

Reimagining Volunteering

Experimenting with
inclusive pathways
towards formal and
informal volunteering

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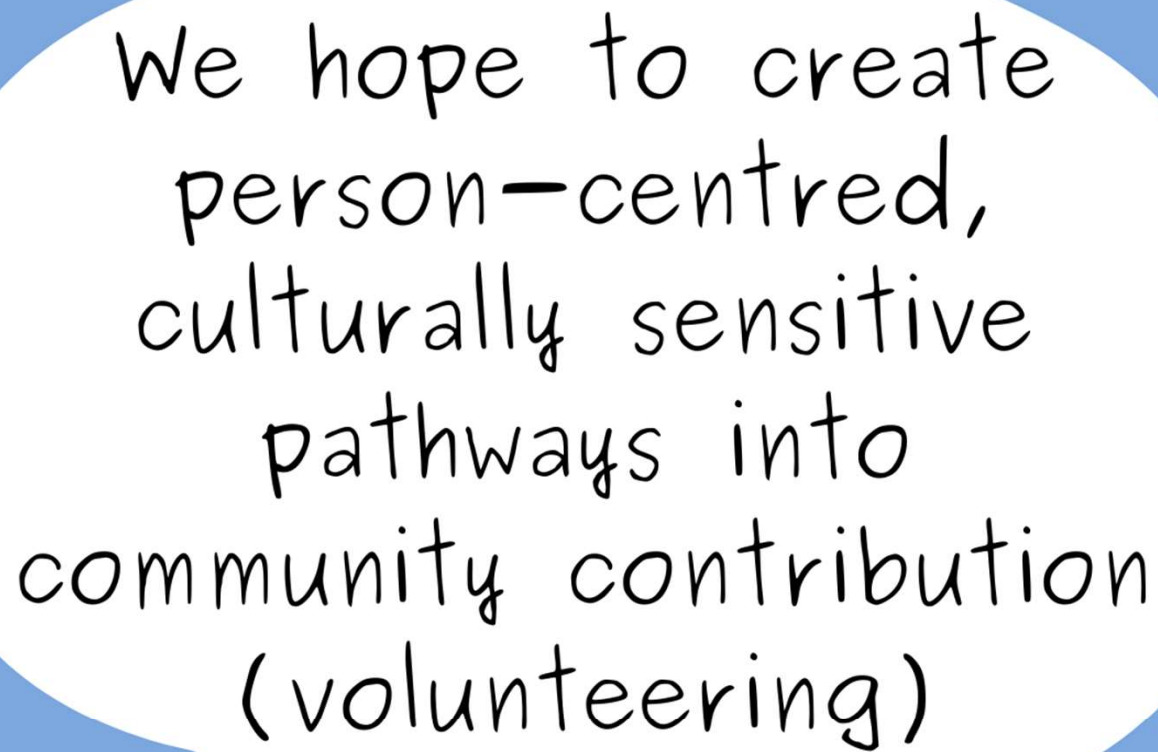
Befriend operates on the traditional lands of the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, where connection to community has been carefully nurtured for thousands of years. We recognise and value the ongoing contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities to Australian life.

We acknowledge that the sovereignty of this Nation was never ceded and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Befriend

- **Purpose** – Nurture inclusive, connected communities
- **Approach** – Supporting community-led action through activating semi-autonomous community-connecting efforts (formal/informal hybrid approach)
- **Inclusion as a core value** – Honouring each person's unique gifts and contributions





We hope to create
person-centred,
culturally sensitive
pathways into
community contribution
(volunteering)

I'm Searching...

