Community Info Hub

VolunteeringACT

Community Services
2025-2026 Holiday Season Guide

- **Where to find a free meal this holiday season**
- **Services operating during the holiday season**
- **Community services closures during the holiday season**

This guide is proudly brought to you by VolunteeringACT's Community Information Hub.

It provides details of where you can find a free meal over the holiday season, the opening times and contact details of services operating over the holiday season, and the last operating and reopening dates and times for community services and emergency relief providers that are CLOSED over the holiday season within the Canberra Region.

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Where to Find a Free Meal 2025–2026 Holiday Season

Saturday 20 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Roadhouse	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City 4:30pm-5:30pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Sunday 21 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Avenue, City – 9:00am-1:00pm	Morning tea, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Roadhouse	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City – 3:30pm-5:30pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre, 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Monday 22 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City 7:30am-8:30am (9am-2pm for Community Hub)	Breakfast, snacks, tea, coffee Community Hub
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 10am-1pm	Free food and hot meals
Vinnies Blue Door	23 Quick Street, Campbell (in Ainslie Village access via Hayley Street) – 12pm-1:30pm	Lunch
Vinnies Roadhouse	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City – 4:30pm-5:30pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Tuesday 23 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast, snacks, tea, coffee
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 10am-1pm	Free hot food and hot meals
Vinnies Blue Door	23 Quick Street, Campbell (in Ainslie Village access via Hayley Street) – 12pm-1:30pm	Lunch
Vinnies Roadhouse	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City – 3:30pm-5:30pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Wednesday 24 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast, snacks, tea, coffee
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 10am-1pm	Free food and take away meals only
Vinnies Blue Door	23 Quick Street, Campbell (in Ainslie Village access via Hayley Street) – 12pm-1:30pm	Lunch
Vinnies Roadhouse	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City – 4:30pm-5:30pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Thursday 25 December 2025

St John's Care	45 Constitution Avenue, Reid – 12pm-1:30pm	Christmas Lunch
UnitingCare Kippax	Kippax Uniting Community Centre, cnr. Luke St. & Harding Cres., Holt – 12pm-1:30pm	Christmas Lunch
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 3pm-5pm	Dinner
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Friday 26 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast, snacks, tea. Coffee
Soup Kitchen	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City 12 noon-3:00pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Saturday 27 December 2025

Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Sunday 28 December 2025

Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Monday 29 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast, snacks, tea, coffee
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 10am-1pm	Free hot food and hot meals
Vinnies Blue Door	23 Quick Street, Campbell (in Ainslie Village access via Hayley Street) – 12pm-1:30pm	Lunch
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Tuesday 30 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast, snacks, tea, coffee
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 10am-1pm	Free food and hot meals
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

Wednesday 31 December 2025

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast, snacks, tea, coffee
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 11am-1pm	Free food and hot meals
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

Thursday 1 January 2026

Vinnies Blue Door	23 Quick Street, Campbell (in Ainslie Village access via Hayley Street) – 12pm-1:30pm	Lunch
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Friday 2 January 2026

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 7:30am-8:30am (9am-2pm for Community Hub)	Breakfast, snacks, tea, coffee Community Hub
St Benedict's Community Centre	21 Brigalow Street (entrance off Anne St), Karabar, Queanbeyan – 10am-1pm	Free food and hot meals
Vinnies Blue Door	23 Quick Street, Campbell (in Ainslie Village access via Hayley Street) – 12pm-1:30pm	Lunch
Soup Kitchen	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City 12 noon-3:00pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Saturday 3 January 2026

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 9am-1pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee & lunch
Vinnies Roadhouse	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City 4:30pm-5:30pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veterans Park, cnr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

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Sunday 4 January 2026

Early Morning Centre	City Uniting Church, 69 Northbourne Ave, City – 9am-1pm	Morning Tea, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Roadhouse	Griffin Centre Meeting Room 1, 20 Genge Street, City – 3:30pm-5:30pm	Eat in or take-away meal
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 1	Belconnen Bus Interchange, Lathlain Street, Belconnen – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Veteran's Park, cr Bunda and Mort Streets, City – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
Vinnies Night Patrol Van 2	Old Queanbeyan Visitor Centre – 7:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee
	Dickson Library, Dickson Place – 8:00pm	Sandwiches, snacks, tea, coffee

Services Operating During this Holiday Season

The services listed below will be operating during the holiday season. Operating hours are provided where available.

Crisis Support Telephone Services

LIFELINE Crisis Support: 13 11 14 (24/7 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

Domestic Violence Crisis Support Line: (02) 6280 0900 (24/7)

13 Yarn: Talk with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter 13 92 76 (24/7)

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 (24/7)

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467 (24/7)

MensLine Australia: 1300 78 99 78 (24/7)

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 822 (24/7)

Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling: 1800 011 046 (24/7)

National Alcohol and Other Drug Hotline: 1800 250 015 (24/7)

ACT Health Services

In an emergency, please call 000.

