



THE BIG ISSUE – COMMUNITY STREET SOCCER PROGRAM

# POSITION DESCRIPTION

*Position Title: Catering Assistant*

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**REPORTS TO:** Street Soccer Coach  
**LOCATION:** <Insert Venue>  
**INSURANCE:** Covered by The Big Issue

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Big Issue in Australia Limited (TBI) is a not-for-profit community organisation that seeks to provide ways to assist homeless, ex-homeless and unemployed people to participate in society as independently as possible.

The Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program offers homeless and marginalized people an opportunity to improve their physical and psychological well-being through soccer.

The program uses physical activity, in the form of organised sport, as a catalyst for transforming the lives by reconnecting homeless with the community and providing them with a real sense of purpose and belonging. Most critically, it gives them a great boost in self-esteem and a vision for a brighter future.

Community Street Soccer values participation – and the benefits this brings - over football skills and scoreboard competition. It fosters inclusiveness, commitment, selflessness & team spirit – all directed towards improving the individual's physical and psychological lifestyle and wellbeing. Most importantly, it allows both males and females, of all ages and varying abilities and fitness levels, to play sport and feel involved.

## VOLUNTEER POSITION OBJECTIVE

To work with the Street Soccer Program Coordinator and Coach to make the program, training, events and camps as accessible, enjoyable and safe as is possible to participants, staff and other volunteers.

## POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direction of the Street Soccer Coach -

- Coordinate the water and food supply for the players on a weekly basis
- Prepare and present food as appropriate during training
- Set up a catering and drink station area at training
- Source local food suppliers / businesses to provide food at training on a weekly basis

## ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES

The following attributes are vital to your effectiveness as a volunteer with the Street Soccer Program:

- An interest in working with people from disadvantaged backgrounds, people with mental illness, people with drug and alcohol addiction.
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Cross-cultural awareness
- Ability to maintain agreed commitments
- A non-judgemental and tolerant attitude to clients
- Responsiveness to supervision
- Ability to multitask and prioritise responsibilities
- A positive 'can do' attitude
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills



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- Previous experience working with disadvantaged communities
- A reliable car and licence (although the venue may be accessible by public transport)
- A Criminal Records check will be required if application is successful

## TIME REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer Catering Assistant is expected to attend the weekly 2 hour training session on an ongoing basis in order to build relationships with players, staff and other volunteers.

## TO APPLY

Please download a volunteer application form and return to the Street Soccer team by post, email or fax. For any enquiries, please call 03 9650 0482. Please attach your CV to the application form if you wish.

Post: Volunteering - Street Soccer  
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Melbourne VIC 3001

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