

# Meal Support Guide

Information to support those who could use a hand with meal times.

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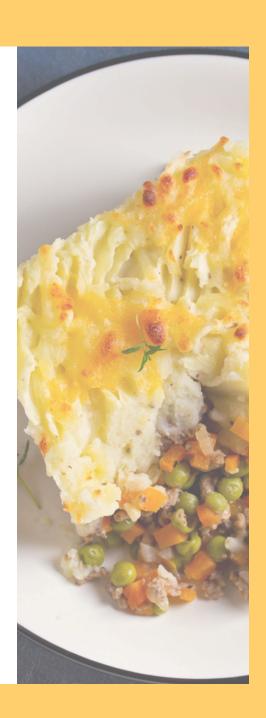
### What's on the menu..?

This guide is designed to help you explore the different meal support options available for delivery in Cambridge.

Whether you're supporting a parent, relative, neighbour, or simplifying mealtimes for yourself, the aim is to give you clear, practical information in one place.

#### You'll find:

- Hot meal delivery options
- Frozen and chilled ready-made meals
- Weekly meal kit and nationwide courier services
- · Local supermarket meal options
- Pricing guides
- Dietary considerations
- Contact details and website links



### **Hot Meal Delivery**

#### **Meals include:**

A hot, ready-to-eat main meal prepared daily at Freeman Court and delivered by friendly volunteers from Meals on Wheels.

Meal style varies but typically includes:

- Hearty meat or vegetarian mains
- · Vegetables and potatoes or rice
- Occasional desserts (varies)

#### Good for people who:

- Cannot safely use ovens or microwaves
- May skip meals without assistance
- Prefer a hot lunch delivered daily
- Don't want the hassle of choosing meals

#### Things to note:

- No weekend delivery (but extra meals can be ordered/ delivered on Friday to re-heat over the weekend)
- · Meals cannot be customised
- Cancellations require 24 hours' notice for credit



## **Hot Meal Delivery Details**

Provider:	Habitat for Humanity Freeman Court (Te Awamutu)			
Delivery:	Monday-Friday, arriving between 12pm-2pm  Delivery service is provided free of charge by friendly volunteers from Meals on Wheels  Cambridge			
Cost:	\$10.50 per meal			
Typical order:	5 meals/week (\$52.50), paid in advance by weekly automatic payment			
Registration:	Online form, email submission, post, or via phone			
Contact:	Website: freemancourt.co.nz/meal-delivery			
	Phone: 07 871 5260			
	Text: 027 358 1330			
	Email: <u>gill.haynes@habitat.org.nz</u>			

### Resthaven Meals/Social Lunch

Resthaven provides a selection of frozen ready-made meals for reheating at home.

On Fridays, To & Fro Driving Services provides a free shuttle to the café at Resthaven to enable older people to enjoy a social lunch outing.

It's also a great opportunity to purchase some frozen meals and other grocery items from the on-site shop before being dropped off at home.

Provider:	Resthaven (Vogel Street, Cambridge)			
Delivery:	Available on Fridays for a small fee			
Cost:	From \$12.50 per meal			
Meal Styles:	<ul> <li>Traditional meals (roasts, casseroles, mince dishes)</li> <li>Dairy-free or gluten-free options (varies by supplier)</li> <li>Some larger meal sizes for hearty appetites</li> </ul>			
Good for those who:	<ul> <li>Can safely use a microwave</li> <li>Want to choose their own meals</li> <li>Prefer weekly ordering</li> <li>Would enjoy a Friday outing to select meals in person</li> </ul>			
Contact:	Website: <u>freemancourt.co.nz/meal-delivery</u> Phone: (07) 827 6097			



### Supermarket Options



All large Cambridge supermarkets offer a variety of frozen and/or chilled meals for delivery or pickup.