Emergency departments at The Canberra Hospital and North Canberra Hospital will be operating throughout the holiday period.

Canberra Hospital Yamba Dr, Garran ACT 2605, (02) 5124 0000

North Canberra Hospital Mary Potter Cct, Bruce ACT 2617, (02) 6201 6111

ACT Health Walk-in Centres provide free health care for non-life threatening injuries and illnesses to anyone who is over one year of age. The centres are open 7 days a week, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day between 7.30am and 10pm. You don't need to make an appointment, as the name says, just walk on in.

Walk-In Centres are located at:

Belconnen Walk in Centre: 56 Lathlain Street, Belconnen Australian Capital Territory 2617, Tel: (02) 5124 8080

Gungahlin Walk-in Centre: 57 Earnest Cavanagh Street, Gungahlin AustralianCapital Territory 2912, Tel: (02) 5124 8080

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Inner North (Dickson) Walk-in Centre: 111 Dickson Place, Dickson Australian Capital Territory 2602, Tel: (02) 5124 8080

Tuggeranong Walk-in Centre: Corner Anketell and Pitman Street, Greenway, Australian Capital Territory 2900, (02) 5124 8080

Weston Creek Walk-in Centre: 24 Parkinson Street, Weston, Australian Capital Territory 2611, Tel: (02) 5124 8080

Crisis Support Services

FIRST Canberra 1800 176 468

FIRST Canberra is a person-centred, trauma-informed and inclusive entry point for individuals and families in the ACT seeking help with complex life challenges including housing stress, homelessness, safety concerns, and social disconnection

Changes for Holiday Period:

From 22 December 2025 to 1 January 2026 inclusive, FIRST Canberra will be operating at reduced capacity.

Phone services will be operating as usual, however, face-to-face interaction will be limited.

FIRST Canberra will have limited capacity to refer to other services during this time but will be able to provide information, complete intake assessments, and create referral pathways in preparation for business as usual in 2026.

FIRST Canberra operating hours over the holiday season are:

Monday 22 December 2025: Normal business hours

Tuesday 23 December 2025: Normal business hours

Wednesday 24 December 2025: Normal phone hours (building accessible until 3pm)

Thursday 25 December 2025: CLOSED

Friday 26 December 2025: CLOSED

Saturday 27 December 2025: 12.30pm to 5pm (phone service only, no access to building)

Sunday 28 December 2025: 12.30pm to 5pm (phone service only, no access to building)

Monday 29 December 2025: 8am to 6pm (phone), (building access 10am-4pm, no Housing ACT staff on site)

Tuesday 30 December 2025: 8am to 6pm (phone only), (building access 10am-4pm, no Housing ACT staff on site)

Wednesday 31 December 2025: 8am-6pm (phone only), (building access 10am-4pm, no Housing ACT staff on site)

Thursday 1 January 2026: CLOSED

Friday 2 January 2026: Normal business resumes.

Mental Health Support Services

Safe Haven Belconnen **0421 154 147**

Email: safehaven.belconnen@stride.com

Website: https://stride.com.au/services/safe-haven-belconnen/

Safe Haven is located at 56 Lathlain St, Belconnen ACT, open Tuesday-Saturday 3.00pm-10.00pm

Safe Haven is a free service for people aged 16+ who are at risk of suicide or in mental health crisis to chat with a peer worker about how they are feeling and be supported to access other services as needed.

This welcoming space is open over the Christmas and New Year period and the caring peer workers on staff are available to help with:

- Safety planning
- Developing coping skills
- Sensory modulation activities
- Information and support for self-referral to other community services

Medicare Mental Health Centres

Email: reception@thinkkmh.com.au

Website: https://canberrammhc.com.au/

Canberra Medicare Mental Health provides free mental health care to persons 18-years and over. Canberra Medicare Mental Health accepts walk-ins.

