



Dear colleagues

Congratulations to all staff who have been involved in helping students to accrue community service hours in 2009. I know the year has brought tremendous challenges due to the removal of the 20 hour requirement.

The Curriculum Council and the Department of Education genuinely value community service. We look forward to seeing the majority of students engaging in community service in 2010 and beyond.

Many schools have indicated they will offer community service opportunities to their students next year. This newsletter presents a selection of service activities that are easy to implement and don't require a lot of resources, if any! A range of other exciting ideas are included to enhance your service program.

Kind regards

Lois Joll

FREE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Conservation Volunteers Australia's Rio Tinto Earth Assist program provides the environmental project (can be an existing school project), transport, equipment, protective gear, training and supervision, anywhere in the state, for free!

For more information, or to register for 2010, contact Tracey Fuller on 9227 5711 or TFuller@conservationvolunteers.com.au.

ANALYSE DEBRIS IN SCIENCE OR MATHS

Keep Australia Beautiful provides the bags, gloves, safety equipment and resources to Adopt-a-Spot in your area and keep it clean for two years.

Register online at www.kabc.wa.gov.au.

TRANSCRIBING OUR HERITAGE

No excursion documentation is required when students transcribe paper based documents into electronic format for the National Trust. This project can be embedded into English, Society and Environment, and/or Technology and Enterprise.

[Connections to the curriculum](#) have been outlined and are available at www.valuingheritage.com.au.

See the other interesting community service projects offered by the Trust including Adopt-a-Grave and building bird boxes.



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WHOLE OF SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many schools are assisting students to gather community service hours by introducing community service into each of the learning areas.

Schools can embed community service into all learning areas through the [Sustainable Schools Initiative](#) in WA (AuSSI – WA).

An extensive range of resources is available through partner agencies e.g. Air Watch, Water Wise, Waste Wise, TravelSmart to School and Ribbons of Blue.

Visit www.det.wa.edu.au/sustainableschools to view case studies, or contact Howard Flinders on 9264 4776 or howard.flinders@det.wa.edu.au.

REWARD KEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE STUDENTS

Waves Surfwear is running their **Clean the Beach** project again at Leighton Beach on **13 November** and participating students will receive free surf products. Training and supervision is provided by Coastcare and Surf Lifesaving WA representatives.

For more details and to register contact Vick Skivinis on 9330 2889 or vics@wavessurfwear.com.

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Website: www.det.wa.edu.au/behaviourandwellbeing go to student engagement>community service

PD2CS COMMUNITY SERVICE

This endorsed program has been developed to enable students to gain WACE credit for community service from 2010. Participating students undertake 20 hours of service including at least one hour of relevant training and reflection. The [Program Guide](#) is available in the 'Planning and Implementation' of our [website](#).

SERVICE TO ENGAGE DISENGAGED STUDENTS

Youth radio and visual media projects can be developed by students in the **Right Track** program.

Projects create awareness of issues such as safety, anti-social behaviour and graffiti. Materials developed by students have been used in highly successful public education campaigns.

Public Transport Authority staff provide students with background information, and assist them to conduct a community audit and choose a project.

For more information visit the Right Track website: www.righttrack.wa.gov.au or call 9326 2055.

FOR STUDENTS WHO LIKE GARDENING

Student volunteers are required for gardening teams, assisting with the Adult Day Care and in the office of People Who Care.

Interested schools and students should call the Guildford office on 9379 1944 or the Mandurah office on 9535 3433. Please visit www.peoplewhocare.org.au for more information.



GIVE20

FEATURED POSITIONS

Visit the Give20 website for details: www.give20.org.au.

Game Show Presentation

Re-write the script and make a video of a presentation "Game Show" to promote volunteering to students in Years 9 -12.

City of Joondalup Festival - November 2009 to January 2010. Event assistants are needed for the summer season.

Christmas Appeal

The collection and distribution of food, clothing and toys for people in need.

REPORTING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The Curriculum Council can now report the total number of student community service hours in Year 12. For details, please see page 16 of WACE Circular 4, available in the Publication section of the Curriculum Council website: www.curriculum.wa.edu.au.

USEFUL LINKS

[The Schools Excursions website](#) is being expanded to include community service providers.

Organisations that host community service students can add their excursion management information to the site by contacting Diane Smith on 9264 5561 or Diane.Smith@det.wa.edu.au.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Anglicare Changemakers assists young people to design and manage community projects. Teachers are invited to attend their two day facilitator training on 26 and 27 November. Visit the website for more information: www.changemakerswa.org.au.

GRANTS

Information about [grants](#) suitable for community service projects is available from the Resource section of the community service [website](#).

A wider range of grants are listed in the Grants Directory: www.grantsdirectory.dlgrd.wa.gov.au.

Note: If schools are ineligible, parent or community organisations may be eligible to apply on their behalf.

EVENTS

The following National and International events may assist you to create service activities at your school.

Please see the [Calendar of Events](#) in the 'Resources' section of our [website](#) for further details and events for next year.

- Nov 29** Buy Nothing Day www.buynothingday.info
- Dec 3** International Day of People with Disabilities www.un.org/disabilities
- Dec 5** International Volunteer Day
- Dec 7-13** Coast Care Week www.coastcare.com.au
- Dec 7** Human Rights Day www.hreoc.gov.au
- Dec 18** International Migrants Day www.un.org