Community asked to give where they live

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It may shock the community to learn that 12.8 percent of Australians live below the poverty line.

That means in Victoria alone, there are roughly half a million children living in poverty.

According to an Australian Council of Social Services report, the most austere poverty line widely used in international research in 2010 was for a single adult living on $358 per week and for a couple with two children, $752.

As living costs soar and affordable housing has become increasingly difficult to attain, many members of our community are struggling to make ends meet.

In response, Network Torquay is taking part in the sixth annual Cans4Films Festival, an in-store initiative to provide tangible help to deliver hunger relief across the nation.

Josie and Julie from Torquay's Network Video, supporting community action to aid those living in poverty.

People are being asked to donate a can of food at Network Video stores and in doing so will receive a free weekly rental, or donate two cans and receive three free weekly rentals.

If you don't have any spare cans, you can still contribute by offering a gold coin donation, which will then be used to purchase more cans of food to feed those in need.

"All of us at Network Torquay are proud to be part of the Cans4Films Festival in 2013," Network Torquay's Josie Anderson said.

"It's such a great cause, and we're so happy to be providing practical solutions to such a big problem in today's society."

Not-for-profit national food relief organisations such as Food Bank and SecondBite work to deliver food into communities, and local community groups are rallying to make sure every person who is need of food has access to it.

Anglesea Foodbank, Torquay Food Aid, St Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army and UnitingCare are among those offering assistance to society's vulnerable and disadvantaged. For more information, head to **cans4films.com.au**.