

# Low Cost and Free Meals Directory

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Anglicare	Emergency food relief by appointment	Call 8624 8600 for an appointment	152 Keira St, Wollongong	Closing 2pm 24 Dec, 5 Jan 2025.
Anglicare Mobile Community Pantry	Low-cost groceries at various locations	Mon: 10:30am - 11:30am (fortnightly)	St Michael's Anglican Cathedral - Corrimal	Closed for festive period, reopening date TBC Jan 2026.
		Mon: 1:30pm - 2:30 pm (fortnightly)	Port Kembla Anglican Church	Closed for festive period, reopening date TBC Jan 2026.
		Tue: 1:30pm - 2:30pm (fortnightly)	Second Chance Op Shop, Berkeley	Closed for festive period, reopening date TBC Jan 2026.
		Thu: 10am - 11am (fortnightly)	Oak Flats Anglican Church	Closed for festive period, reopening date TBC Jan 2026.
		Fri: 1:30pm - 2:30pm (fortnightly)	Shellharbour City Anglican Church	Closed for festive period, reopening date TBC Jan 2026.
Assist Shellharbour (City Baptist Church)	Food hampers available for pickup	Mon & Fri: 11am - 2pm (during school term)	10A Commerce Dr, Lake Illawarra (by library)	Last community dinner 22 Dec, restarting on 5 Jan. Drop-in centre last day 19 Dec, reopening 2 Feb 2026. Christmas lunch 19 Dec, 12pm.
	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 from 19 Dec 2025 - 19 Jan 2026.
	Children's breakfast program (for 2518 postcode)	Tue - Fri: 7:45am - 8:30am		
	Community lunch	Tue: 12pm - 1pm (school terms only)		
Bulli Community Centre	Community pantry	Thu: 9:30am - 11am	328 Princes Hwy, Bulli	Final day 18 Dec, reopening 8 Jan 2026.
Careways Community	Community catch-up with morning tea & food hampers	Mon: 9am - 10am	Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93 - 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto	Dapto last day of service 22 Dec, reopening 12 Jan. Koonawarra last day 19 Dec, reopen 16 Jan.
	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	Closed public holidays only.
Corrimal Uniting Church	Free morning tea & lunch provided at Enz Meet Cafe	Wed: 11am - 1pm	4 Russell St, Corrimal	Last service 17 Dec, reopening in 11 Feb 2026
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	Last day of service 18 Dec, reopening 29 Jan 2026.
Food Not Bombs	Free vegan dinner and tea or coffee	Every second Sunday, 5pm	McCabe Park	Services continuing as normal.
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>	Tues - Fri: 9am - 3pm. Sat: 9am - 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: 3pm - 4pm	20 Birriga Ave, Worringong 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 Elroy	Free B&E roll on Christmas Day for anyone in the community	25 Dec, 10am - 12pm	176-192 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 19 Dec, returning 6 Feb 2026
Hope Food Pantry Helensburgh	Low cost community shop by appointment	Fri: 10am - 12pm (during school term)	3-23 Cemetery Rd, Helensburgh	Runs during school term only
Hope Street Community Centre Port Kembla	Community breakfast and lunch	Breakfast Mon - Wed: 10am - 11:30am Lunch Mon - Wed: 11:30am - 2pm, BBQ Friday	27-29 Wentworth Street, Port Kembla	Closed from 19 Dec, reopening 12 Jan.
Hope Street Warilla North Community Centre	Community lunch - Tuesday \$2 toasties with coffee/tea	Tue 12:30pm - 1:30pm	2-6 Hill St, Warilla	Closed from 12pm 24 Dec, reopening 5 Jan.
Kind Hearts Illawarra	Community dinner and food hampers	Tue & Thu: 5:30pm - 6:30pm	Burelli St side of McCabe Park, Wollongong	Last day service 18 Dec, reopening 8 Jan 2026. Community Christmas party 18 Dec, 5.30 - 7pm.

