

Community Service Scheme Tasmania – Information Sheet

This information is for organisations interested in receiving assistance from the Community Service Scheme

What is the Community Service Scheme?

A Community Correction Order is a sentencing order given by the courts to individuals. Often the order includes a Community Service component where the individuals are required to complete unpaid work in the community.

People sentenced to these orders are referred to as 'workers'. The Community Service Scheme connects workers to a range of project sites such as non-profit organisations or individuals who need assistance for certain types of work, but do not have the means to do it themselves.

The Community Service Scheme provides our workers with an opportunity for rehabilitation by giving back to the community.

Who can receive help from the Community Service Scheme?

To receive assistance from the Community Service Scheme you need to meet certain eligibility criteria.

Generally, to be eligible for this service you would not have financial capacity to pay for work to be done, do not have enough volunteers to assist and are a non-profit or charitable organisation.

The eligibility criteria varies between organisations and individuals.

What are your responsibilities as an organisation receiving help?

There are certain responsibilities you will have when a worker is servicing your site.

This might include:

- Supervision of the workers
- Giving instructions to the workers about the work you require
- Contacting Community Corrections with feedback about the workers, or
- Contacting emergency services in the event of an injury or accident.

The Community Service Scheme does not take responsibility for the maintenance and care of your organisational site.

The Community Service Scheme cannot provide a guaranteed regular service, but we will try to service your property as needed. There may be some interruptions to service due to bad weather or circumstances outside our control, and there are peak periods where service may be slower than usual.

What are the arrangements?

Our Community Service workers are distributed to different project sites state-

wide, to provide assistance to those eligible for our services.

The Community Service Scheme is a free service.

What kind of work is performed?

The kind of work that can be performed by people sentenced to a Community Correction Order can vary, but mostly it includes lawn mowing, weeding, pruning, painting, cleaning and general gardening.

Our workers can perform other tasks, depending on what the workers are able to do and any restrictions that might be in place. This would need to be discussed with Community Corrections during your application process.

There are some restrictions to the types of work Community Service workers can perform, this can include dangerous chemicals, chainsaws, electrical tools, and lighting fires.

Workers are not permitted to undertake any work that requires a skilled tradesman such as plumbing or electrical work.

How do I apply or find out more information?

If you are interested in receiving assistance from the Community Service Scheme, please contact your local Community Corrections office using the details provided in this information sheet.

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