

2024 Christmas Information

Hampers, food relief and other resources for Christmas



Uniting Ballarat

Gift card for households, gifts for children 0-12 years, gift or experience pass for those ages 12-17

105 Dana Street, Ballarat

T: 5332 1286

W: www.unitingvictas.org.au/locations/ballarat-105-dana-street/

Registrations: Open 1 November. Register in person at Uniting Ballarat 105 Dana St, Ballarat, Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.00pm. Please bring your health care card

Collection date: will be provided at time of registration

The above is provided they have chose to take gifts/vouchers instead of Reverse Calendar Hamper at Big Blessing Day

Reverse Advent Calendar

Hampers and Big Blessing Day

York St Church of Christ

410 York St, Ballarat East

To receive a Reverse Advent Calendar box and participate in the Big Blessing Day, please register through one of the following agencies: AngliCare, Salvation Army, Uniting, or St Vinnies.

Once registered, you'll receive a designated time slot to collect your box

Big Blessing Day: attendees can enjoy a variety of offerings, including fresh fruit and vegetables, toiletries, and gift items. Plus, there will be a free BBQ, hot and cold drinks, fairy floss, popcorn, face painting, a balloon artist, and a petting zoo!

This is a free event for everyone registered to receive a Reverse Advent Calendar box

Collection Date: Wednesday, December 18th at York St Church of Christ during Big Blessing Day

Soup Bus

Ballarat On Track Foundation - free hot dinner
Corner of Eyre Street and Doveton Street
South, Ballarat (Camerons Welding and Industrial Supplies)

T: 0411 090 033

W: www.ontrackfoundation.org.au

Mon - Thurs 7.30pm - 9pm

Sun 5.30 pm - 7.30pm

(no registration required)

Sit In Service: Free 2 course meal

14 Violet Grove, Wendouree

Every Tues & Thurs 6:30pm - 8pm

Operated 52 weeks a year. **Closed New Year's Eve.

Salvation Army

Gift card & toys for children 0-12yrs

102 Eureka Street, Ballarat

T: 5337 0600

W: www.salvationarmy.org.au/ballarat/

Clients or workers with clients need to present at the Salvation Army to register for assistance

Registrations: Friday Nov 1st - Friday Nov 29th between 10am - 12.30pm (Mon - Fri), please bring your Health Care Card. Distribution dates will be provided at time of registration

Ballarat Seventh Day Adventist Church

Emergency Food Distribution Programme

1290 Grevillea Road, Wendouree

T: 4368 7089

W: www.ballaratadventist.com.au

Soul + Food: Donation requested for a trolley of groceries (pantry staples, frozen items and fresh food).

Thurs 10.30am -12.30pm (until 19 Dec.

Re-opening 16 Jan, 2025)

All welcome - registration required

Community Christmas Carols: 6pm Thurs 12 Dec (Light supper provided)

Hilltop Church

Food bank, frozen meals, Christmas hampers

17 Dawson Street, Ballarat

T: 5331 5957 (leave a message if unattended)

W: www.harvestfoodministry.org.au

Closed: 27 Dec - 3 Jan

Food Bank: fresh produce Friday 1.30pm - 2pm (Closed 27 Dec & 5 Jan)

Frozen Meals: available - please email office@hilltop.church or call to arrange

Christmas Hampers: For distribution between 4 - 24 Nov. Register in-person at 503 Mair St on Mon 9.30am - 2pm, Wed, Thur 9:30am - 4pm

Collection dates and times will be made available at registration

St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Hampers, voucher

Christmas Hampers: register directly at the SVDP Assistance Centre from November (limited number)

Help Line: 5334 2844 Mon - Fri

Please record a message. You will be contacted by phone when a volunteer is available.

The Help Line remains open over Christmas

St Vinnies Ballarat Assistance Centres

6 Dawson St Sth Ballarat.

Mon, Wed, Fri 10am -12pm

14 Violet Grove, Wendouree.

Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am -11.30am

Christmas Closure: Closed from Friday 13 December

Reopen: Monday 6 January 2025

Y Ballarat

Bags of Joy & Bikes

Bags of Joy: Agencies nominate young people aged 12-21yrs for a Bag
NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8 2024

*Bags of Joy are limited. We cannot guarantee all nominations will be successful

Nomination form & more info -

<https://ymca.jotform.com/242730944649869>

Agencies will be advised in early December if successful and when to collect from Y Ballarat, Barkly Square during business hours

ReCranked: bikes (3yrs +) bike and brand-new helmet (Bikes are fitted to clients at the ReCranked workshop).

