



Throughout December and January many of the local food relief organisations who provide food assistance will be closed or operate under changed opening times.

Please read here about their schedules over the holidays.

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).

Where You Can Eat – Open Over Christmas/New Year

SUBURB	ORGANISATION	DETAILS
Geelong CBD	The OutPost Corner of Clare Street and Transit Place, Geelong	Remaining open over Christmas/ New Year period. Open 7 nights per week 7:30pm - 9:30pm Open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 10:30am - 1:30pm
Geelong CBD	Christ Church Community Meals Christ Church Parish Hall Corner of Moorabool and McKillop Street, Geelong	Operating as normal Breakfast everyday - 7:30am – 9:00am Evening Meal Monday and Wednesday - 4:30pm – 6:00pm Food Parcels Monday – Friday (closed public holidays) 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Geelong CBD	Christ Church <u>Christmas Day Lunch</u> Christ Church Parish Hall Cnr Moorabool and McKillop Street, Geelong	Christmas Day Lunch 11.30am - 2pm Dine in and Takeaway Available Pre-book for Christmas Day Lunch by visiting the Parish Hall during regular mealtimes (listed above)

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Geelong CBD	Lazarus Community Centre 202 Myers Street, Geelong	Monday – Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday 10am-2pm Public holidays 10am-2pm (Christmas, Boxing Day, New Year) Remaining open of the holiday period. Lunch is served at 12pm.
Geelong	Feed Me Geelong	Emergency Food Relief: available every day. Please contact: Phone 0422 798 791 Email feedmebellarine@gmail.com Facebook Leave message with details
Ocean Grove	Feed Me Bellarine 24 Sinclair Street, Ocean Grove	FOOD MARKET open to everyone Tuesdays – Saturdays - 10am-4pm – by donation WASTED Café Friday nights via online bookings (Dinner Reservations Feed Me Bellarine's Friday Night Wasted Dinner Service) Saturday 10am-2pm Cafe and market open Tuesdays – Saturdays 10am-4pm Emergency Food Relief: available daily. Please contact: Phone 0422 798 791 Email feedmebellarine@gmail.com Facebook Leave message with details Online form click here

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Torquay	<p>Feed Me Surf Coast 7-9 Cylinders Drive, Torquay</p>	<p>FOOD MARKET open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10am – 7pm</p> <p>Emergency Food Relief: available every day. Please contact: Phone 0422 798 791 Email feedmebellarine@gmail.com Facebook Leave message with details</p>
Colac	<p>St Marys Church 1-5 Gellibrand Street, Colac Victoria 3250 P: 52312177</p>	<p>December 11th 2023, Free Christmas Lunch for residents of Colac and district. Also, the church can provide meals delivered to homes; or has meals for collection by those who can.</p> <p>Dinner (sit-down) on Christmas Day in the Church. Often dinner includes musical entertainment.</p>

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Extensive list of Where You Can Eat Organisations Dec-Jan

Geelong

SUBURB	ORGANISATION	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Geelong	Geelong Food Relief Centre 1 Little Smythe Street, Geelong P: 5278 6588	Last day Friday 22nd December , 3pm closure. Lt Smythe St Mini-mart close at 3pm. Monday 8th January Lt Smythe St trading as usual from this day forward.	Customers must have a voucher from a support agency. Monday 10am-3pm Tuesday 10am – 7pm Wednesday 10am – 3pm Thursday 10am – 7pm Friday 10am – 3pm Saturday 9am – 12.30pm admin@geelongfoodrelief.org
Geelong	Meli Community Support Emergency Relief P:5278 8122	Closed Public Holidays and 25 th / 26 th December 2023, Monday 1 st January 2024.	Email emergencyrelief@bethany.org.au ; info@bethany.org.au
Geelong	CatholicCare Emergency Relief is currently running remotely. P: 1800 123 228	Closes on 21st December 2023 and reopens 2nd January 2024.	Phone 1800 123 228 – select option 1 for Emergency Relief. Monday to Friday between 9:30am – 11:30am to make an appointment.

