

Monday Lunch

The Salvation Army's response to youth homelessness in Sydney's inner-city, Oasis Youth Support Network (Oasis) provides a place of safety and care where young people can find refuge. Working with young people, aged 16 to 25, most of whom have experienced complex trauma, Oasis offers opportunities for young people to embrace their potential and envision their life taking a different path.

From crisis and transitional accommodation, through to case management, education and training, living skills and outreach, Oasis works to re-establish choice, self-worth and confidence in a safe environment, empowering young people to move forward in their lives and make positive choices for their futures.

Many of the young people who access our service are estranged from family and lack strong social networks and support systems. Thanks to volunteers we are able to run a Monday Lunch program that aims to provide healthy and nutritious meals to young people who access our service. The communal environment this opportunity creates helps to establish bonds with peers, staff and volunteers. The program also encourages young people to gain simple skills in the kitchen by actively being involved with the preparation process.

When?	Each Monday 10am – 1:30pm
Where?	Oasis Youth Support Network 365 Crown St, Surry Hills. Entrance via Foveaux St
What's involved?	<p>Your role is to prepare and serve a communal lunch for young people who access The Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose a meal you would like to cook. We encourage something you are comfortable making and something teenager friendly. We will notify you if there are any allergies you need to be aware of. ○ On arrival at Oasis you will be provided with a budget of \$120 which is in the form of a food voucher for Coles/Woolworths. ○ You will then go to the local shopping centre to purchase the necessary grocery items. We encourage healthy, hearty meals - perhaps your family BBQ favourite. If you are unsure about quantity or what meal to cook please speak to one of our team members. ○ On returning to Oasis, meal preparation will be undertaken in the Crisis Accommodation kitchen. If you are comfortable we ask that you engage residents in the preparation of the meal (with the assistance of youth workers). ○ Lunch is served at 12noon. ○ Clean up – in conjunction with residents and youth workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cover any leftover food and put it in the fridge with date and time clearly labelled on the top of the food. ○ Clean plates and cutlery with the dishwashers available after dinner is finished. ○ Clean up and wipe down benches and other surfaces in the kitchen and eating area. ○ This is not compulsory but should you like, you can prepare or bake a dessert.



Volunteer Forms (for first time volunteers)

Upon arrival you will be asked to submit four forms; volunteer registration form, volunteer insurance form, & signed copy of The Salvation Army's Code of Conduct. These forms will be sent via email prior to commencement of volunteering. However, should you forget we will also have extra forms available on the night. These forms only need to be completed once.

Tips from Team Oasis:

- **Oasis Youth Support Network works within the boundaries of Trauma Informed Care. We have provided a brief overview of Trauma Informed Care what it means for you as a volunteer. Please read this information carefully. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to chat to any of our staff.**
- Please ensure closed toe, flat shoes are essential.
- No short shorts please. As representatives of The Salvation Army and Oasis we are that all clothing is modest and respectful in nature.
- There is limited parking available in and around Crown St. Any parking is done at the own cost of the volunteer and parking signs should be taken note of.
- Should you require any debriefing after your volunteer experience, please contact the volunteer coordinator or talk to a youth worker. We have highly trained staff that can assist you.

Information for obtaining your NSW Working With Children Check (WWCC)

STEP 1: Fill in an online application form

Go to www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au and fill in the online application form.

Please make sure the details you provide are EXACTLY THE SAME as the details on your identity documents. If you have submitted the form with a mistake, please redo the form to avoid problems with the proof of identity requirement at step two.

Once you have submitted the form, you will receive an application number that looks like this: APP1234567.

STEP 2: Present proof of your identity

Go to a NSW motor registry (or NSW Council Agency that offers RMS services) with your application number **AND** proof of your identity (same as for a NSW driver's license). You must have **BOTH** of these items for your application to proceed.

If you are in paid work, you will also be required to pay an \$80 fee for a five year clearance.

You will not be required to prove that you are a volunteer or paid worker. Your application number will tell the Customer Service Operator at the NSW motor registry or Council Agency which type of Check you have applied for.

Receiving your results

You will receive your outcome and Working With Children Check number by email (or post if you do not have an email address). If you have not received your results within four weeks, please email your details and application number to newcheck@kids.nsw.gov.au.

Once you receive your clearance outcome, please provide your clearance number to me for your file and verification purposes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and chat to me about them. There is also lots of information available on the www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au website.

Contact Information:

On the day: There will be two youth workers onsite and a number of other Oasis staff members for the duration of your volunteering experience – if you have any questions prior to volunteering please don't hesitate to contact us.

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