

# Low Cost and Free Meals Directory

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Provider	Type of Service	When	Address	Christmas period 2024
Anglicare	Emergency food relief by appointment	Call 8624 8600 for an appointment	152 Keira St, Wollongong	Closing 12pm 24th Dec
Anglicare Mobile Community Pantry		Mon: 10:30am - 11:30am (fortnightly)	St Michael's Anglican Cathedral - Corrimal	Last day service 9th Dec
		Mon: 1:30pm - 2:30 pm (fortnightly)	Port Kembla Anglican Church	Last day service 9th Dec
		Tue: 1:30pm - 2:30pm (fortnightly)	Second Chance Op Shop, Berkeley	Last day service 17th Dec
		Thu: 10am - 11am (fortnightly)	Oak Flats Anglican Church	Last day service 12th Dec
		Fri: 1:30pm - 2:30pm (fortnightly)	Shellharbour City Anglican Church	Last day of service 17th Dec
Assist Shellharbour (City Baptist Church)	Food hampers available for pickup	Mon & Fri: 11am - 2pm (during school term)	10A Commerce Dr, Lake Illawarra (by library)	Hamper pick-up closed from 13 Dec - 3 Feb. Final Monday night Christmas community dinner on 23 Dec, resuming 6 Jan
	Community dinner	Mon: 4:30pm		
Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre	Emergency food relief by appointment (for 2518 postcode)	By appointment on Wed & Thu. Call 4285 3055.	Corner of Cawley St and Rothery Rd, Bellambi	Closed Friday 20th Dec 2024, reopen Monday 13th January 2025.
	Children's breakfast program (for 2518 postcode)	Tue - Fri: 7:45am - 8:30am		
	Community lunch	Tue: 12pm - 1pm		
Bulli Community Centre	Community pantry	Thu: 9:30am - 11:30am	328 Princes Hwy, Bulli	No info provided
Careways Community	Community catch-up with morning tea & food hampers	Mon: 9am - 10am	Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93 - 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto	Last day for Ozharvest food bags - Friday 13th December. Koonawarra Community Centre closed Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025. Neighbourhood Staff back from Monday 6th January 2025
	Community catch-up with afternoon tea & food hampers	Fri: 3pm - 4pm	Koonawarra Community Centre 36 Fowlers Rd, Koonawarra	
CHAIN	Breakfast (Mon - Fri) and food vouchers (Tue & Thurs) targeting youth	Mon: 9am - 12:30pm Tue - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm	1A Denison St, Wollongong	Only closed public holidays
Corrimal Uniting Church	Free morning tea & lunch provided at Enz Meet Cafe	Wed: 11am - 1pm	4 Russell St, Corrimal	No information provided.
Food Care (Shellharbour City Community Church)	Free morning tea & low cost groceries (fruit, veg, bread & other items)	Thu: 10am - 1pm Fri: 10am - 12pm	500 Shellharbour Rd, Shellharbour	Closed 20 December 2024, returning 29 January 2025
Food Not Bombs	Free vegan dinner and tea or coffee	Every second Sunday, 5pm	McCabe Park	Last service 22 December, returning 5 Jan
Food for Life Community Care	Low-cost community hampers Standard size hampers at \$65 (incl gluten-free or vegan options) and jumbo hampers at \$100. Order online via: <a href="https://www.foodforlife.cc/">https://www.foodforlife.cc/</a>	Tue: 1pm - 6:30pm, Wed & Fri: 10am - 2pm	56 Doyle Ave, Unanderra (Corner of Sylvester Ave)	Closed public holidays only.
		Wed: 6:40pm - 7:15pm	Kiama Baptist Church (Carpark) 1/3 Brown Street, Kiama.	
		Wed: 5pm - 6pm	Cnr College Ave & Benson Ave, Stockland Shellharbour	
		Thu: 10am - 11am	Guest Park carpark, Balgownie Road (entrance) Fairy Meadow	
		Thu: 3pm - 4pm	20 Birriga Ave, Worroing Heights	
	Thu: 5pm - 6pm	Nowra School of Arts (carpark), Berry Street, Nowra		
Fresh Start Mission	Dinner or a cuppa	Fri: 5pm	Burelli st, Wollongong.	No information provided.
His Boy Eroy	Free special Christmas burger on Christmas Day for anyone in	25 Dec, 10am - 12pm	Keira St, Wollongong NSW 2500	10am - 12pm, 25 December
Hope Community Kitchen	Community dinner	Fri: 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Port Kembla Senior Citizens Centre, Allan St, Port Kembla	Last service 20 Dec, returning 7 Feb 2025
Hope Food Pantry Helensburgh	Low cost community shop by appointment	Fri: Book appointment via <a href="https://hopechurch2508.org.au/community-pantry/">https://hopechurch2508.org.au/community-pantry/</a>	3-23 Cemetery Rd, Helensburgh	Runs during school term only
Hope Street Community Centre Port Kembla	Community breakfast and lunch	Mon - Fri: 10am - 11am Breakfast Mon - Fri: 11am - 2pm Lunch	27-29 Wentworth Street, Port Kembla	Closed from 23rd December until 8th January, 2025. For emergency support from
Hope Street Warilla North Community Centre	Community lunch - Tuesday \$2 toasties with coffee/tea	Tue: 11:30am - 12:30pm	2-6 Hill St, Warilla	Closed from 24th December - 2nd January, 2025.
Kind Hearts Illawarra	Community dinner and food hampers	Tue & Thu: 5:30pm - 6:30pm	Burelli St side of McCabe Park, Wollongong	Last day of service 19 December, returning 2 Jan

