

# Briefing

## Storm Co

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been sending teams of young adults into local communities as part of a ministry called Storm Co (Service To Other Really Matters) since 1992, when a group of Year 12 students planned an adventure in service rather than a school leaving party. Their destination: Moree.

“The mission of Storm Co is to send teams of trained people to work for, learn from and encourage local communities,” says one of the founders of the ministry, Dr Mel Lemke.

“Storm Co offers no-strings-attached service because the church and its members care about people.

“Of course, this service is Christ-based and people are inevitably led to ask about what motivates us, which leads to opportunities for sharing our faith.”

Storm Co is built on five foundations:

### **1. No agenda**

Listen—Storm Co teams enter local communities to build a relationships with those communities. A team will go first to listen and then to serve.

### **2. No expectation**

Serve—Storm Co teams serve. They will work for local communities and learn from those communities. Their goal is to serve without compensation.

### **3. No walls**

Encourage—Storm Co teams support Christianity above denominational barriers. They have a mandate to encourage others in their relationship with God.

### **4. No limits**

Return—Storm Co teams maintain relationships with their local communities. Their goal is to return and be an ongoing positive influence in those communities.

### **5. No fear**

Worship—Storm Co teams are built through worship. They stand for their God as they serve in their local communities.