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Geelong	St. Vincent De Paul Society P: 5277 2046	Call centre closed Friday 15th December Open Monday 15th January	Food parcels and/or vouchers and other support and welfare assistance available. If assistance is required, please call into one of our stores for assistance.
Geelong	Wesley Asylum Seeker Welcome Place 100 Yarra Street, Geelong P: 0437 439 667	Foodbank open Fridays 2-5pm Last Foodbank on Friday 17th Dec Reopen Friday 13th Jan	Food support ONLY for people seeking asylum or people with Temporary Protection and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas Phone or text 0437 439 667 or email wesleycentrewelcomeplace@gmail.com
Geelong CBD	Christ Church Community Meals Christ Church Parish Hall Corner of Moorabool and McKillop Street, Geelong P: 5221 8055	Operating as normal Breakfast everyday - 7:30am – 9:00am Evening Meal Monday and Wednesday - 4:30pm – 6:00pm Food Parcels Monday – Friday (closed public holidays) 12:00pm – 2:00pm	

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Geelong CBD	Christ Church <u>Christmas Day Lunch</u> Christ Church Parish Hall Cnr Moorabool and McKillop Street, Geelong P: 5221 8055	Christmas Day Lunch 11.30am - 2pm Dine in and Takeaway Available Pre-book for Christmas Day Lunch by visiting the Parish Hall during regular mealtimes (listed above)	
Geelong CBD	Lazarus Community Centre 202 Myers Street, Geelong P: 0438 376 759	During public holidays 10am-2pm (Christmas, Boxing Day, New Year) Remaining open of the holiday period. Monday – Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday 10am-2pm	Lunch is served at 12pm.
Geelong CBD	Salvation Army - Doorways Community Support Services 28 Bellarine Street, Geelong P: 5223 5400	Emergency Relief available throughout December and January except weekends and public holidays 9:00am - 3:30pm. Call the Salvos phone assistance line PAL 88735288.	Geelong CBD Call the Salvos phone assistance line PAL 88735288 from 9:00am - 3:30pm.

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Geelong CBD	St. Mary's Parish Pantry 150 Yarra Street, Geelong (Roller Door) P: 5222 1977	Open Tue/Wed/Fri 1-3pm until 22 nd Dec. Reopening Tues 9 th January.	
Geelong CBD	The OutPost Corner of Clare Street and Transit Place, Geelong P: 5223 1201	Remaining open over Christmas/ New Year period. Open 7 nights per week 7:30pm - 9:30pm Open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 10:30am - 1:30pm	
Geelong West	OneHope Community Care Geelong 61 Candover Street, Geelong West Contact 5229 2133 M: +61 492 880 861	Community Food bank Last community meal for 2023 Tuesday 19 th Dec First community meal for 2024 Tuesday 16 th Jan Community Meal Last community foodbank for 2023 Thursday 21 st Dec First community foodbank for 2024 Thursday 25 th Jan Christmas Lunch – Thursday 21st December 3 course meal, games, carols, lots of fun.	E: simone@onehope.org.au
Newtown	Feed Me Geelong 24 Lambert Ave, Newtown Phone 0422 798 791	FOOD MARKET open Tuesdays – Fridays (10am-4pm) Saturdays (10am – 2pm) Emergency Food Relief: available every day. Please contact: Email feedmebellarine@gmail.com Facebook Leave message with details	

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Northern Suburbs and Lara

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North Geelong	Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative 62 Morgan Street North Geelong P: 5277 0044	Closed Public Holidays. Closing from Friday 22nd December to Tuesday 2nd January.	Food relief vouchers available Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm
North Geelong	Geelong Food Relief Centre 37 – 41 Morgan Street, North Geelong P: 5278 6588	Last day Friday 22nd December , 3pm closure. Morgan Street and Lt Smythe St Mini-mart close at 3pm. Reopen Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Morgan Street warehouse only. Reopen Wednesday 3rd January 2024 Morgan Street Warehouse and Morgan Street Mini-mart open. Monday 8th January Lt Smythe St trading as usual from this day forward.	Customers must have a voucher from a support agency. Monday 10am-3pm Tuesday 10am – 7pm Wednesday 10am – 3pm Thursday 10am – 7pm Friday 10am – 3pm Saturday 9am – 12.30pm CAR - Parking is available at the Mini-mart entrance. BUS – Closest Bus Stop is on Thompsons Road, only a short walk admin@geelongfoodrelief.org