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Lifeline South Coast	Free Christmas Day community lunch	25 December, 11am - 1pm	Wollongong Uniting Church, 116 Crown Street, Wollongong	<b>Register:</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=565XMnSfzkaVnoBN1iCOHPY3IX-fVVkMyyeifvKEjBUMzFINKZFRjYxM1VFV45QTM5WEISOVVCy4u&amp;route=shorturl">https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=565XMnSfzkaVnoBN1iCOHPY3IX-fVVkMyyeifvKEjBUMzFINKZFRjYxM1VFV45QTM5WEISOVVCy4u&amp;route=shorturl</a>
Lighthouse Community Kitchen	Community dinner and dessert	Tue & Thu: 5:30pm	1 Railway Square, Wollongong	Last day of service 19 Dec, reopening 28
Manna House	Hot evening meals	Thu: 5pm - 6:30pm (during school terms)	Manna House, Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibsons Rd, Figtree	Service runs only during school terms
Need a feed	Community lunch (by donation)	Thu: 11am - 1pm	Community Space, Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, Point St, Bulli	Christmas brekky McCabe Park 16th Dec, Christmas lunch Bulli 19th Dec. No breakfast or lunch on 23/12 or 26/12
	Breakfast buddies	Every 2nd Mon: 8:45am - 10:30am	Globe Lane, Wollongong	
	Partners with other community org.	Email <a href="mailto:weprovide@needafeed.org">weprovide@needafeed.org</a>		
PCYC Bulli (Wollongong CLOSED due to flood damage)	Breakfast (and youth activities) for school-aged students	Wednesday 7-8am	253 Princes Highway, Bulli	Last day 23rd Dec, reopens 2nd Jan
Pulse Pantry (UOW Students only)	Free pantry staple ingredients for enrolled UOW Students.	During Session: Tue & Thu 11am - 1pm Out Of Session: Tue 11am - 12pm	Building 11, Level 1A, University of Wollongong, Wollongong	Last pantry day 19th December, reopening 9th January
Salt Care	Salt Store offers grocery collection for a gold coin donation	Tues & Thu: 10:30am - 1pm	5-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry	Last day for food hampers 19 Dec, reopening 4 Feb, 2025.
St Marks Anglican Church	Food & Friends afternoon tea, community dinner and emergency food hampers	Mon: 3pm - 5pm	429 Crown St, Wollongong	Last day of service 16 Dec, reopening 3rd Feb 2025
St Therese Parish Centre	Christmas lunch	25 Dec, 12:00	St Therese Parish Centre, 1 Princes Highway, West Wollongong	Christmas lunch 12pm, 25 Dec. <b>RSVP by 18 Dec to <a href="mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au">unanderra@dow.org.au</a></b> . Transport can be provided if needed.
St Vincent de Paul	Emergency food vouchers by appointment for Oak Flats, and Albion Park (Rail) residents	Call 02 4256 6266 for an appointment	41 Central Ave, Oak Flats	No information provided for vouchers by appointment. See hub and van availabilities.
St Vincent de Paul Coniston Homeless Hub	Hot/frozen meals, fruit, veg, bread, tea & coffee	Mon - Fri: 9am - 12pm	12-16 Miller St, Coniston	Christmas lunch 19 Dec, 11:30am. Hub will close from 25 Dec and reopen on 2 Jan.
	Community lunch	Thu: 11:30am - 12pm		
True Hearts Community	Offers food hampers via <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1609523572593713">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1609523572593713</a>	Mon, Wed & Fri: Contact on Facebook for an appointment. Fri (for people without Facebook)	Pick up from Senior Citizen Hall on Benuad Cres, Warilla	No information provided.
Unanderra Community Centre	Community food pantry	Mon - Thu: 9:30 - 2:30pm	Cnr Factory Rd & Princes Hwy, Unanderra	Last day of service will be 18th December and reopening on 13th January, 2025.
	Fresh food hampers	Wed: 10am		
Vinnies Van	Hot meals, fresh fruit and vegetables, hot/cold drink, snack packs, hygiene packs, blankets and clothing	Mon & Wed: 5:30pm - 6:00pm	Warrawong Community Centre, 9 Green St, Warrawong	Van will continue to operate throughout festive period. Check Vinnies website for updates.
		Mon & Wed: 6:15pm - 6:45pm	Wollongong Train Station (western side), Wollongong	
		Tue: 5:30pm - 6pm	Bulli Community Centre, 328 Princes Hwy, Bulli	
		Thu: 12pm	Vinnies Coniston Homeless Hub, 12-16 Miller Street, Coniston	
		Fri: 5:30pm - 6pm	Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre, Bellambi	
Warilla Neighbourhood Centre	Free food pantry (mostly non-perishable)	Thu: 1pm - 3pm	69 Benaud Crescent, Warilla	Last day of service 19 Dec, reopening 13 Jan
	Community BBQ	First Wed of the month, 12:30pm - 2:30pm		
Warrawong Resident Forum	Community lunch. Tuesdays additional fresh fruit and veg available to take home (BYO bag).	Tue - Thu: 11:30am - 12:30	Warrawong Community Centre, 9 Green St, Warrawong	Last day of service will be 19 Dec and will re open 3 Feb
Wesley Community Care	Morning tea, lunch and food parcels (when available)	Mon - Thu: 11.30am - 1.30pm, Fri: 11.30am - 1pm	Behind the Church on the Mall, 116 Crown St, Wollongong	No information provided.
Wollongong Homeless Hub	Emergency food hampers by calling 02 4228 0955	Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm	Various sites	Please continue to check the WHHH listing on FFI Directory for updated closure times.
Women Illawarra	Community Pantry accessible by calling 02 4228 1499	Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm	170 Corrimal St, Wollongong	Closed from 23rd December - 6th Jan, 2025.