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Mayoral Message



Dear resident,

Imagine a world where everybody takes time out of their already busy schedule to help the less fortunate around them. A place where acts of kindness and generosity are the norm, and the only reward is the satisfaction of making someone else's life a little bit easier.

For many people in our City, this is more than an imaginary place, it's a reality. People like the selfless volunteers at our local State Emergency Services, or those who deliver meals to the elderly as part of the Meals on Wheels program, are creating this world for people in need.

These volunteers are the unsung heroes in our community.

More than six million people in Australia volunteer through organisations, day in and day out. Millions more volunteer informally in their local communities to help their neighbours and even strangers, especially in times of crisis.

National Volunteer Week 2025 (19-25 May) is an opportunity to highlight the important work and unfailing commitment of the many volunteers right here in our City.

There are thousands of people around our community whose generous services contribute to making Canterbury-Bankstown one of the greatest places to live.

If you are not already volunteering, National Volunteer Week is also a timely opportunity to make a start, find a sector you are passionate about and begin your journey.

Whether you're interested in bush care, helping our youth or supporting the elderly, you too can play an important role in making a difference in our City.

I know from my own volunteer work with Meals on Wheels that there is no better feeling than serving the community that serves you. This National Volunteer Week, I encourage you to thank a volunteer you know and take the initiative to kick start your own volunteering career.

For more information on where you can volunteer around our City, visit: **[cb.city/volunteering](https://www.cb.city/volunteering)**

Regards,



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