Relationship-Building & Discovery Phase

Personally meaningful contribution



Experiment 1: Your Journey, Your Way

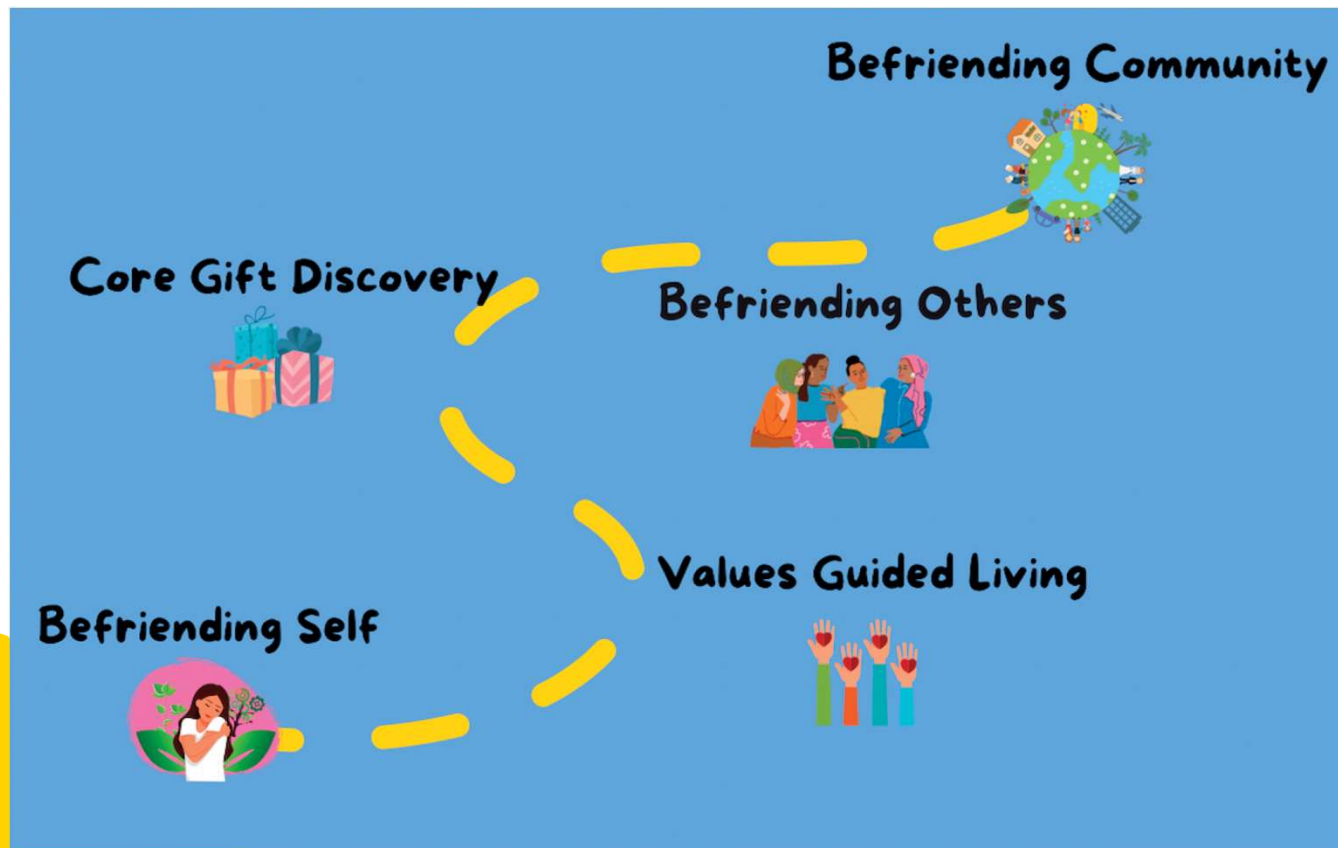


4-week series of discovery workshops to step forward into contributing to your community:

- **Stepping Stones:** Taking the next steps to connect with your community
- **Contributing in Community:** Discovering what you love to give
- **Community Connection Campfire:** A warm place to come back to
- **Kickstart your Community:** The fundamentals of bringing people together



Experiment 2: Befriending Self, Others & Community



Workshops that nurture self-awareness and contributions through relationships.

Co-hosted in Armadale with member-based associations.

Experiment 3: Give-it-a-Go Hobby-Share



A localised term-length series of connection & discovery through hands-on participation.

- **Micro-contribution.** Hands-on community-connecting through hobby-sharing.
- **Localised.** Pavilion next to the Primary School.
- **Regular.** Thursday afternoon routine prior to school pick-up.
- **Flexible.** Drop-in participation style.
- **Starting point.** Supported pathways to progress to running hobby groups.



Summary of Perspectives

We see value in the potential of...

- Broadening the terminology of 'volunteering'
- Valuing each unique contribution
- Leveraging community potential through supporting mission-aligned 'informal volunteering' efforts
- Creating spaces for personal discovery
- Regular routines that support the journey forward towards contributing



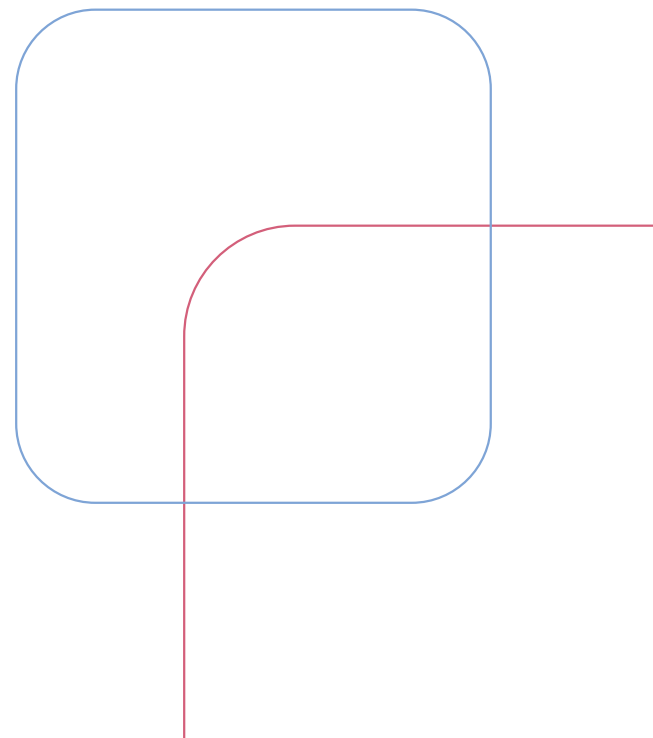


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