



WHERE CAN I GET EMERGENCY FOOD IN GEELONG

Up to Date Information about Who, How, When and Where You can Access Food Assistance During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

We know that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is creating added stress for many who need emergency food relief in Geelong.

The **Victorian State Government** announced a new effort effective 23 March to provide emergency relief packages for vulnerable Victorians needing to self-quarantine due to coronavirus (COVID-19). These packages contain only the basics for people who do not have access to a support network or alternative means of obtaining supplies such as on-line delivery. All requests will be assessed on need and urgency, prioritising those in greatest need. Wherever possible, they are asking all Victorians to arrange for family or friends who are not required to be self-isolated to get food or necessities for you. If you are, however, in urgent need and don't have a support network who can help you, you can call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit [HERE](#) to learn more.

There are also a many organisations that provide food assistance in the local Geelong region. Many, however, have made changes to their services due to COVID-19. Below is current information (**last updated 26 March 2020**) about who, how, when and where food assistance is available in the Geelong region. Please use this information as a supplement to the most recent [Where You Can Eat brochure](#).

Due to changing conditions and your health and safety we encourage you to call ahead before going out to access emergency food relief.

Agency	What	Address	Phone	When
ADRA Share Kitchen	Prepared Meals available as takeaway only. No longer providing food parcels.	6 Little Myers Street, Geelong		Thursdays from 4:30pm
Bellarine Living and Learning Centres	Already prepared Food Parcels made up of non-perishable items only, available over the counter for those who live in the Whittington and 3219 community.	20 Worden Court, Whittington	5248 1926	Last open 25 March. Closed for at least 2 weeks, hoping to re-open at beginning of Term 2.
Bethany Community Support - Emergency Relief	Help for low and fixed-income individuals and families who are in financial crisis and who need immediate assistance for a short period of time with items including food relief in the form of Vouchers.		03 52788122 or via email	Call or email for an appointment. Appointments will be conducted over the phone.

Christ Church Community Meals – Breakfast Program	Prepared Meals available as takeaway only.	Corner of Moorabol and McKillop Streets, Geelong	5221 8055	Breakfast everyday 7:30-9:00am
Christ Church Community Meals – Dinner Program	Prepared Meals available as takeaway only.	Corner of Moorabol and McKillop Streets, Geelong	5221 8055	Dinner Monday and Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm
Christ Church Community Meals – Parcels	Food Parcels of non-perishable items only – limiting number of items in parcels to 10 items	Corner of Moorabol and McKillop Streets, Geelong	5221 8055	Monday to Friday 12:00–2:00pm (except Public Holidays)
Drysdale Family Support Food Bank	Food Pantry available to Bellarine Residents only. Note clients now must live Leopold east to the end of the Peninsula and down to Barwon Heads and east to Queenscliffe to be eligible to receive services.	276 Jetty Road, Curlewis	5253 2099	Arranged appointments for current clients to pick up food. Short in person or phone interviews for new clients.
Feed Me Bellarine	Turns leftover food into nutritious meals and delivers to people in need across the Bellarine Peninsula	24 Sinclair St Ocean Grove, Victoria	0422 798 791	Phone or message on facebook with details
Lazarus Community Centre	Drop in Centre that provides Lunch and access to laundry and shower facilities	202 Myers Street, Geelong	0439 140 100	Closed indefinitely from 4pm Wednesday 18 March
Loaves and Fishes - Ocean Grove Uniting Church	Food pantry (fruit and vegetables, bread and pantry staples.	Corner Eggleston St & The Parade, Ocean Grove		Friday 6:00pm -6:45pm
Manifold Heights Baptist Food Service	Food parcels (non-perishables) to local (5km radius) families in need.	163 Shannon Ave, Manifold Heights		Last delivery 25 March. Closed until further notice
Norlane Community Initiatives – People’s Pantry	Food Pantry for members. Members must be 3214 residents. \$15 fee and volunteering duties required for 6-month membership	4-8 Spruhan Ave., Norlane	5278 6171	Wednesday 2-3pm. Making up parcels for members to collect during this time (instead of being able to select own items).
Norlane Community Initiatives – Longroom Dinner	Prepared Meals available as takeaway only.	4-8 Spruhan Ave., Norlane	5278 6171	Monday from 4:00pm

