

Volunteering

Samaritans is one of Australia's largest regional welfare organisations, providing a wide range of services for children, youth, families and those with a disability in the Hunter, Central Coast and Manning regions.

Samaritans is focused on building community, developing connections between clients and services, clients and families, and clients and the community.

Our aim is to provide a quality, professional caring service.



I've been volunteering 6 or 7 years. I was invited by my cousin originally and from there it blossomed. The reason I started was one for myself and two to help out in something community-based. I kind of felt the whole Christmas spirit has been lost. It's the 6 best Christmases I've had as an adult in a long time. I really look forward to it every year. I like that sense of community.

Christmas Lunch in the Park Volunteer

Volunteers will work within our core values of Compassion, Integrity and justice, and be dedicated to the Samaritans Mission Statement, ensuring the best possible delivery of services.

Our Vision

For communities where there is love, peace, justice, reconciliation and dignity for all people, where there is care for the vulnerable and their environment and where each individual has the opportunity to contribute and participate fully in community life.

Mission

We seek to provide unconditional support to people in their needs and to promote social and economic policies.

Values

Samaritans values of *Compassion, Integrity, Justice* act as our tagline and describe the principles behind our work locally.

Our Philosophy

The Samaritans Foundation believes that people presently experiencing disadvantage have the right, equally with others, to fully participate in and contribute to community life. Samaritans seeks to express God's care to all people through promoting acceptance, justice, reconciliation, peace and dignity for all.

If you are interested in Volunteering with the Samaritans Foundation, you can apply online:

www.samaritans.org.au/volunteer

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Samaritans

Samaritans Foundation – Diocese of Newcastle
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Volunteers, ordinary people,
extraordinary contribution

For further information
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Samaritans
Volunteer Program

Are You Ready to Embark on a Rewarding and Fulfilling Experience?



People engage in volunteering for many different reasons. The reasons you want to volunteer may vary depending on your age, experience, employment status, availability, location, commitment to an interest or cause, just to name a few. Knowing why you want to volunteer is important in ensuring that a reciprocal volunteer agreement can be fulfilled – in other words, so that your needs as a volunteer are being met as well as the needs of the organisation and community.

Most of us know that volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on our community. But volunteering can also have many benefits for you the volunteer, as well!

Here are some reasons to volunteer:

Skills Development

To learn or develop a new skill or build on confidence.

Social Participation

Volunteering is a great way to meet interesting and diverse people, make new friends, and gain new experiences. It may also lead to new hobbies or interests.

Improve Community Life

Volunteering helps in making a contribution to the local community, you can help to make a real difference.

Improve Quality of Life

Volunteering is great for your health and wellbeing. It helps to feel a part of something, increase motivation and creates a sense of achievement.



"I like helping people, it gives meaning to life when you have time to volunteer"

Emergency Relief and Shop Volunteer

Our Volunteer Programs

Just a sample of some of the volunteer programs available (please see our webpage for more details):

- **Emergency Relief** Assisting people in financial crisis to deal with their immediate situation in a way that maintains dignity and encourages self-reliance.
- **Retail Store Assistant** Our three retail shops sell donations of clean clothing, shoes, accessories, household wares, linen, novels and the like to sell in order to continue to help fund programs run by our Foundation.
- **Disaster Recovery team member** Samaritans is one of a number of government and non-government organisations working together to provide an effective and coordinated response when major emergencies occur.
- **Kinship Care Support** Grandparents caring for their grandchildren
- Assist with events at Christmas
- Delivery and pick up of donations (clothes, food, gifts).

