

# 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/](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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 connectipon and support

**Lifeline:** 13 11 14 (24 hrs)

[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

For anyone in crisis

**Beyond Blue:** 1300 224 636 (24 hrs)

[www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

Anyone feeling anxious or depressed

**Kids Helpline:** 1800 551 800 (24 hrs)

[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://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/](http://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](http://www.13yarn.org.au)

24/7 Crisis support

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

Midnight)

[www qlife.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.embracementalhealth.org.au)

For anyone from a migrant or refugee background

**Suicide Call Back Service:** 1300 659 467

[www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

For anyone thinking about suicide

**SuicideLine Victoria:** 1300 651 251

[www.suiceline.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mensline.org.au)

Counselling service offering support for Australian men and boys

**Men's Referral Service:** 1300 766 491

[www.ntv.org.au](http://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](http://www.familyrelationships.gov.au)

For families experiencing relationship or separation issues

**1800RESPECT:** 1800 737 732

[www.1800respect.org.au](http://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](http://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](http://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.