

PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE

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FOLLOWING widespread job losses as a result of COVID-19 that has left many families facing an uncertain future, a Grovedale church has sprung into action.

Planetshakers Geelong is operating a weekly food bank service allowing in-need members of the community to have free access to fruit, vegetables and other essentials.

Church pastor Jake Ford said the initiative had run for three weeks, with more than 90 people coming through the doors collecting food to feed about 300 people.

“The main demographic we see is solo-parent families and international students,” he said. “A great number of people in Geelong have lost their jobs so we can take care of them. We have a set-up where people can walk through and select items based on the size of their family.”

Pastor Ford hopes the service, supported by volunteers, can continue into the future.

Donations of non-perishable items can be made on Wednesdays and Sundays at the church’s Marshalltown Rd warehouse. The food bank runs at the warehouse on Sundays from 10.30am to 3pm.



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