



Corrective Services NSW

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Community Service is a means whereby people who have been convicted of an offence, complete a penalty which involves making reparation to the community for the harm caused by offending.

The Community Service Scheme was introduced in New South Wales in 1979 and provides the Courts with a further sentencing option.

With the co-operation of partner organisations (agencies), the community becomes constructively involved in the scheme. Not-for-profit organisations, sporting clubs and church groups benefit from having a community service worker/s that can undertake unpaid tasks/work that is worth over \$12 million annually. This is work that in all likelihood would not have been done by anyone else, or completed by volunteers, parents and organisation members.

In becoming a partner with the Department of Corrective Services as a Community Service Agency, you will stand to gain a great deal. You will also assume a very responsible role in helping to ensure that the legal and administrative requirements of the Scheme are met.

If you are interested in becoming a partner organisation (agency), contact Maitland District Office of the Probation and Parole Service, so an appointment can be scheduled with you and I can provide further details on becoming an agency and answering any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me on the number listed above or by email as follows:

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