

DONNISON ST COMMUNITY CENTRE

*Providing free meals and
support services to homeless
and disadvantaged persons.*



*Accommodation and support for persons who are
homeless & disadvantaged on the NSW Central Coast*

Funding

The Donnison Street Community Centre receives no Government Funding. It only operates thanks to corporate support, fundraising activities, donations and an amazing volunteer workforce.

Supporters

The Community Centre is supported by numerous community groups and organisations:

- Gosford City Community and Information Services
- Sanitarium
- MARS Foods Australia
- Woolworths
- Aldi
- Centrelink
- Central Coast Community Legal Centre
- Central Coast Homeless Outreach Services

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Coast Shelter is recognised by the Australian Taxation Office as a Public Benevolent Institution and is a Registered Charity (CFN: 15695) which makes all donations tax deductible.

About the Donnison Street Community Centre

The Community Centre provides free meals and support services to help homeless, vulnerable, financially disadvantaged and socially isolated community members.

The Centre is open to anyone needing assistance... no questions asked.

Meal Times

	B/FAST	LUNCH	DINNER
MON	CLOSED	11.00 - 1.00	6.30 - 7.30
TUES	CLOSED	11.00 - 1.00	6.30 - 7.30
WED	CLOSED	11.00 - 1.00	6.30 - 7.30
THUR	CLOSED	11.00 - 1.00	6.30 - 7.30
FRI	CLOSED	11.00 - 1.00	6.30 - 7.30
SAT	CLOSED	CLOSED	6.00 - 7.00
SUN	9.00 - 10.00	CLOSED	6.00 - 7.00

Services Available

In addition to free meals, the Community Centre provides the following services:

- **Free Legal Advice** every Monday by Central Coast Community Legal Centre.
- **Centrelink** Community Engagement Officer available fortnightly on Tuesdays.
- **No Interest Loans (NILS)** for people on low incomes to purchase essential household items.
- **Energy Vouchers (EAPA)** to help people having difficulty paying gas and/or electricity bills.
- **Pharmaceutical Assistance** to fill prescriptions for clients experiencing financial hardship.
- **Food Hampers** for those in need made up from donated food items.
- **Rentstart Kiosk** provides a link to Housing NSW via fax and phone for Rent Assistance.
- **Shower and Laundry** Facilities are available every day. Fresh towels, toiletries and laundry powder are also provided.
- Free **shampoo and haircuts** are available every Tuesday



What our guests like about the Community Centre?

"Any person can get help or meals and not be judged."

"The people, the kindness, the food, the support."

"The atmosphere: that I am not alone."

"It is an opportunity to learn, grow and practice communication and cooperating with other people."

"Everybody is treated the same."

"It is always willing to help when you have no one else. It takes the pressure off life's struggles."

"The staff and volunteers are always pleasant, helpful and courteous."