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Lifeline South Coast	Free Christmas Day community lunch	25 December, 11:30am - 1:30pm	Wollongong Uniting Church, 116 Crown Street, Wollongong	<a href="http://lifelinesouthcoast.org.au">lifelinesouthcoast.org.au</a>	
Lighthouse Community Kitchen	Community dinner and dessert	Tue & Thu: 5:30pm	1 Railway Square, Wollongong	No information provided.	
Manna House	Hot evening meals	Thu: 5pm - 6:30pm (during school terms)	Manna House, Figtree Anglican Church, 4-10 Gibsons Rd, Figtree	Last service 18 Dec, reopening in new school term Feb 2026.	
Need a feed	Community lunch (by donation)	Thu: 11am - 1pm	Community Space, Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, Point St, Bulli	Food programs closed from 23 Dec, with lunch reopening 15 Jan and Breakfast Buddies reopening 2 Feb 2026.	
	Breakfast buddies	Every 2nd Mon: 8:45am - 10:30am	Globe Lane, Wollongong		
	Food pantry	Thu: 11am - 1pm	Community Space, Northern Illawarra Uniting Church, Point St, Bulli		
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 23 Dec, reopens 5 Jan	
Pulse Pantry (UOW Students only)	Free pantry staple ingredients for enrolled UOW Students.	During Session: Tue 9:30 - 11am & Thu 2-3:30pm Out Of Session: Tue 11am - 12pm	Building 11, Level 1A, University of Wollongong, Wollongong	Last day of service 18 Dec, reopening Jan 2026 TBC.	
Salt Care	Salt Store offers grocery collection for a gold coin donation	Tues & Thu: 10:30am - 12:30pm	5-19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry	Last day service 18 Dec, reopening 3 Feb, 2026.	
St Marks Anglican Church	Food & Friends afternoon tea, community dinner and emegency food hampers	Mon: 3pm - 5pm	429 Crown St, Wollongong	No information provided.	
St Vincent de Paul Coniston Homeless Hub	Hot/frozen meals, fruit, veg, bread, tea & coffee	Mon - Fri: 9am - 12pm	12-16 Miller St, Coniston	Hub closed from 12pm 24 Dec, reopening 5 Jan 2026.	
	Community lunch	Thu: 10am - 12pm			
True Hearts Community	Offers food hampers via <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1609523572593713">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1609523572593713</a>	Pick-up Mon, Wed & Fri from 1:30 - 3:30pm	Pick up from Senior Citizen Hall on Benuad Cres, Warilla	No information provided.	
Unanderra Community Centre	Community food pantry	Mon, Tues & Thu: 9:30 - 2:30pm	Cnr Factory Rd & Princes Hwy, Unanderra	Last day of service will be 17 Dec and reopening on 21 Jan 2026	
	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	Barnados Driveway, 13 Greene Street, 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	Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way, Berkeley		
		Tue: 10:30am	Myuna Way, Mangerton		
		Thu: 3:30pm - 4pm	WOMEN ONLY: Illawarra Women's Health Centre, Benson Avenue, Shellharbour		
Warilla Neighbourhood Centre	Free food pantry (mostly non-perishable)  Community BBQ	Fri: 5:30pm - 6pm	Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre, 49A Cawley Street, Bellambi	Closing from 18 Dec 12pm, reopening 12 Jan 2026	
		Thu: 1pm - 3pm	69 Benaud Crescent, Warilla		
		First Wed of the month, 12:30pm - 2:30pm			
Warrawong Resident Forum	Community lunch Tuesdays, BBQ Thursday's and food hub Tuesday 2-3pm (BYO bag)	Tues: Food Hub Rego 9am-12pm, Lunch 11:30am - 12:30pm, Food Hub Collection 2-3pm. Thurs: 11:30am - 12:30pm	Warrawong Community Centre, 9 Green St, Warrawong	Community Christmas BBQ Tues 17 Dec, 10am. Last day of service 18 Dec, reopening 13 Jan Tuesday's and Wednesday's only, with full service resuming 15 Feb 2026.	
Wollongong Homeless Hub	Food hampers, frozen meals, fruit and veg. For more info, call (02) 4228 0955.	The Hub: Monday to Friday, 9am-2pm.	40 Princes Hwy, Fairy Meadow	Closing 24 Dec 12pm, and reopening 7 Jan 2026.	
		Outreach Van: Thursday 5pm-6:30pm.	1 Railway Square, Wollongong		
Women Illawarra	Food Pantry and food hampers (depending on season) by calling (02) 4228 1499	Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm	170 Corrimall St, Wollongong	Closing 19 Dec, reopening 5 Jan 2026.	