

HOW CAN I HELP SOMEONE SLEEPING ROUGH?



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS?

If you are homeless or worried about becoming homeless, seek support now.

You can call the 24-hour statewide toll-free number 1800 825 955.

The 1800 number will direct your call to a service closest to you.

If you are concerned about someone who is sleeping rough.

Towards Home+ Geelong on 1300 275 811 (NEAMI National).

I HAVE SEEN SOMEONE SLEEPING ON THE STREET OR IN THEIR CAR WHAT CAN I DO?

The best thing to do is call Towards Home+ Geelong on 1300 275 811 (NEAMI National) who will try and make contact with the individual. It is helpful if you can give as much detail as possible to assist with locating the person.

It is important to note you will not get someone in trouble by trying to assist.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG IN THE HOMELESSNESS SPACE?

The City works closely with the agencies in Geelong that support those that are experiencing homelessness, sleeping rough and/or at risk of being homeless.

The City does not provide a direct housing or emergency service however, continues to maintain strong relationships.

SHOULD I GIVE MONEY OR FOOD TO A PERSON SLEEPING ROUGH?

The best thing to do is to speak to an agency such as Towards Home+ Geelong on 1300 275 811 to ensure that that person is offered appropriate assistance for both access to food and potential accommodation recommendations.

HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER?

Locally there are many agencies working with those sleeping rough, homeless or at risk of homelessness in Geelong.

Here are some places to try for volunteering opportunities:

- Please contact Volunteering Geelong on 03 5221 1377.
- For volunteering at food-based services please contact the service directly by visiting www.feedgeelong.org.au/where-can-i-eat.

WHERE CAN I TAKE FOOD, MONEY OR DONATIONS?

Visit our community directory at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/directory to make contact and speak to one of the local organisations to see how you can assist.

For food services donations search: www.feedgeelong.org.au/where-can-i-eat

FOR DONATIONS OF CLOTHES OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT AGENCIES SUCH AS:

St Vincent De Paul, Geelong Mums, Salvation Army, Lifeline, Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Smith Family.

Please always remember to call ahead to see if donations are being accepted and never leave goods outside the buildings when unoccupied.