

Waste Watchers Position Description

Join our Waste Watchers volunteer program! We are looking for reliable and committed volunteers who want to make a difference in their community. Our Waste Watchers group are interested in waste and recycling, are motivated, willing to learn, and interested in sharing our sustainable message with the community.



Waste Watchers Event Assistant

WMRC's Community Waste Education team run waste information stalls and waste-education events across Perth's western suburbs. The Waste Watchers Event Assistants help spread a sustainable message throughout the community by assisting with WMRC waste education events.

We aim to normalise good waste management practices while educating the community about waste avoidance and recycling.

Key responsibilities:

You will be a friendly face the community can look to for reliable advice about how to reduce waste, recycle right and deal with things that don't go in the bins at home. Your role as an Event Assistant may include:

- Greeting guests at events and taking registrations.
- Engaging with community members in waste-related conversation & answering questions.
- Assisting with set-up and pack down for events, such as: chairs and tables, catering, promotional material, activity stations etc.
- Facilitating waste activity stations at workshops e.g. beeswax wrap making
- Sorting clothes during clothing swaps

- Directing difficult resident waste and recycling questions to the WMRC Education & Community Officer working with you.

Knowledge, skills & attributes:

The skills and attributes required of an Event Assistant include:

- Knowledge of what goes in Recycling, General Waste, Garden Organics (GO) and Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO) bins. See [Recycle Right](#) for up-to-date information.
- Knowledge of WMRC [member and participating councils](#) and [services](#). (Covered during the volunteer orientation).
- A friendly disposition with good communication and customer service skills.
- Ability to work in a team as well as individually.
- Ability to stand for up to 5 hours and lift up to 10 kgs.

Events you may assist at include waste education workshops, waste information stalls, waste sorting stations, and clothing swaps.

Shift times, days, location & transport:

- WMRC officers regularly email upcoming shift lists to the Waste Watchers volunteer group. Sign up for as many or as few as you like.
- Volunteer shifts can be during weekdays, weeknights, and weekends.
- Volunteer shifts are between 2 - 5 hours long.
- Volunteer shifts are held at venues within Perth's western suburbs.
- Most venues are accessible by public transport.

Training & support provided:

All new volunteers must complete a 1.5-hour Volunteer Orientation before starting their Waste Watchers role. These orientation sessions are held several times per year.

A WMRC officer will email you the next Volunteer Orientation date when you sign up to join the program.

You will be briefed and debriefed at every volunteer shift, where training, support, and feedback will be provided by the WMRC officers.

Volunteer benefits:

- Help the community reduce their waste and share sustainable alternatives.
- Gain knowledge, skills, and experience in:
 - Waste education,
 - Community engagement, and
 - Event management.
- Meet like-minded people, have fun, and improve your confidence.
- Use WMRC as a reference for job applications.
- The opportunity to attend WMRC events and tours to further your waste and recycling knowledge for free or reduced prices upon completion of your first volunteer shift.
- Meals and refreshments provided during most volunteer shifts.



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