

Challenge Your Ideas of Community Service

Basically anything you do for those in the community or the community in general. *Community service works better when those who are doing it actually enjoy what they are doing.* Sometimes we actually need to try things before we know whether we enjoy them sometimes we find out we actually enjoy things we thought we might hate doing.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

- Doing things for people who have difficulty doing those things for themselves: reading, shopping, mowing, gardening, posting letters, changing library books, walking pets
- Doing things for people who are lonely (in hospital, retirement homes): visiting, talking, reading
- Caring for our environment - tree-planting, creek clearing, litter collecting, rehabilitation of degraded land
- Keeping our area clean and safe: beautifying parks and gardens, collecting litter in public areas, notifying authorities of unsafe/unclean areas which need attention.
- Caring for the carers: supporting those who are already serving the community afternoon/morning teas, concerts, entertainment
- Fund-raising: penny lines, bring & buys, car washes, guess the lollies competitions
- Helping community service clubs in your area: Lions, Rotary, Meals on Wheels, Blue Nurses, RSL, CWA
- Helping with volunteer duties in your area: Library, Community Help, Radio, Show Society, Church Thrift Shops
- Supporting local events: ANZAC march, Blue Nurses Fete, - face painting, damper cooking, wishing wells
- Participating in events of national / international events: MS Readathon, 40 hr Famine, Clean Up Australia Day
- Caring for our heritage: helping restore old buildings, preserving /restoring artifacts, cleaning and tidying cemeteries, guiding tours of historical places (museums)
- Helping those who are away on holiday, in hospital, at work: watering pot plants and gardens, feeding & exercising pets, collecting mail, keeping an eye on their possessions
- Supporting causes: cancer, SIDS, MS, leukaemia, cystic fibrosis, Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Keeping spirits up: visiting & entertaining in hospitals or retirement homes, having afternoon/morning teas for legacy widows, shoeboxes for underprivileged, Christmas hampers
- Learning more about what organizations do: guest speakers from organizations, visit local organizations for information
- Helping local churches: fetes, shows, handing out hymnbooks, doing collection/readings, choir duties, altar service, church maintenance (mowing, painting, sewing prayer cushions etc), helping with Sunday school / kids club.
- Participating in environmental events: fodder drives, drought relief, flood relief, bush fire (refreshments for firefighters)
- Helping equip those who have lost all possessions (in house fires) or become disabled or wheelchair bound (through accident, illness).
- Keeping a look out: helping in Neighbourhood Watch, reporting suspicious situations to the police, participating in Stranger Danger, Drug Awareness campaigns
- Extending your own skills to help your community: first aid, fire safety, self-defence, health and hygiene

Why Not...

Try a new idea for Community Service

Get your Patrol/Unit to join in

Do a badge or badge challenge based around service