



VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



COMMUNITY RUN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Many thanks to Sutherland Shire's 28,000 volunteers who make it possible for more than 900 groups, clubs and other organisations to serve the many needs of our community.

The Shire's volunteers are among the best anywhere in Australia with the 2006 census showing that 17.3 per cent of the Shire's residents are involved in a volunteering activity compared to Sydney's average of only 14.8 per cent.

WHY WE'RE INVOLVED

- Volunteering is community building.
- Volunteers underpin community life.
- Much research says that by helping others you are helping yourself:
 - More than any other activity regular volunteering dramatically increases vitality.
 - Selfless acts prove to be good for the heart and immune system.
 - The cure for all sorts of things is not so much being cared for as caring for others.

EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING

- Start at home.
- Be the good neighbour.
- Be a locality leader.
- Support local enterprises.

The Community Services Unit may be able to assist by recommending community based organisations that require volunteers. For more information telephone 9710 0524 or go to the website www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au.



Other useful contacts for volunteering in the community include:

Volunteer Link

Tel: 02 9580 9055

Email: vollink@stgcs.com.au

Website: www.stgcs.com.au

Volunteering NSW

Tel: 02 9261 3600

Website: www.volunteering.com.au

Volunteering Australia

Tel: 03 9820 4100

Online volunteering service at www.GoVolunteer.com.au to find out more about volunteer positions.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS RUN BY SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

WHO CAN APPLY

Any person wishing to contribute to the local community, whether they are a resident in the Sutherland Shire or not, is welcome to join the ranks of volunteers.

REGISTRATION IN A COUNCIL RUN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

To safeguard both the individual and council it is necessary for all new volunteers to be formally registered before participating in a volunteer program. Registration is done after first contacting the program coordinator.

Volunteer program coordinators have the right to refuse the services of the applicant if their skills do not match those required for the tasks.





WHO TO CONTACT

The volunteer program coordinators have the day-to-day responsibility for the operation of the programs and the involvement and performance of the volunteers.

Registration for each program is slightly different. Anyone interested in volunteering should first contact the appropriate program coordinator on the following telephone numbers:

- Botany Bay Family History Society / Sutherland Library – 9710 0172
- Bushcare – 9524 5672
- Community Facilities management committees – 9710 0278
- Council's standing committees – 9710 0817
- Cultural Planning and Events – 9710 0991
- Hazelhurst Regional Gallery – 8536 5732
- Kurnell Historic Drive Care Program – 9710 5737
- Managing tennis and other sporting facilities – 9710 0605
- Sister Cities committees – 9710 0161
- Sutherland Shire Council's Animal Shelter – 9710 0401
- Youth and seniors' events – 9710 0524

The coordinator will be able to answer any questions you have and will explain the requirements for registration. The program manager has overall responsibility for the council managed volunteer programs and can be contacted on 9710 0655.

FURTHER DETAILS

Visit council's website for details on www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au.

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