

REDUCING REOFFENDING

it's in our hands



COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK PARTNERSHIPS

Enhance your services while helping offenders give back to the community.

Corrective Services NSW is partnering with government and community organisations to increase the availability of community service work placements for offenders across NSW.

offenders provide unpaid work to...

1600 community organisations, who deliver...

\$10 million worth of essential services to our communities

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK PARTNER?

- Help repair the harm caused by crime in your community - community service work provides an opportunity for offenders to repay their debt through service to the community.
- Undertake projects that you wouldn't be able to do otherwise - unpaid work by offenders supports community organisations to deliver essential services.
- Invest in your community - the estimated net economic cost of crime in Australia is \$47.5 billion. Reducing reoffending has social and economic benefits for all.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK

Community service work has been a sentencing option in NSW for almost 40 years. It provides an alternative to imprisonment for punishing offenders. Undertaking unpaid community work in their own time holds offenders accountable for their actions. It also provides an opportunity for them to give back to the community and to develop new skills and positive social behaviours. Over 80 per cent of offenders complete their work order.

There are many different types of work that are suitable:



- grounds and general maintenance



- land and building care e.g. graffiti removal



- kitchen and laundry work e.g. preparing meals



CHARITY SHOP

- charity work e.g. knitting blankets, working in opportunity shops



- office work e.g. administration, book covering



- caring for animals

- and more... we are open to new ideas.

“I quickly realised that community work was actually a positive for me and that I don’t do enough in my life to help others. If you do something positive, then positive things can happen to you in return ...”

- Offender who successfully completed 200 hrs of community service work

“Kempsey and surrounding communities have expressed their genuine gratitude for the ongoing ground maintenance, restorations to their buildings and painting, cleaning etc., and the various other community projects the offenders have been involved in. None of this work could be done if not for them. We have had tremendous feedback.”

- Local community service work partner

ABOUT US

Community Corrections is part of Corrective Services NSW. We manage over 20,000 offenders serving sentences in the community, including around 4,600 completing community service work. We work with offenders to address their offending behaviour, and ensure they successfully complete their order.

Community Corrections will:

- work with you to see if community work is the right fit for your organisation
- match work teams or individuals to the needs of your organisation
- work with you to monitor the suitability of workers and be on call for any issues.

We may be able to:

- provide transport for workers to and from worksites
- provide supervision of work teams.

ABOUT YOU

We are looking for government and community organisations that have work opportunities available but do not have the resources to fill them.

The work offenders undertake must be of benefit to the community. Offenders cannot take the place of paid employees or contractors.

- Work can take place at your facilities or at a worksite.
- Shifts can run any day of the week with flexible start and end times. We are currently on the lookout for more weekend and evening work placements.

Current community work providers include schools, local councils, national parks and wildlife services, hospitals, sporting clubs, charities and church groups.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions or contact us to discuss the job/s you have available.