



## YOUR GUIDE FOR FINDING FOOD ASSISTANCE—2019-2020 CHRISTMAS/SUMMER HOLIDAYS

In December and January many of the agencies that provide food assistance will be closed or have changed their opening times. Below and over the page are two tables featuring organisations that are **OPEN/PROVIDING LIMITED ASSISTANCE** (particularly between Thursday, 19 December 2019 and Monday, 6 January 2020) and those that are **CLOSED** during this time. As information varies please read all information carefully to avoid disappointment. **Please note** some of the services will only support those in need from their local area or may have other requirements (such as a healthcare card).

OPEN (POSSIBLY WITH LIMITED CAPACITY)		
ORGANISATION	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	MORE INFO
<b>Christ Church Christmas Lunch</b> Christ Church Parish Hall at the corner of Moorabool and Lt Myers Streets, Geelong VIC 3220	Christmas lunch from 11:30am on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December 2019)	If possible, please pre-book by emailing <a href="mailto:geelongxmaslunch@gmail.com">geelongxmaslunch@gmail.com</a> or calling the Parish office at 52218055 (please leave a message if no one answers).
<b>Christ Church Community Meals Program</b> Christ Church Parish Hall at the corner of Moorabool and Lt Myers Streets, Geelong VIC 3220	Breakfast every day (7:30am-9:00am) and Evening Meals Mondays and Wednesdays (4:30pm-6:30pm) over the Christmas holiday period. No Evening meal Christmas Day & reduced service January 1 (BBQ 5-6pm).	The emergency cupboard in the church will be open from 12-2pm on weekdays excluding Public Holidays (Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020)
<b>Lazarus Community Centre</b> 202 Myers Street, Geelong VIC 3220	Will operate Monday to Friday as per normal excluding Public Holidays (Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020).	Drop in center that provides lunch 12 noon, Monday–Friday as well as access to laundry and shower facilities. Will host a special Christmas breakup Thursday 19 December 2019.
<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes Food Pantry</b> Ocean Grove Uniting Church, Corner of Eggleston Street and The Parade, Ocean Grove VIC 3226	Will be operating every Friday as per usual: 6.00–6.45pm.	Food pantry for Pension and or Health Care card holders from the local area.
<b>Norlane Community Initiatives Christmas Lunch</b> 4-8 Spruhan Avenue, Norlane 3214	Special Christmas Eve meal (12pm Tuesday 24 December) will be served. Please phone 5278 6171 to book.	Will be closed from Wednesday 25 December and will not reopen until Monday 3 February 2020.
<b>Portarlington Food Assistance Program</b> Bellarine Community Health, 39 Fenwick Street, Portarlington VIC 3223	Will be closed Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December) and resume services as normal 1.30pm-3.30pm on Wednesday 1 January 2020.	Food Pantry for Pension and Benefit card holders living in 3223 post-code.
<b>Doorways Community Support Services</b> 28 Bellerine Street, Geelong VIC 3220	Will be closed Public holidays only (Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020).	Emergency relief will be available throughout December and January. Accepting Christmas cheer registrations from Monday 28 October until Monday 2 December 2019.
<b>Spare Meals Geelong</b> <a href="https://facebook.com/groups/SpareMeals/">facebook.com/groups/Spare Meals/</a>	Closed from the evening of Monday 23 December to the morning of Friday 27 December 2019. During this time no posts to the page will be approved and no messages will be answered.	Facebook group that provides frozen meals in containers as well as pantry items. Meal pack once a week, any week it is needed. Join the Facebook group and message admin for assistance.
<b>The Outpost</b> Cnr Clare Street & Transit Place, Geelong VIC 3220	The Outpost will be operating normal hours over the Summer period.	Open for lunch Monday-Friday 10 am-2pm. Open for dinner every day 7pm-10pm.
<b>The Power in YOU Big Christmas Breakfast</b> Cloverdale Community Centre, 167 Purnell Rd, Corio	The Power in You—Big Christmas Breakfast Wednesday 25 December 2019, 8.00am–12.30pm at Cloverdale Community Centre.	Come along and enjoy the Christmas spirit. To book contact Kane 0477 074 007. Please leave a message if no answer.
<b>Torquay Food Aid</b> 100 Surfcoast Highway, Torquay (Behind Barwon Health—enter via carport at rear of doctor's car park)	Last distribution day Wednesday 18 December 2019. Will re-open Wednesday 8 January 2020	Providing special Christmas Hampers on Wednesday 18 December in addition to usual food distribution. Emergency food bags will be available at the desk of Barwon Health during the 2 week closure period.
<b>Uniting Barwon– Grovedale Office</b> 272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale VIC 3216	CLOSED on Public Holidays - Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020. Reduced services available all other days. FULL SERVICES resume Monday 6 January 2020.	Distribution of Christmas Hampers on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 December 2019. Must be pre-registered to receive this support.
<b>Uniting Barwon– Norlane Office</b> 10 Wendover Ave, Norlane VIC 3214	CLOSED on Public Holidays— Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020. Reduced services available all other days. FULL SERVICES resume Monday 6 January 2020.	Distribution of Christmas Hampers on Monday 16 December to Wednesday 18 December. Must be pre-registered to receive this support.
<b>Uniting Barwon– Winchelsea Office</b> 34 Hesse Street, Winchelsea VIC 3241	CLOSED on Public Holidays— Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020. Food parcels available. Call 0419 535 490. FULL SERVICES resume Thursday 9 January 2020.	Distribution of Christmas Hampers on Thursday 12 December from 10am to 1pm. Must be pre-registered to receive this support.