Holiday season operating hours:

Canberra Medicare Mental Health Centre

Location: Shop G7, 14 Childers Street, Canberra City, ACT 2601

Direct phone line: (02) 5117 4357

Holiday season operating hours:

Monday 22 Dec 8:30am-5:00pm

Tuesday 23 Dec 8:30am-7:00pm

Wednesday 24 Dec 8:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 25 Dec CLOSED

Friday 26 Dec CLOSED

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 Dec CLOSED

Monday 29 Dec 8:30am-5:00pm

Tuesday 30 Dec 8:30-7:00pm

Wednesday 31 Dec 8:30am-4:00pm

Thursday 1 Jan CLOSED

Friday 2 Jan CLOSED

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 Jan CLOSED

Monday 5 Jan: Normal business resumes

Tuggeranong Mental Health Centre

Location: Corner Anketell and Cowlishaw Streets, Greenway

Direct phone line: (02) 6290 6643

Holiday season operating hours:

Monday 22 Dec 9:00am-5:30pm

Tuesday 23 Dec 9:00am-5:30pm

Wednesday 24 Dec 9:00-2:30pm

Thursday 25 Dec CLOSED

Friday 26 Dec CLOSED

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 Dec CLOSED

Monday 29 Dec 9:00am-5:30pm

Tuesday 30 Dec 9:00-5:30pm

Wednesday 31 Dec 9:00am-4:00pm

Thursday 1 Jan CLOSED

Friday 2 Jan CLOSED

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 Jan CLOSED

Monday 5 Jan: Normal business resumes

Medicare Mental Health Phone Service

Phone: 1800 595 212

Holiday season operating hours:

Monday 22 Dec 8:30-5:00pm

Tuesday 23 Dec 8:30am-5:00pm

Wednesday 24 Dec 8:30-5:00pm

Thursday 25 Dec CLOSED

Friday 26 Dec CLOSED

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 Dec CLOSED

Monday 29 Dec 8:30am-5:00pm

Tuesday 30 Dec 8:30-5:00pm

Wednesday 31 Dec 8:30am-5:00pm

Thursday 1 Jan CLOSED

Friday 2 Jan CLOSED

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 Jan CLOSED

Monday 5 Jan: Normal business resumes

GROW Peer to Peer Support Groups (https://grow.org.au/find-a-group/)

Monday 1:30pm – 3:30pm

St Monica's Catholic Church, 18 Deffell Street, Evatt, ACT 2517

Tuesday 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saint Benedict's Community Centre, 21 Brigalow Street, (entrance off Anne Street) Queanbeyan, NSW 2620

Wednesday 10:00am – 12:00pm

Queanbeyan Baptist Church, 1-3 Munro Road, Queanbeyan, NSW 2619

Thursday 10am – 12:00pm
St. Benedict Parish Centre, Corner of Sturt Ave and Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah, ACT 2604

Thursday 6pm – 8pm
Uniting Church, 108 The Valley Avenue, Gungahlin, ACT 2912

Drug and Alcohol Support Services

Alcoholics Anonymous (02) 6287 3020 info@aacanberra.org

For full list of meetings see: https://www.aacanberra.org/meetings-list

Directions Health Services (02) 6132 4800

Directions Health Office, L6 Cosmopolitan Centre, Phillip, Woden, (above Access Canberra:)

Thursday 25 December 2025: CLOSED

Friday 26 December 2025: CLOSED

Monday 29 December 2025: 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday 30 December 2025: 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday 31 December 2025: 10:00am-2:00pm

Providing fitpacks and, phone & walk-in support on 29-31 December 2025, limited GP & nurse support available on 31 December 2025 by appointment only.

Thursday 1 January 2026: CLOSED

Friday 2 January 2026: CLOSED

Monday 5 Jan 2026: Normal business resumes

Needle & Syringe Program – Woden

25 December 2025 CLOSED

Monday 5 Jan 2026: Normal business resumes

Fitpacks will be available from the Directions Health Office located in Phillip, above Access Canberra, as per the hours listed above.

Needle & Syringe Program – Civic (02) 6143 5800

Thursday 25 December 2025: CLOSED

Friday 26 December 2025: CLOSED

Monday 29 December 2025: 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday 30 December 2025: 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday 31 December 2025: 10:00am -2:00pm

Thursday 1 January 2026: CLOSED

Friday 2 January 2026: 10:00am-2:00pm

CanTEST Ground Floor, City Community Health Centre, 1 Moore St, Civic 1300CANTEST

Thursday 25 December 2025: CLOSED

Friday 26 December 2025: CLOSED

Monday 29 December 2025: CLOSED

Tuesday 30 December 2025: 4:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday 31 December 2025: CLOSED

Thursday 1 January 2026: CLOSED

Friday 2 January 2026: CLOSED

Monday 5 Jan 2026: Normal business resumes

Narcotics Anonymous (1300 652 820)

For full list of meetings see: https://www.na.org.au/multi/canberra-and-surrounds-meetings/

Other Services

The Little Pantry – Woden Community Services (02) 6282 2644

Monday 22 December 2025 9am to 5pm

Tuesday 23 December 2025 9am to 5pm

Wednesday 24 December 2025 9am to 5pm

CLOSED Thursday 25 December 2025 to Wednesday 1 January 2026 inclusive

Friday 2 January 2026 9am to 5pm

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Community Service Closures During the Holiday Season

