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Corporate Volunteering Frequently Asked Questions ①

What do I have to do to have a corporate volunteer day?

Running a Corporate Volunteer Day with SOWN is easy. You can let SOWN do all the work for you including setting you up an appropriate site and task, providing all tools and supervision, a free morning tea and friendly advice.

You can make contact with the SOWN's corporate volunteer organiser by following the links on SOWN's website. Following the front page link to the Corporate Volunteering page.

What is the cost?

The cost involved in volunteering with SOWN is totally up to you. Donations to the SOWN Environment Fund are tax deductible. All donations go towards the ongoing running of SOWN and creek rehabilitation work whether it be providing potting mix for potting up plants, replacement tools for tree planting and weed control, herbicide, tool maintenance or day-to-day administrative costs. You can specify what your donation goes towards such as a fun day or event, or towards the creating of our Environment Centre at The Gap.

What do we need to bring?

Most of the work is set outdoors. It's advisable that you wear comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty – preferably long pants and a long-sleeved shirt to minimise scratches and sun exposure. It is important that you wear covered shoes and bring a hat and sunscreen. Also, bring lots of water, more than you think you need.

SOWN provides all tools, herbicide (optional) and equipment as well as instruction in the safe use of these on site.

What activities will I be doing?

You can do a range of outdoor tasks including weed removal, mulching, planting and bushland regeneration.

Corporate days are a great help to the ongoing work done by SOWN members rehabilitating our creeks and natural areas, helping with some of the bigger jobs that we can't undertake during our normal working bees.

You may choose to volunteer at SOWN's volunteer-run native plant nursery on Paten Road, The Gap. Volunteers can work Wednesday mornings from 8.30am to around 12.30pm and Saturdays 9.30-11.30am. Feel free to join the regular volunteers on one of these days. Alternatively you can book in another day to run your corporate day and a supervisor will be made available to you. Work includes processing seeds, potting up seedlings, weeding, cleaning pots and other general nursery stuff, plus lots of chat and laughter. Our volunteers are all very friendly and from a range of backgrounds. SOWN will provide a morning tea.

How many people do we need?

SOWN can cater for groups of 1 to 50, although the average team consists of around 5-15 volunteers. Working in the SOWN nursery can cater only for small groups of up to 8 volunteers. If you would like to split your office up into two groups we can run activities on two different days, or two different activities simultaneously.

When can we get started?

We generally need at least one week's notice to organise your volunteer day for you. However, if you would like to join an existing SOWN event, a couple of days notice is sufficient. The more notice we have the better we can accommodate your group's needs or expectations for the day.

Many of our corporate volunteers like to volunteer on a week day, we can also run working bees on weekends. Send us some possible dates and we will let you know when we can accommodate you.