



Your Guide to Food Assistance over the 2018-2019 Christmas/Summer Holidays

Over the Christmas/Summer Holiday period in December and January many of the agencies that provide food assistance will be closed or have changed their opening times. Below are two tables featuring those that are **open/providing limited assistance** and those that are **closed** during this time. As information varies please read all information carefully to avoid disappointment.

OPEN (possibly with limited capacity): The following agencies have indicated that they will be **open in some form** during the Christmas Holiday period (particularly between Thursday, 20 December 2018 and Monday, 7 January 2019). **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).

Organisation	Holiday Schedule	More Info
Christ Church Christmas Lunch Christ Church Parish Hall at the corner of Moorabool and Lt Myers Streets, Geelong VIC 3220	Christmas lunch from 11:30am on Christmas day (Tuesday, 25 December 2018)	If possible please pre-book by emailing geelongxmaslunch@gmail.com Or calling the Parish office at 52218055 (please leave a message if no one answers).
Christ Church Community Meals Program Christ Church Parish Hall at the corner of Moorabool and Lt Myers Streets, Geelong VIC 3220	Will operate for Breakfast every day (7:30am-9:00am) and Evening Meals on Mondays and Wednesdays (4:30pm-6:00pm) over the Christmas holiday period.	The emergency cupboard in the church will be open from 12-2pm on weekdays excluding Public Holidays (Tuesday, 25 December, Wednesday, 26 December 2018 and Tuesday, 1 January, 2019)
Lazarus Community Centre 202 Myers Street, Geelong VIC 3220	Will be closed from Thursday, 20 December and will reopen Wednesday, 2 January 2019.	Drop in centre that provides lunch 12pm, Monday—Friday as well as access to laundry and shower facilities.
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry 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.
Manifold Heights Baptist Food Service 163 Shannon Ave, Manifold Heights, VIC 3218	Will be closed Thursday, 20 December to Wednesday, 2 January 2019.	Food parcels to local (5km radius) families in need.
Norlane Community Initiatives 4 Spruhan Ave, Norlane, VIC 3214	Will have a special a Christmas Eve meal at 12pm at 4 Spruhan Ave Norlane.	Please book/RSVP for Christmas Eve meal by phoning 52786171. (note will be closed after this meal until first week of February 2019).
Portarlington Food Assistance Program Bellarine Community Health, 39 Fenwick Street, Portarlington VIC 3223	Will only be closed for one week only, Wednesday, 26 December (Boxing Day) .Will resume services as normal on Wednesday, 2 January.	Food parcels.
Power in You Project, Community Veracity	Big Christmas Breakfast on Tuesday, 25 December, 8:00am-12:00pm.	Includes a cooked breakfast, jumping castle, face painting, music, goody bags and food packs. For details and to register please contact Kane 0477 074 007.
SalvoConnect Barwon Community Support Services 28 Bellerine Street, Geelong VIC 3220	Will be closed the public holidays only—Tuesday, 25 December and Wednesday, 26 December 2018 and Tuesday, 1 January, 2019.	Emergency relief will be available to walk ins during office hours Monday—Friday 9am-3:00pm but accepting Christmas cheer registrations from Monday, 29 October until Monday, 10 December 2018.
Spare Meals facebook.com/groups/SpareMeals/	Closed only from Monday 24 December to Wednesday, 26 December and Monday, 31 December to Tuesday, 1 January.	Facebook group that provides frozen meals in containers as well as pantry items. Maximum of two days of meals/food per household per week. Message via the facebook page or join the group
The Outpost Cnr Clare Street and Transit Place, Geelong VIC 3220	The Outpost will be operating for our normal hours over the Summer periods.	Open for lunch Monday: Friday 10 am-2pm Open for dinner everyday: 7 -10pm

CLOSED: The following agencies have indicated that they will be **closed** during the Christmas and/or Summer Holiday period (including but not limited to Thursday, 20 December 2018 to 7 January 2019) and will not be providing any food assistance during the times indicated:

Organisation	Holiday Schedule	Other Notes
Angelsea and Airey's Inlet Foodlink	Will closed from Thursday, 20 December, 2018 to Thursday, 31 January 2019.	
Bellarine Living and Learning Centre 20 Worden Court, Whittington VIC 3219	Centre Foodbank will be closed from Thursday, 20 December 2018. Will re-open Wednesday, 23 January 2019 9am-11am.	Last opportunity to access the Centre's Foodbank will be Wednesday, 19 December 9am-11am.
Drysdale Family Support Foodbank 276-290 Jetty Rd, Drysdale VIC 3222	Will be closed from Wednesday, 19 December 2018 and will not re-open until Monday, 7 January 2019.	Once reopened appointments can be made by calling 52532099. If the office is unattended, please leave a message. Please note you must live in the local area to access services.
Geelong Food Relief Centre 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 Tuesday, 19 December 2018 and will not reopen until 10am Wednesday, 9 January 2019.	Only accepts food vouchers. Vouchers are distributed by local welfare agencies (not Geelong Food Relief Centre).
Lara Food Relief Holy Trinity Hall, Cnr Flinders Avenue and Curletts Rd, Lara VIC 3212	Will be closed from Tuesday, 18 December 2018 and will reopen Monday, 7 January 2019.	Emergency help by appointment only during closed period. Contact 5282 6487
Norlane Community Initiatives 4-8 Spruhan Avenue, Norlane 3214	Will be closed from Tuesday, 25 December and will not reopen until Monday, 4 February 2019.	Will have a special a Christmas Eve meal at 12pm at 4 Spruhan Ave Norlane which people can book/RSVP for by phoning 52786171.
OneCare Geelong 61 Candover Street, Geelong West, VIC 3218	Will be closed from Friday, 21 December (Christmas lunch is on Thursday, 20 December) and will reopen Thursday, 17 January, 2019.	First lunch of 2019 will be held on Thursday, 17 January at 12pm.
Salvation Army Northside Geelong 92 Cox Road, Corio VIC 3214	Will be closed from Monday, 24 December 2018 and will reopen on Monday, 7 January 2019.	Please note that the community meals program will not be running throughout January 2019 but welfare services will be running as normal from Monday, 7 January 2019.
St Mary's Parish Food Pantry 150 Yarra St, Geelong VIC 3220	Will be closed from Friday, 21 December 2018 and not reopen until Tuesday, 15 January 2019.	Food assistance for Centrelink cardholders, refugees and those referred by other registered welfare organisations.
St Vincent de Paul Society Geelong Welfare Call Centre 5221-9170	Will be closed from 12 pm on Friday, 14 December 2018 and reopen at 9am Monday 21 January 2019.	Walk up assistance not available from Vinnies stores.
UnitingCare Geelong – Grovedale Office 272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale VIC 3216	Last day for Emergency Relief is Friday, 14 December then CLOSED. Emergency Relief will re-OPEN on Monday, 7 January 7.	Distribution of Christmas hampers on December 17th to 19th—must be pre-registered to receive this support.
UnitingCare Geelong – Norlane Office 10 Wendover Ave, Norlane VIC 3214	Last day for Emergency Relief is Monday, 17 December then CLOSED. Emergency Relief will re-OPEN on Monday, 7 January.	Distribution of Christmas hampers on December 17th to 19th—must be pre-registered to receive this support.
UnitingCare Geelong – Winchelsea Office 34 Hesse Street, Winchelsea VIC 3241	Last day for Emergency Relief is Thursday, 13 December then CLOSED. Emergency Relief will re-OPEN on Thursday, 10 January.	Distribution of Christmas hampers on December 13th 10am to 1.00pm - must be pre-registered to receive this support.

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