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MEDIA RELEASE



Library launches Christmas food appeal

The Bland Shire library has partnered with St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army to launch a Christmas food appeal to help disadvantaged local residents.

The Food for Fines program has assisted the Bland Shire community for more than 10 years thanks to a tremendous level of public support and Bland Shire Council is hoping the community can rally once again to help meet the high level of need this Christmas.

With the cost of living continuing to rise and the predicted outcomes of harvest a mixed bag across the Shire, the demand on charities such as the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul has rarely been higher.

The Food for Fines program aims to help ensure all residents of the Bland Shire and their families can celebrate the festive season with full stomachs, improved health and renewed optimism by delivering hampers of food and an equally generous dose of community spirit.

The library will wipe the outstanding fines of any members who donate to the Food for Fines Appeal from now until Friday, December 12. All donated food items will be presented to representatives of the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul for distribution.

“The contributions made by library clients in the past have been highly valued and greatly appreciated,” Council’s Manager of Library and Children’s Services, Joanne Russo said.

“The Food for Fines campaign allows members of the community to bring in non perishable food items and goods, place them into the hampers and in return library staff will remove any outstanding library fees.”

This year the library will also be supporting a Christmas giving tree. The library is requesting that community members donate non-perishable gifts for distribution to adults, teens, children or babies. Gifts received will be given to St Vincent De Paul and the Salvation Army for distribution to the needy.

The Bland Shire Library is located in Shire Street, West Wyalong.

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