

6 September 2019



13 – 19 October 2019

anti-poverty week

act on poverty

Dear Community Club Members,

We are writing to you as State Co-Chairs of Anti-Poverty Week, which has supported the Australian community since 2002 to have an increased understanding of poverty and to take action collectively to end it.

Our key message is Poverty exists. Poverty hurts us all. We can all do something about it.

And it is one of hope, not despair.

More than 90% of Australians agree, that *in Australia, no one should go without basic essentials like food, healthcare, transport and power.*

Yet 1 in 6 Australian children are living in poverty and too many of their mothers are skipping meals to give them enough.

In 2019, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from the **13th to the 19th of October.**

Everyone is encouraged to help reduce poverty and hardship by organising an activity during Anti-Poverty Week or taking part in an activity organised by others.

In 2019, we are also supporting the Raise the Rate campaign to increase unemployment payments.

Increasing Newstart, and linked payments, would help approximately one million Australians, including about 200,000 children, who depend on these very low payments.

Raising Newstart would also provide a much-needed stimulus for the economy, especially in regional areas.

We are especially keen to ensure service clubs take part and have developed some ideas for how you can get involved, along with some Fast Facts on many aspects of poverty.

You can download the new Anti-Poverty Week logo and banners to help promote your events or activities and infographic videos to display in your organisation or to use on your social platforms. You can also register your event on the Anti-Poverty Week website.

If you have any further questions relating to Anti-Poverty Week or activities in your area, please contact Chelsey Potter on 8305 9250.

Together, we can provide hope to many Australians doing it tough.

Yours sincerely,

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