#### Pros:

- Ability to add bread, milk, fruit, pantry items
- · Wide range of meal styles
- Available quickly

#### Considerations:

- Requires online ordering confidence (or assistance)
- Delivery fees apply (around \$14 per order)
- Meals must be microwaved or oven-heated

#### **New World Cambridge**

Frozen meals: Wattie's, Pitango, Muscle Chef, others

**Price range:** From \$6 for a basic 300g meal, up to \$15–20 for premium brands

Ordering: Online shopping available

Delivery fee: Usually \$10-\$15

**Phone:** 07 827 7533

Online ordering: www.newworld.co.nz

#### **Woolworths Cambridge**

Frozen meals: Wide range (Wattie's, plant-based options, bulk frozen meals)

Chilled "heat & eat": Some availability depending on stock

Pricing: Similar to New World

Phone: 07 823 5971

Ordering: www.woolworths.co.nz

#### **Fresh Choice Leamington**

Frozen meals: Especially good for Red Kitchen meals

Red Kitchen pricing: From \$15 for 400g

Phone: 07 823 7144

Online ordering: www.leamington.store.freshchoice.co.nz

Website: www.redkitchen.co.nz

Milkrun is a new service offering fast (usually within the hour) delivery of grocery items for \$7 per order (www.https://nz.milkrun.com)

### **Delivered by Courier**

These companies deliver frozen or chilled meals direct to your door. Useful for those wanting variety or specific dietary options.

#### **Amy's Kitchen Aromas (Waikato)**

**Type:** Frozen ready meals, traditional comfort meals (beef casserole, lasagne,

roast meals), soups and lighter options.

Price: Small meals (230g) from \$7.20/Large meals (850g) up to \$22.80

**Delivery:** \$5-\$8 depending on location

Phone: 07 826 3585

Website: amyskitchenaromas.co.nz

#### Eat.co.nz (Lower Hutt, delivers nationwide)

**Type:** Vacuum-sealed chilled meals (not frozen)

Shelf life: Up to 14 days refrigerated

**Price:** From \$14.90 per meal

**Delivery:** Courier delivery from \$18

Website: www.eat.co.nz Phone: 0800 328 333

#### **Nourished by Trio (Tirau)**

**Type:** Fresh ready-made meals, salads, and treats

**Price:** Bundle of five meals for \$80

**Delivery:** \$15 (in total) for 2 fresh deliveries per week

Website: www.nourishedbytrio.co.nz

**Phone:** 027 480 6554

Suitable for: People wanting smaller, frequent drops and those who enjoy

variety and fresh meals



### **Dietary considerations**

Most providers have some suitable options for common dietary needs and all meals from **Nourished by Trio** are wheat free, dairy free and refined sugar free (but may contain nuts),

Here is a general guide:

#### **Low-sodium / Heart-healthy**

- Best found through nationwide providers (Eat, Amy's Kitchen Aromas)
- Some supermarket meals are labelled "heart-healthy"

#### **Diabetic-friendly**

- Choose meals lower in sugar and refined carbohydrates
- Many frozen meals fit this requirement
- Check nutritional labels or phone the provider for help

#### Gluten-free

- Amy's Kitchen Aromas offers several
- Eat.co.nz may have GF options depending on weekly menu
- · Supermarket GF ranges available

#### **Dairy-free**

- Eat.co.nz often includes dairy-free meals
- Some supermarket brands provide DF options



# **Quick Comparison Summary**

Provider	Meal Type	Price Guide (per meal)	Delivery Frequency	Suitability
Habitat for Humanity Freeman Court/Meals on Wheels Cambridge	Hot, ready-to- eat	\$10.50	Mon–Fri	Those needing daily hot meals delivered to their home
Resthaven (Cambridge)	Frozen	\$12.50+	Weekly	Those who can safely operate kitchen appliances
Supermarkets	Frozen/Chilled	\$6-\$20	As ordered	Tech-confident shoppers
Amy's Kitchen Aromas	Frozen	\$7.20-\$22.80	As ordered	Those keen on variety or larger portions
Eat.co.nz	Chilled	From \$14.90	Weekly	Those wanting fresh food or dietary options
Nourished by Trio	Fresh	\$80 for 5	Twice/week	Those looking for fresh locally-made meals

### We're here to help

Meals on Wheels Cambridge is run by a committed group of local volunteers.

We collect pre-paid fresh hot meals from Habitat for Humanity Freeman Court and deliver them (with a friendly smile) to clients, Monday to Friday, for free.

We also act as a source of information for those wanting to simplify meal times for themselves or for a parent, friend or neighbour who may need some extra support.

If you need some help or advice, please get in touch - we're here to help.



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