

## EMERGENCY GRANTS

The following **Emergency Grants of \$30,000 each** (which were then matched by the Anthony Costa Foundation) have been awarded to support eight organisations whose services have become even more critical in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic.

These organisations are part of the emergency food network. These organisations have become even more important at this time with emergency food supplies diminished and agencies stretched. These organisations have worked under difficult circumstances, and have had to rethink their volunteer engagement and service delivery models and be creative in accessing food supplies:

- **Drysdale Family Support** - To provide food security for those on the Bellarine Peninsula who do not have access to appropriate and nutritious food through support of a local Foodbank.
- **FeedMe Bellarine** - To collect spare food and excess produce and share it with the community on the Bellarine and beyond who need it, no questions asked.
- **Geelong Food Relief Centre Inc** - To fight food insecurity across the wider Geelong region by sourcing and distributing adequate fresh, nutritious and relevant food to organisations that support vulnerable individuals and families in need.
- **Norlane Community Initiatives** - To address issues of food security, health and well-being and employment and education through the delivery of five everyday small-scale food initiatives within walking distances of people's homes in Norlane.
- **OneCare Geelong** - To support those experiencing food insecurity in Geelong through the provision of prepared meals and pantry items.

These three organisations are working with vulnerable populations whose vulnerability has increased due to the Coronavirus pandemic. These organisations are providing vital services and have had to adapt their delivery models so they can continue to deliver their services in the current conditions.

- **Foundation 61** - To build the resilience of Geelong men facing life-controlling issues such as addiction, through residential care and rehabilitation.
- **The Sanctuary Counselling Centre** - To build resilience for those experiencing a life challenging illness and bereavement (their carers/family) to prevent mental health issues, family breakdown and education disengagement.
- **Uniting VicTas Ltd** - To find homes for those who are homeless and assist people who are at risk of homelessness to maintain their accommodation through advocacy and specialist expertise.