Volunteer role

Bushcare volunteer

Bushcare program

Various bushland reserves across Blacktown City

Purpose

As a Bushcare volunteer, you can make a difference, helping Council create avenues for community participation, education and appreciation of bushland areas.

We would like you to participate in activities such as:

- weeding
- native seed collection
- planting and mulching
- creating wildlife habitat
- litter collection

Everything you do is in a voluntary capacity, and as such, there is no remuneration (pay).

Qualities we are looking for

Preferred qualities we are looking for are:

- able to follow instructions from the staff leader
- a willingness to work as part of a team
- being prepared to work safely outdoors in various weather conditions
- an interest in learning about native plants and bush regeneration techniques

You will receive support

Our Senior Bushland Officer is responsible for coordinating when you and other volunteers attend and making sure that you are safe. They will take you through a compulsory full induction program to introduce you to our Bushcare program and your purpose.

Our expectations

We expect all our volunteers to:

- be willing to regularly dedicate time and effort to Bushcare
- be punctual and advise Council if they are unable to attend as agreed
- follow instructions or directions from staff leaders when attending a Bushcare session
- do all tasks safely by following our procedures and work instructions
- read Council's Work Health Safety (WHS) Handbook
- read Council's Volunteer Handbook
- comply with Council's Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- wear enclosed shoes, sun protection, long sleeved clothing and required personal protective equipment (PPE) to participate in Bushcare

- attend scheduled support and guidance sessions including Code of Conduct for Volunteers and WHS, and other sessions as required
- treat all people fairly and with respect
- discuss any concerns with the Senior Bushland Officer or staff leaders
- not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst volunteering
- not make media or social media comment about Council matters.

What's in it for you

- Making a positive contribution to your community
- Giving yourself a sense of achievement and purpose
- Developing new skills
- Learning about native plants and natural areas
- Helping you meet new like-minded people which can make you feel more connected and valued
- Being part of a supportive team and socialising
- Connecting with nature and enjoying the beauty of natural environments
- Physical benefits from outdoor work
- Mental health advantages from spending time in nature

Acknowledgement and agreement			
Volunteer	Name		
	Signature	Date	