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Norlane	<p>Norlane Community Initiatives</p> <p>Aviary Café 4-8 Spruhan Avenue, Norlane P: 0421 391 388</p> <p>Labuan Square Commons Forster Street, Norlane</p>	<p>Aviary Café and People Pantry: Last day open 14th December. Reopens 15th January. Weekly Community Dinners reopen 5th February.</p> <p>Weekly Community Dinners – Mondays 5pm</p> <p>Labuan Square Commons Café/Drop In centre Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am-1pm Weekly Community Lunch Wednesdays – gold coin donation</p> <p>Christmas Dinner: Monday 18th December</p>	<p>For further information call The Aviary Cafe Monday -Thursday 9am-2.30pm.</p> <p>Labuan Square Commons Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am- 1pm.</p>
Norlane	<p>Uniting Norlane 10 Wendover Avenue, Norlane P: 5278 8492.</p>	<p>Closed from Thursday 21st December. Open again Tuesday 2nd January 2024</p>	<p>Emergency Relief Available</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:30am – 1:00pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Dinne (outside of the holiday period) – 5pm Monday nights, come along at 3pm to help prepare dinner and dinner served at 5pm.</p> <p>For appointments, please contact the office on 03 5278 8492.</p>

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Lara	<p>Lara Food Relief Holy Trinity Hall, Corner Flinders Avenue and Curletts Road, Lara Parish Office: 03 5282 6487</p>	<p>Closed from Tuesday 19th December 2023 Reopening Monday 8th January 2024</p>	<p>Mondays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed on Public Holiday's At other times by appointment call</p>
Corio	<p>Food Share Programme St Andrews Church 104-108 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio P: 5277 0044</p>	<p>Closed from Wednesday 20th December 3pm Reopen Tuesday 9th January 2024 10am.</p>	<p>Basic food parcels are provided (monthly basis) to Centrelink card holders in Geelong's northern suburbs. Normal hours food share shed Tuesday-Friday 10:00am – 3:00pm (03) 5275 4597</p>

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Corio	<p>Salvation Army Northside Community Centre 92-96 Cox Road, Corio P: 5275 7771</p>	<p>Northside Geelong will close at 11.00am on Friday, 22nd December - Reopen Monday, 15th January at 8.30am.</p> <p>The last Nutritional Food Market (available to those living in the Northern Suburbs) will be held on Friday, 8th December.</p> <p>Markets will recommence on Wednesday, 8th February.</p>	<p>Office open Mon- Friday 9am-12midday & 1pm-3pm</p> <p>Nutritional Food Market closed from 9th December- 8th February.</p> <p>Nutritional Food Market available to those living in the Northern Suburbs, access is once per week on either Wednesday or Friday afternoon 1.30pm-2.30pm.</p> <p><u>Northern Suburbs:</u> Anakie, Avalon, Balliang, Bell Park, Bell Post Hill, Corio, Drumcondra, Lara, Lethbridge, Little River, Lovely Banks, Maude, Meredith, Moorabool, Norlane, North Geelong, North Shore, Point Wilson, Rippleside, Russells Bridge, Staughton Vale, She Oaks, Steiglitz, Sutherlands Creek.</p> <p>Other food available as per our Facebook page (The Salvation Army Northside Geelong Church and Community Centre).</p> <p>Pickup of pre-approved Doorways eftpos vouchers available Tuesday and Thursday 10.30am-12.00pm and 1.00pm-2.00pm.</p>

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Grovedale & Whittington

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Grovedale	3216 Connect 2 Dendle Street, Grovedale 0439 362 833	Last day; Wednesday 20th December - 10.30am-11.30am Closed 21 st December until Jan 31 st . Regular hours resume from 31st January - Wednesdays 10.30am-11.30am.	Our last day for appointments for Community Choice vouchers will be 20th Dec 2023. Appointments for Community Choice Vouchers Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons.
Grovedale	Empower Food Relief Centre 16/147 Marshalltown Road, Grovedale	Closed from 18th December 2023 Open 21st January 2024	
Grovedale	Uniting Grovedale 272 Torquay Road, corner Reserve and Torquay Roads, Grovedale Phone 4210 1100	Last day of service is Friday 22nd December 2023 Open Wednesday 3rd January 2024	
Whittington	Bellarine Living & Learning Centre 20 Worden Court, Whittington Phone 03 5248 1926	Last Foodbank Wednesday 20th December 2023 Reopens Wednesday 31st January 2024.	

