

## You can make a difference

The NSW SES has reimagined volunteering, with new ways for community members to become involved. Community Action Teams are designed to be flexible so that volunteering can easily fit into your busy lifestyle.

As a Community Action Team volunteer you will start an exciting new journey, challenge yourself and use your skills to help your local community. In return for volunteering your time, you will receive training, learn new skills and make friends with other volunteers from your community. You will also gain a great sense of satisfaction from helping others during times of need.

Your volunteer experience with the NSW SES will give you a new perspective and appreciation for your community.

**Start a Community Action Team today!**



## Is becoming a Community Action Team volunteer for me?

The NSW SES is made up of individuals from a diverse range of ages, backgrounds and abilities. Any person aged 16 years or older can apply to volunteer with the NSW SES (parent or guardian consent is required for under 18 year olds).

A basic level of training is provided to Community Action Team volunteers, depending on the requirements of the role and community needs. You will be provided with the training, support and guidance required to have a great volunteer experience.

Community Action Teams are located in areas across NSW. Visit the NSW SES website to learn more.



**OUR MISSION:**  
NSW SES saving lives and protecting communities

**OUR VISION:**  
To be the best volunteer emergency service in Australia

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# A STRONGER COMMUNITY STARTS WITH YOU

**COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM VOLUNTEERING**



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## A stronger community starts with you

Community Action Team volunteers support local communities at risk of flood, storm or tsunami. Community Action Team volunteers use their existing skills and experience combined with training from the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) to help prepare their community and keep people safe during severe weather events.

These dynamic teams provide a variety of roles depending on the requirements of the local community. They may be involved in protecting properties from flooding, using community networks to share key information, undertaking damage assessments, and supporting other residents following a major weather event.

Get to know your local risks, and discuss with your friends and family how you can assist the NSW SES in protecting your community.



### Case Study

The small village of Uranquinty near Wagga Wagga, can become isolated during periods of flooding. The locals have always come together during these times to help each other out. The Uranquinty Community Action Team was established by local residents to provide pre-disaster communications and to coordinate the emergency response for the community before, during and after the event.

## What can Community Action Team Volunteers do?

As a Community Action Team volunteer you are supporting your community to become better prepared for future severe weather events. Your role in the team could include:

- Sharing public safety information with local residents
- Assisting residents prepare for floods, moving furniture and personal items, protecting properties with sandbags
- Reading flood gauges
- Clearing storm debris
- Engaging with the community following a severe weather event



Being part of the Uranquinty Community Action Team is a very rewarding experience. We get to connect with the community and work with like-minded people. We all share a common goal of preparing our community and keeping it safe and resilient during storms and floods.



**Deb Bewick**  
Community Action Team Volunteer  
Scan the QR code and watch Deb's story

## Saving lives, protecting communities

NSW SES volunteers work with communities across the state to build resilience to flood, storm and tsunami. As the NSW SES prepares for more frequent and intense severe weather events, we are mobilising community members to join the team and contribute to our mission of saving lives and protecting communities.

## Getting started

There's never been a better time to volunteer with the NSW SES.



Your first step to volunteering with the NSW SES is to visit our website at [www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au) and apply to join a Community Action Team.



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