OneCare Geelong	Prepared Meals available as takeaway and pantry item parcels (note meals on Thursday 26 March will be fresh meals, beginning Tuesday 31 March meals will be frozen meals)	61 Candover St, Geelong West	0481445057	Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:00pm for pick up If you would like a meal but are unable to attend the centre to pick up please text your name, address and numbers of people in your household to arrange delivery.
Portarlington Food Assistance	Food pantry of non-perishables, bread, fruit & veg; only for residents of 3223 postcode	Bellarine Community Health 39 Fenwick St, Portarlington	5258 6140	Wednesday 1:30pm - 3:30pm
St Andrews Foodshare	Emergency Food Parcels for the Corio community and surrounding suburbs including Bell Post Hill, Norlane, Lovely Banks, North Shore etc. One parcel per household per month, 12 per year.	108 Bacchus Marsh Road Corio VIC 3214 Australia	0451 095 881 5275 4597	Tuesday – Friday 10:00am-3:00pm
St Mary's Parish Pantry	Food assistance for Centrelink card holders, refugees and those referred by other registered welfare agencies.	150 Yarra St, Geelong (Roller Door)	5222 1977	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1:00-3:00pm
St Vincent de Paul Society	Food parcels and/or vouchers and other support and welfare assistance. No longer going into homes. Once a request for a visit is received by Call Centre, clients will be phoned to understand assistance needed and food parcel can be left at front door or vouchers left in mailbox or other arranged spot.	Geelong Welfare Call Centre	5221 9170	Call Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays) 9:00am-12:00pm to request assistance
Sikh Community of Greater Geelong Food Relief Program	Cooked <i>vegetarian</i> only meals for those who have seniors, international students and those who have self-isolated.	25 Arunga Ave., Norlane	Email for more information	Text name, address, phone number with food quantity needed (please mention any special dietary requirements) prior to 1:00pm to 0423 069 194 for delivery between 6:00-8:00pm that evening – Geelong only.
Spare Meals Geelong	Private home collection of frozen meals and pantry items from Corio or Newcomb	PM via Facebook		Closed until further notice as of 16 March 2020.

The Aviary Cafe	Social Enterprise offering Pantry Staples Boxes (\$20) and prepared meals for purchase (for example Small dinner (feeds 2) \$10, Large dinner (feeds 5) \$20)	45-49 Robin Ave, Norlane	PM via Facebook page to order for next day pick up.	Monday - Friday 9:30-2:30, pick up only from The Aviary Café.
The Salvation Army – Northside Geelong Community Centre	Food parcels available for those who live in the Northern suburbs	92-96 Cox Road, Corio	5275 7771	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm, Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm and Friday 2:00-4:00pm
The Salvation Army – Northside Geelong Community Centre	Prepared lunch meal	92-96 Cox Road, Corio	5275 7771	Tuesday- Friday 12:00pm
The Salvation Army - Doorways	Food Vouchers (redeemable at Geelong Food Relief Centre) and other support	28 Bellarine Street, Geelong	5223 9200	Monday to Friday 9am-3:00pm. Call to book an appointment. Moving to conducting appointments by phone.
The Outpost	Prepared meals as takeaway – asking attendees to enter space one at a time to receive meal to maintain safe distance	Corner of Clare Street and Transit Place, Geelong		Closed until further notice from 3:00pm 24 March 2020.
Uniting Barwon - Grovedale	Food Vouchers (redeemable at Geelong Food Relief Centre) and other support	272 Torquay Rd. (corner Reserve and Torquay Rds), Grovedale	4210 1100	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am-12:00pm. Call to book an appointment. Appointments now being conducted by phone. Providing vouchers and pre-packaged parcels.
Uniting Barwon - Norlane	Food Vouchers (redeemable at Geelong Food Relief Centre) and other support	10 Wendover Avenue, Norlane	5278 8492	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30am-12:00pm. Call to book an appointment. Appointments now being conducted by phone. Providing vouchers and pre-packaged parcels.

Uniting Barwon - Winchelsea	Food Vouchers (redeemable at IGA Supermarket) and other support	34 Hesse Street, Winchelsea (Hall next to Church)	0419 535 490	Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm. Call to book an appointment. Appointments now being conducted by phone. Providing vouchers and pre-packaged parcels.
Welcome Place	Drop-in Centre for vulnerable people in Geelong who are seeking asylum, or who have only temporary protection in Australia, services includes a foodbank	Wesley Church Geelong, 100 Yarra Street, Geelong	0437 439 667	Program suspended for at least 3 weeks from Friday 20 March.

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