

Financial Assistance

During and Post COVID19

Accommodation

Life Without Barriers, Red Cross and AccordWest provide assistance to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Centrelink, Medicare and ATO

The Bridgetown and Greenbushes Community Resource Centres are access points for Centrelink, Medicare and the ATO. Bridgetown CRC: 9761 2712. Greenbushes CRC: 9764 3575.

Concessions

ConcessionsWA is an easy-to-use online resource where you can search by category, concession card type or group, to find details on more than 100 rebates, concessions and subsidy schemes provided by the Government of Western Australia. Check what concessions are available to you – www.concessions.communities.wa.gov.au.

Crisis Support

Life Without Barriers assists people to prevent homelessness, escape domestic violence or provide crisis support. Call 1800 935 483 or visit www.lwb.org.au.

Centrelink clients can apply for a one-off crisis payment in emergency situations such as moving rentals without notice, or domestic violence. Contact your local CRC to assist with the application.

Financial Counselling

Can assist people in working through financial problems. Call the National Debt Helpline – 1800 007 007 or www.ndh.org.au. Most banks will also offer financial counselling or planning for their customers, often free of charge. Contact your bank directly.

Household items and expenses

The No Interest Loan Scheme provides individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair and affordable credit for essential items and expenses. For more information visit <http://www.nils.com.au> or call 13 64 57.

St Vincent De Paul Emergency Relief may also be of assistance. For information visit https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/WA/Emergency_Relief_Home_Visitation/ or call 0429 680 759 (Bridgetown-Greenbushes).

Legal Assistance

South West Community Legal Centre provides preliminary advice, assistance and occasional minor casework for issues including family law, violence restraining orders, child support, debt consumer issues and other civil law. This is a free service. Contact 9791 3206 or visit www.swclc.org.au.

Renters

Contact your landlord before your rental payments are in arrears and ask to set up a payment plan. For information on available support, click here: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/residential-rent-relief-grant-scheme>

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Rates

If you are in financial hardship, call the Shire to discuss rates relief arrangements on 9761 0800.

Synergy

For information on available support, call 13 13 53 or click here: <https://www.synergy.net.au/Covid-19>

Travel Costs

The Patient Assisted Travel Scheme provides assistance with travel costs for medical appointments. More information can be found at www.wacountryhealth.wa.gov.au or call 1800 823 131. In other situations SVDP Emergency Relief and Boniface Care may be able to assist with fuel costs. Call 0481 820 924 or email suekemp@bunburycathedral.org.au.

Water Corporation

For information on the Water Corporation's available support, call 13 13 85 or click here: <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/About-us/Our-commitments/COVID-19-response>