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Surf Coast & Bellarine

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Anglesea	<p>Anglesea & Airey's Inlet Foodlink c/o Anglesea & District Community House, 5 McMillan Street, Anglesea P: 5263 2116</p>	<p>Christmas Hamper will be provided to Foodlink link clients mid-December.</p> <p>Centre closed December 21st to 8th January 2024. Fortnightly Foodlinks service will recommence end of Jan 2024.</p> <p>Emergency Food Hampers available from Seaside Seconds (71 Great Ocean Road Anglesea) during closure of Anglesea & District Community House.</p>	
Torquay	<p>Torquay Food Aid Torquay Christian Fellowship Building (behind the Church) 2 Pimelea Drive, Torquay Phone: 0409 614 630</p>	<p>Open Wednesdays 1-3pm *Closed Wednesday 27th December</p> <p>Christmas Treats available to regular clients on the Wed 20th December 2023</p>	<p>In an emergency, contact by phone 0409 614 630 or email torquayfoodaid@gmail.com</p>

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Torquay	Feed Me Surf Coast 7-9 Cylinders Drive, Torquay Phone: 0422 798 791	FOOD MARKET open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10am – 7pm Emergency Food Relief: available every day. Please contact: Phone 0422 798 791 Email feedmebellarine@gmail.com Facebook Leave message with details	Torquay
Ocean Grove	Feed Me Bellarine 24 Sinclair Street, Ocean Grove Phone P: 0422 798 791	FOOD MARKET open to everyone Tuesdays – Saturdays - 10am-4pm – by donation WASTED Café Friday nights via online bookings (Dinner Reservations Feed Me Bellarine's Friday Night Wasted Dinner Service) Saturday 10am-2pm Cafe and market open Tuesdays – Saturdays 10am-4pm Emergency Food Relief: available daily. Please contact: Phone 0422 798 791 Email feedmebellarine@gmail.com Facebook Leave message with details Online form click here	

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Ocean Grove	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Ocean Grove Uniting Church Corner Eggleston Street and The Parade, Ocean Grove	Fridays 6:15pm to 7:00pm. Service not closing over Christmas/New Year.	Food pantry for Pension and or Health Care card holders.
Portarlinton	Food Assist 3223 Inc St. Andrew's Church Hall 111 Newcombe Street (near corner of Fisher Street), Portarlinton Ph: 0493 398 160	Closed on Wednesday 27 th December. Closed on Wednesday 23 rd January. Open every other Wednesday - 1pm to 3pm	Supports all residents of the 3223 postcode (Portarlinton, Indented Head, St Leonards) in need of food relief. Email: foodassist3223@gmail.com
Curlewis	Drysdale Family Support Foodbank 276 Jetty Road, Curlewis Phone 5253 2099 Mobile 0492 875 069	Closed from Tuesday 19th December. Open Tuesday 9th January	Open Tuesdays 12.30pm-3.30pm

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Colac-Otway Region

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Colac	Colac Neighbourhood House 23 Miller Street, Colac P: 5232 5210	Closed December 22 nd and January 8 th . Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	Non-perishable foods available.
Colac	Colac Salvos 51-57 Dennis Street, Colac VIC 3250 P: 0425 765 304	Closes 22 nd December Re-Open 8 th January Open between 9-12pm the following days; Wednesday 27 th December Thursday 28 th December Friday 29 th December Wednesday 3 rd January Thursday 4 th January Friday 5 th January	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 9am- 2pm
Colac	St Marys Church 1-5 Gellibrand Street, Colac Victoria 3250 P: 5231 2177	December 11th 2023, Free Christmas Lunch for residents of Colac and district. Dinner on Christmas Day in the Church Gathering Space. Often dinner includes musical entertainment.	The church can provide meals delivered to homes; meals collected by those who can.

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Colac	<p>Colac Vinnies Welfare 41 Dennis Street, Colac Victoria 3250 P: 0400 181 779</p>	<p>Our office will be closed from Thursday 21st December 2023 - reopening Tuesday 9th January 2024.</p> <p>Phone during normal hours on the dates below for emergencies:</p> <p>Thursday 28th December 2023 Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Thursday 4th January 2024</p>	<p>Anybody requiring support can access our services. No requirements.</p> <p>Opening Days and times; Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interview times between 1pm. and 4pm. Phone hours for interview bookings 10.30am to 12.30pm on a Tuesday or Thursday.</p> <p>Our main services are Food Relief, but we can assist with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - small bill payments - chemist prescriptions - clothing, household goods and furniture through our Vinnies shops.
Apollo Bay	<p>The FoodShare Pantry 6 Pengilley Avenue, Apollo Bay 3233</p>	<p>Closed from the 25th December 2023 Open the 8th January 2024</p>	<p>Food Share Pantry is outdoors, available 24/7 at the back entrance of Marrar Woon Neighbourhood House, nearest the library.</p> <p>It gets re-stocked Wed/Thu/Fri at 4:30pm</p>