To request a bike for a child / young person contact Wallace 0460 631 985 or

recranked@yballarat.org.au

ReCranked Workshop open

Mon, Wed, Fri 2pm -5pm

Located at Wendouree West Recreation Reserve, 1 Holly Grove Wendouree

Anglicare Victoria

Vouchers and Toys

14 Victoria St, Ballarat Central

T: 5333 0600

W: www.anglicarevic.org.au

Mon - Thurs 10.30am - 12pm

Clients need to present in person at Anglicare Victoria to register for assistance

Registrations: open early November
Collection dates and time will be provided to clients when they register.

**Workers wanting to register on behalf of a client need to contact Anglicare Victoria directly to discuss options if the worker is collecting and delivering to the client. We would prefer for clients to come in and register in person.

Please email lisa.mcclellan@anglicarevic.org.au

2024 Christmas Information



On Christmas Day

Uniting Ballarat - BreezeWay

Christmas Sit down Lunch

102 Albert Street, Ballarat

T: 5332 1286

W: www.unitingvictas.org.au/locations/ballarat-105-dana-street/

Christmas Day - 11:30am - 1:30pm

Registrations: Open 1 November

Call 5332 1286 to book

Our Lady Help of Christian Church Wendouree

Christmas sit down lunch

OLHC Parish Hall: 482a Gillies Street North, Wendouree

Christmas Day - 12pm -2pm

Registrations: To book email

christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com or Call 0491 029 217 (leave a message with contact name and number)

Seating is limited - please book early

Telephone and Online Services

For connection and support

Lifeline: 13 11 14 (24 hrs)

www.lifeline.org.au

For anyone in crisis

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 (24 hrs)

www.beyondblue.org.au

Anyone feeling anxious or depressed

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 (24 hrs)

www.kidshelpline.com.au

Counselling for young people aged 5 - 25

headspace: 1800 650 890 (7 days 9am - 1am)

www.eheadspace.org.au/online-and-phone-support/ (Web Chat 7 days 9am - 1am)

Online and phone support service for young people between 12 and 25

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:

13 92 76 (24 hrs)

www.13yarn.org.au

24/7 Crisis support

LGBTIQ+: 1800 184 527 (7 days 3pm -

Midnight)

www qlife.org.au

Free LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral

Rainbow Door:

Call: 1800 729 367 or Text: 0480 017 246

www.rainbowdoor.org.au (7days 10am - 5pm)

Rainbow Door is a free specialist LGBTIQA+ helpline providing information, support, and referral to all LGBTIQA+ Victorians, their friends and family

Culturally Diverse:

www.embracementalhealth.org.au

For anyone from a migrant or refugee background

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

For anyone thinking about suicide

SuicideLine Victoria: 1300 651 251

www.suiceline.org.au

Free 24/7 professional telephone counselling

StandBy Support After Suicide:

1300 727 247

For anyone bereaved or impacted by suicide

Eating Disorders Victoria: 1300 550 236

www.eatingdisorders.org.au

The Hub is a free and confidential service providing information and peer support for people experiencing eating disorders or those who are supporting them (family, friends, professionals etc.)

Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria (ARCVic):

1300 269 438 or 03 9830 0533

www.arcvic.org.au

A state-wide, specialist mental health organisation, providing support, recovery and educational services to people and families living with anxiety disorders

DirectLine: 1800 888 236 (24 hrs)

www.directline.org.au

Confidential drug and alcohol counselling, information, and referral to services

National Debt Helpline:

1800 007 007 (Call Weekdays 9:30am - 4:30pm)

www.ndh.org.au (Live Chat Weekdays 9am - 8pm)

Access resourced and advice from a private financial counsellor

MensLine Australia: 1300 78 99 78 (24 hrs)

www.mensline.org.au

Counselling service offering support for Australian men and boys

Men's Referral Service: 1300 766 491

www.ntv.org.au

Offers assistance, information and counselling to help men who use family violence

Family Relationship Advice Line:

1800 050 321 (Weekdays 8am - 8am, Saturday 101am - 4pm)

www.familyrelationships.gov.au

For families experiencing relationship or separation issues

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

www.1800respect.org.au

National sexual assault, family and domestic violence counselling line for any Australian who has experienced, or is at risk of, family and domestic violence and/or sexual assault

Safe Steps Family Violence Response

Centre: 1800 015 188 (24 hrs)

www.safesteps.org.au (Live Chat Weekdays 9am - Midnight)

For anyone worried about the safety at home

Child Protection Emergency Service:

1300 360 462 (Weekdays 8:45am - 5pm)

13 12 78 (After-hours)

<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/child-protection>

Contact Child Protection if you believe a child needs to be protected from abuse or neglect

The Orange Door: 1800 219 819

www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au

Support for people who are experiencing or at risk of family violence



To ensure more individuals and families can access support over the festive season, some details will be collected by emergency relief serviced to prevent duplication and to gather data to inform the current need in our community.