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Strangers enjoy Christmas feast together

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Some 350 strangers have tucked into a traditional hot lunch in Melbourne on Christmas Day.

The Salvation Army's Major Brendan Nottle says the homeless, refugees and the elderly are among those who enjoyed the lunch hosted by Collingwood Football Club.

Around 150 people gathered for a charity Christmas brunch at Mecca Bah restaurant at the Docklands .. and another 150 are expected to enjoy supper at the Spencer Street shopping complex.

Across town in South Melbourne upmarket cafe St Ali owners Salvatore Malatesta and his wife Lisette opened their doors and put on Christmas lunch for people less fortunate than themselves.

Meanwhile Santa has delighted patients and their families at the Royal children's Hospital Christmas morning.

Escorted by around seven fire trucks Santa arrived at the back of the hospital and then gave every child a gift.

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