**CLOSED (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2019 TO 6 JANUARY 2020)**

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<b>Bellarine Living and Learning Centre</b> 20 Worden Court, Whittington VIC 3219	Food bank will be closed from Thursday 19 December 2019 and will re-open Wednesday 22 January 2020 9am-12noon.	Last opportunity to access the Centre's Foodbank will be Wednesday 18 December 9am - 12noon.
<b>CatholicCare</b> 7-9 Ryan Place, Geelong VIC 3220	Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from Tuesday 24 December 2019 re-opening Thursday 2 January 2020.	Last Emergency Relief appointments for 2019 will be held on Friday 20 December (Ryan Place office). Emergency Relief will re-open for 2020 on Friday 3 January 2020
<b>Drysdale Family Support Foodbank</b> 276-290 Jetty Rd, Drysdale VIC 3222	Will be closed from Tuesday 17 December 2019 and will reopen Tuesday 7 January 2020.	Once reopened appointments can be made by calling 52532099. If the office is unattended, please leave a message. Please note you must live on the Bellarine Peninsula to access services.
<b>Geelong Food Relief Centre</b> 8 Freedman Street, North Geelong VIC 3215 and 1 Little Smythe Street, Geelong VIC 3220	Both the Smythe Street, Geelong and Freedman Street, North Geelong locations will be closed from 2pm Wednesday 18 December 2019 and will re-open at 10am Monday 13 January 2020.	Only accepts food vouchers. Vouchers are distributed by local welfare agencies including SalvoConnect, Uniting Barwon Grovedale and Norlane, St Vincent De Paul Call Centre. Vouchers are not distributed by Geelong Food Relief Centre.
<b>Manifold Heights Baptist Food Service</b> 163 Shannon Ave, Manifold Heights, VIC 3218	Will close on Wednesday 18 December 2019 and reopen Wednesday 8 January 2020.	Food parcels to local (5km radius) families in need.
<b>Lara Food Relief</b> Holy Trinity Hall, Cnr Flinders Avenue and Curletts Rd, Lara VIC 3212	Will be closed from Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will reopen Monday 6 January 2020.	Emergency help by appointment only during closed period. Contact 5282 6487
<b>Norlane Community Initiatives</b> 4-8 Spruhan Avenue, Norlane 3214	Will be closed from Wednesday 25 December and will not reopen until Monday 3 February 2020.	Special Christmas Eve meal (12pm Tuesday 24 December) will be served. Please phone 5278 6171 to book.
<b>OneCare Geelong</b> 61 Candover Street, Geelong West, VIC 3218	Christmas lunch is on Thursday 19th December 2019. We will then be closing and reopen for lunch Thursday 16th January 2020.	First lunch of 2019 will be held on Thursday 16 January 2020 at 12noon.
<b>Salvation Army Northside Geelong</b> 92 Cox Road, Corio VIC 3214	Will be closed from 12noon Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will reopen on Monday 13 January 2020.	Last community meal for 2019 Friday 6 December. Community meals will recommence Tuesday 4 February 2020. Most services will recommence Monday 13 January 2020.
<b>St Mary's Parish Food Pantry</b> 150 Yarra St, Geelong VIC 3220	Will be closed from Monday 23 December 2019 and will reopen Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 1pm.	Food assistance for Centrelink cardholders, refugees and those referred by other registered welfare organisations.
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society Geelong Welfare Call Centre</b> Phone 5221-9170	Will be closed from 12 pm Friday 13 December 2019 and reopen at 9am Monday 20 January 2020.	Walk up assistance not available from Vinnies stores.
<b>The fOrt</b> Cnr St Georges Rd & Melbourne Ro, Norlane 3214	Will be closed from Tuesday 17 December 2019 and reopen on Monday January 6 2020.	The fOrt provides a free meal at every Drop In and holiday program.

This information has been gathered from the Geelong Food Assistance Network and is correct as of Monday 1 November 2019. This information is also available at [feedgeelong.org](http://feedgeelong.org)

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