

CORPORATE GROUP VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering with our Ecological Restoration Team

Merri Creek Management Committee's (MCMC) Ecological Restoration Team manages and restores native vegetation along Merri Creek and tributaries in Melbourne's north. Team members are experienced in vegetation management and hosting volunteer groups.

Why volunteer to restore the Merri Creek?

This has proven to be a great atmosphere for team-building for many corporate and other groups who have partnered with us in the past. Helping to restore the creek environment can also provide reconnection with the natural landscape of Melbourne's North.

Week day and weekend volunteering

On weekdays, we can help you develop customised activity days for your group. If you are interested in a weekend activity, we can make your group welcome at one of the regular community events listed in our [calendar](#). If your weekend group is larger than five, please let us know well in advance, for catering purposes.

Advanced notice for a customised week day event

Please let us know about your interest as early as possible. Advance notice helps us to arrange a suitable activity and site for your group.

- Planting activities are ideally arranged by March, for planting in late Autumn or Winter
- At least a month's notice is desirable for other volunteering activities.

Planting and planting preparations are generally available April to August while weed and litter removals can be scheduled at any time. We can discuss availability of activities and their suitability for your group; however options at suitable sites may be limited.

Please email us at admin@mcmc.org.au with the following information:

a) Preferred activity

Activity type	Season
Planting	generally between April and August
Planting preparations: jute laying, mulching	generally between April and August
Woody weed removal and hand-weeding	all year
Litter collection	all year

b) Preferred month, day and time Let us know your preferred month, day of week or other specific dates.

c) Preferred location Do you have any constraints regarding location? Some of our sites are accessible by public transport; for others you will need to arrange vehicle transport to the site.

d) Why your group wants to volunteer with us A brief sentence is adequate.

Donation – weekday events

Your group's volunteer efforts will improve the environmental outcome of our restoration work. However, funds are needed to offset our staff costs to customise and arrange your group's event. Please consider a donation in the order of \$500 to help MCMC coordinate a high-quality team building event for your staff. Our Ecological Restoration Program Manager, Katrina Roberg is available to discuss this with you: 9380 8199 or katrina@mcmc.org.au.

Lunch and morning tea

We can provide a simple BBQ lunch and/or morning tea for your corporate activity day at the following costs:

Food	Details	Cost/person	Minimum charge
BBQ Lunch	Halal sausages, Falafel, hommus, salad, bread, fresh fruit.	\$20	\$300
Morning or afternoon tea	Tea, coffee, sweet biscuits, fruit	\$5	\$50

Liability

All registered volunteers (older than 12 and younger than 80) at our events are covered by our personal accident insurance. However volunteers are **not** covered by our Workcover insurance. **Please check that your staff will be covered by your workplace WorkCover on their volunteer day with us.** If they are not, please ensure that they are aware of this.

Sample Itinerary for a corporate group volunteer day

- 9 -10am - Meet MCMC staff at site
 - Morning tea
 - safety induction
- 15 mins after arrival commence volunteer work
- 12pm to 12:45/1.00pm – Lunch (provided at cost by MCMC or otherwise arranged by your group)
- 12.45/1.00pm onwards – complete volunteer works
- 2:30pm pack-up equipment on site
- 2:30-3pm leave site

Please ensure all participants are wearing the following:

- Sturdy long trousers
- Sturdy long-sleeved shirt
- Suitable closed, sturdy footwear
- Do not wear loose or flowing clothing or jewellery that may cause danger or reduce your working capacity.

Be prepared for the forecast weather by bringing:

- Sunglasses
- Hat
- A jacket in case the weather is cold
- Wet weather gear (coat and pants) so the team can continue to work in light rain

We will provide your group with appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and eye protection.

Want more information about our work?

Our Ecological Restoration Team works with a variety of land managers, including Local Government, Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria. We restore and manage native vegetation at over 60 sites from Fairfield in the south to Kalkallo and Beveridge in the north.

The following site information notes outline the kind of work we do:

[Galada Tamboore in Campbellfield](#)

[Merri Park Wetland in Northcote](#)

[Rushwood Drive Reserve in Craigieburn](#)

[Moomba Park in Fawkner](#)

[Ngarri-djarrang Grassland in Reservoir](#)