Melbourne is a coastal city located in the state of Victoria, Australia, with 1.2 million cars currently active in the city.

**WHAT IS SHARED**

In Melbourne, 98% use Facebook and 15% use Twitter. Overall, 17% of initiatives share via multiple outlets from which food is to be sold.

**HOW IT IS SHARED**

- **Food**: 11% of initiatives gift food, 32% share food, and 4% exchange food.
- **Plants/Seeds**: 8% share plants/seed, 3% exchange plants/seeds.
- **Kitchen Space**: 4% share kitchen space, 13% exchange kitchen space.
- **Tools/Compost**: 8% share tools/compost, 13% exchange tools/compost.
- **Meals**: 13% share meals, 10% exchange meals.

**SHARE ORGANISATION**

Non-profits (including charities) are the dominant model of food sharing initiative in Melbourne, followed by associations, formal and informal initiatives who gift food and food-related activities of the seven Australian and New Zealand Food-related organisations. Melbourne has the most food sharing activities with the second most shared item being meals, followed by tools/compost and kitchen space.

**ECONOMY & SOCIETY**

Melbourne is a global city, the second largest in Australia, and one of the 10 most liveable cities in the world. Considered a global city, Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia, accounting for 22% of Australia's GDP. Six of the top ten and twenty-nine of the top 100 companies in Australia are based in Melbourne.

**FOOD, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**

As Melbourne’s population grows, it is estimated that at least 60% more food will be needed. Furthermore, it is estimated that 50% of food is wasted along the food chain.

**REFERENCES**