impact. In 2024, we received the
following amounts over \$2,000:

Ahrens	\$50,000
Garry and Anne Edwards	\$30,585
The Louise, Baillie Lodges Spirit of Mateship	\$20,150
Anonymous Donation	\$12,000
Hugh & Brigid Robertson	\$10,000
Dick and Pip Smith Foundation	\$10,000
Royal Adelaide Show Ladies Lunch	\$7,103
McLeod Family Foundation	\$5,000
Jon Clarke Advisory	\$2,000
CMV Group Foundation	

The Foundation is also grateful for the substantial and
ongoing contributions made by our founder, Maggie Beer
AO, through her time and expertise and the donation of
proceeds from speaking engagements and book royalties.

"We are very happy
The residents are very
They can have what
They feel more independent

Sam, Carer

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The Foundation acknowledges the Kaurna people of the
Adelaide Plains as the traditional custodians of the land our
headquarters occupy and we acknowledge all Aboriginal
nations throughout Australia. We honour Aboriginal peoples'
continuing connection to Country and pay our respects to
Elders past, present and emerging.

