

Waste Watchers Position Description

Join our team of Waste Watchers 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 School Education Assistant

Volunteer role description

WMRC's Community Waste Education team regularly visit local primary schools to teach easy waste-management behaviours. This includes running our award-winning School Waste Education Day, a full-day incursion that shows students how to manage their waste with five key behaviours (Gifting, Recycling, Earth-cycling, Avoiding, and Taking).

As a Waste Watchers School Education Assistant, you will run waste activity stations for groups of students in Years 1-6.

This high-energy and interactive volunteer shift would suit volunteers looking for work experience and for those interested in educating the younger generations.

Key responsibilities

You will be a friendly face, leading students in an activity station, and educating on the [Be a G.R.E.A.T. Sort](#) initiatives. You will play a key role in helping students to understand the messages the activities are teaching and to have fun. Your role as a School Education Assistant may include:

- Facilitating a waste activity station (guidance provided).
- Engaging with students, teachers and parents on waste topics and answering waste-related questions.
- Assisting with the set up and pack down of activity stations.

- Directing difficult questions & concerns to the Education & Community Officer working with you.

Knowledge, skills & attributes:

The skills and attributes required of a School Education 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 the [Be a G.R.E.A.T. Sort](#) initiative (covered during the volunteer orientation and in the take-home packs).
- 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 to 10 kgs.

Shift times, days, location & transport:

- WMRC officers regularly email upcoming shift lists to Waste Watchers volunteer group. Sign up for as many or as few as you like.
- Volunteer shifts will be during school hours.
- Volunteer shifts are between 2.5 - 5 hours long.
- Volunteer shifts are held at local primary schools within Perth's Western Suburbs.
- Most schools are accessible by public transport.

Training & support provided:

All new volunteers must complete a 1.5-hour Volunteer Orientation before starting their Waste Watcher 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.

School Waste Education Assistants will be provided information packs before visiting schools and will be briefed before the incursion, to allow you to confidently engage with students.

Volunteer benefits:

- Teach kids, teachers and parents waste and sustainability initiatives.
- Gain knowledge, skills, and experience in:
 - G.R.E.A.T WasteSorted initiatives
 - Waste education,
 - Working with children.
- Have fun while improving your public speaking and leadership skills.
- 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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