The following services will be CLOSED over the holiday season as specified below:

Canberra-wide

Care Financial Counselling Service 1800 007 007
Last business day: Tuesday 24 December 2025 (12pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026

Marymead CatholicCare: Braddon (02) 6163 7600, Red Hill (02) 6295 4300, O'Connor (02) 6163 7647
Last business day: 24 December 2025
Reopens: 2 January 2026

OzHarvest:
Last business day: 24 December 2025
Reopens: 2 January 2026

City/North Canberra

Belconnen Youth Centre (02) 6264 0200
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (4pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026

Canberra City Care – Charnwood (02) 6196 8632
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (12pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026

Capital Region Community Services – Belconnen (02) 6264 0200
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (4pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026

Communities at Work– Gungahlin (02) 6293 6500
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (11.30am)
Reopens: 5 January 2026

Community Info Hub - City (02) 6248 7988
Last business day: 23 December 2025 (4pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026 (10am)
(Phone number will be monitored over the closure period between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.)

Early Morning Centre – Community Hub (02) 6247 5041
Last business day: 23 December 2025
Reopens: 2 January 2026

HandUp Food Care – Charnwood (02) 6196 8630
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (12pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026
A limited self-service option – fruit, veg, & bread will be available on a bench at the front of the centre on non-public holidays at around midday during shut down period.

Holy Cross Tuckerbox – Hackett (02) 3067 5800
Last business day: 20 December 2025
Reopens: 10 January 2026

The Junction – City (02) 6232 2423
Last business day: 24 December 2025
Reopens: 5 January 2026

Migrant and Refugee Settlement Service (MARSS) – City (02) 6248 8577
Last business day: 24 December 2025
Reopens: 2 January 2026

Multicultural Hub Canberra - City (02) 6100 4611
Last business day: Already CLOSED
Reopens: 2 January 2026
Phones are being monitored throughout

The Mustard Seed Uniting Food Pantry – Gungahlin (02) 6242 5001
Last business day: 18 December 2025
Reopens: 5 February 2026

Nations Heart Foodhut – Belconnen (02) 6253 1672
Last business day: 16 December 2025 (5.45pm)
Reopens: 3 February 2026

Northside Community Service - Dickson (02) 6171 8000
Last business day: 24 December 2025
Reopens: 5 January 2026

St John's Care - Reid (02) 6248 7771
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (2pm)
Reopens: 5 January 2026 (9:30am) **NOTE: Will be running annual community lunch on 25 December 2025, see part 1 of this guide.**

University of Canberra UCX Food Pantry – Bruce 0458 712 214
Last business day: 4 December 2025
Reopens: 3 February 2026

VolunteeringACT - City (02) 6251 4060
Last business day: 23 December 2025
Reopens: 2 January 2026

Youth with A Mission: The Pantry - Watson (02) 6241 5500
Last business day: 18 December 2025
Reopens: 15 January 2026

UnitingCare Kippax (02) 6254 1733
Last business day: 23 December 2025 (12pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026 (9am)

South Canberra, Woden and Tuggeranong

Arawang Emergency Relief Hub – Arawang 0491 605 086
Last business day: 22 December 2025 (12.30pm)
Reopens: 19 January 2026 (9.30am)

Capital Edge Church Care Hub – Wanniassa (02) 6231 4447
Last business day: 17 December 2025 (4pm)
Reopens: 13 January 2026 (10am)

Capital Healing Rooms – Wanniassa (02) 6162 1977
Last business day: 9 December 2025
Reopens: 2 February 2026

Communities at Work – Tuggeranong (02) 6293 6500
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (11.30am)
Reopens: 5 January 2026

Community Services #1 (inc. Food Pantry) – Narrabundah (02) 6126 4700
Last business day: 24 December 2025
Reopens: 5 January 2026

Gordon Community Centre (02) 6284 7003
Last business day: 19 December 2025 (3pm)
Reopens: 13 January 2026 (10am)

Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre – Conder (02) 6185 2090
Last business day: 24 December 2025
Reopens: 2 January 2026

Food pantry will reopen on 2 January 2025 with limited stock until 6 January 2025.

The Little Pantry (Westfield Woden) (02) 6282 2644
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (5pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026 (9am)

Woden Community Service (Callam Offices) (02) 6282 2644
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (3pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026 (9am)

Woden Youth Centre (02) 6282 2644
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (12pm)
Reopens: 5 January 2026 (9am)

Queanbeyan

Food Fair – Queanbeyan (02) 6232 9272
Last business day: 24 December 2025 (3pm)
Reopens: 2 January 2026 (10.30am)

Contact us today to

- Find out more about these and other community services in the Canberra region.
- Add or update your services in our info guides.

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10am - 4pm

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