

Corporate & Community Group Volunteering

The City of Parramatta's precious bushland provides many benefits to the community. Greenspace in urban environments is essential habitat to our remaining wildlife and creates clean air for us to breathe and a tranquil escape from fast paced city life.

Unfortunately much of the City of Parramatta's bushland is under threat from clearing, urban run off, weed infestation, decreased biodiversity and loss of connectivity, resulting in remaining bushland primarily listed as Endangered or Critically Endangered space.

Volunteers play an important role in helping the City of Parramatta and our staff in mitigating some of these effects and helping to restore our bushland. Corporate & Community group volunteering events work hand in hand with the work already being conducted by our regular Bushcare Volunteers. Our Bushcare volunteers work across the year conducting bushland regeneration activities such as weed removal, planting and watering seedlings. Some activities are seasonal such as planting from April to September each year.

City of Parramatta Council can work in partnership with Corporate and Community groups to tailor each event to suit their needs. Our team requires a minimum of 6 weeks notice of interest in an event to adequately prepare a site and resources and are limited to a finite number of events each year. Events involving large groups require careful management so that our bushland receives the careful treatment it needs to thrive. Ideally groups should not be larger than 30 people. If your team is larger than this consider joining us to plant 10,000 seedlings at our Annual National Tree Day event in late July/ early August each year. You can find our event on the Planet Ark website here: <https://treeday.planetark.org/>

“Effective organisations are able to share their vision and goals with others. This allows them to engage partners in helping to achieve the vision. Parramatta City Council has many potential partners in helping Parramatta being the Leading City at the Heart of Sydney. We work with many businesses and community groups to achieve environmental, social and economic outcomes as defined in the Triple Bottom Line Strategies.”

- City of Parramatta Council Productive Partnerships Policy 2004



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Deliverables and Inclusions:

City of Parramatta Council will work with your organisation to negotiate deliverables and inclusions. Our volunteer events run for a **maximum of 4 hours**. The following items can be provided by City of Parramatta Council:

- Site and activity risk assessment
- Site preparation and maintenance (mulching, watering etc.)
- On the day Bushcare supervision and technical advice
- Public Liability Insurance for registered volunteers aged 16-90 years working under the supervision of Council staff or Council-appointed contractors
- Equipment (loan of tools, loan of binoculars)
- Native plants for revegetation projects (April – September only)

The City of Parramatta Council **does not** provide the following therefore your organisation may like to:

- Transport to / from the event site
- Mobile / additional toilet facilities (Public toilets may not be on site)
- Catering (including water for handwashing or drinking)
- Bushwalking guide
- Marquee (Shelters may not be on site)

The City of Parramatta Council greatly appreciates your interest in helping us restore our beautiful bushland.

If you have any queries or would like to express your interest in a Corporate or Community Group Volunteer Event please contact our team at:

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