

What now ?

If you want to volunteer, go online to www.mackay.qld.gov.au/volunteering to register your interest, or fill in the form below and post it to Mackay Regional Council. Your details will be passed on to your chosen facility and they will get in contact with you.

If you have any specialised skills, please indicate them on the form so that we can match you up with a position that you will find most rewarding.
Or perhaps you want to try something new? Either way, with the many options available, you are sure to find something.



I am interested in becoming a volunteer!

Fill out this form and post it back to council indicating your interest and availability.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____

I am interested in volunteering at:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Artspace Mackay | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenmount Homestead |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Centres/Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> MECC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mackay Region Festival of Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchid House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Environment Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarina Sugar Shed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Assoc. | |

I am available:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday |

Please indicate available times:

Activities I am interested in:

Mackay Regional Council is collecting this information in order to process your Application. This information will not be disclosed to any other third party without your written or verbal authorisation or as required by law.

Orchid House

Volunteers at the Orchid House contribute to the general care of the orchids and indoor plants both at Mackay Regional Council's Queens Park Nursery and Orchid House. Tasks undertaken include re-potting, fertilizing, weeding pots as well as propagating the indoor plants and opening the Orchid House to the public. It doesn't matter if you know little about orchids or plants, as staff are happy to teach interested volunteers.

Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group

Based at the Mackay Natural Environment Centre in North Mackay, the group offers opportunities for volunteers to meet like-minded people and help in the expansion of our native nursery, including seed collection and varying propagation techniques. For further information phone the Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group on 4944 1979. This group is supported by Mackay Regional Council's Natural Environment Levy.

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA)

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) operates the SLCMA Community Volunteer Program. It is a great opportunity to find out more about our local native plants, how to propagate them, gain skills in general nursery activities and meet some other great volunteers. If you are interested in joining the volunteers, please wear closed shoes, hat and bring a water bottle. For more details contact SLCMA on 4956 1388. The SLCMA Community Volunteer Program is supported by Mackay Regional Council's Natural Environment Levy.

Sarina Sugar Shed

Contribute to our region's tourism industry for the benefit of both the local community and our visitors. Volunteer at the Sarina Sugar Shed, the only miniature sugar mill and distillery in Australia and help our visitors have a great experience. Whether you want to get involved with tour guiding, gift shop sales, cooking our products, production of alcohol, café sales, factory work or general maintenance at the facility – there is something on offer to utilise everyone's skills and knowledge. Full training is provided and shifts are available across a six day working week.



For more information
phone: 1300 MACKAY (1300 622 529)
or visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au



Volunteering at council

Volunteering is a rewarding activity that allows you to give back to your community whilst making new friends and learning new skills. Mackay Regional Council has a number of facilities and areas that are in need of volunteers to lend a helping hand.

Volunteer today at:

- Artspace Mackay
- Greenmount Homestead
- Historical Centres/Museums
- Library Services
- Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre
- Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens
- Mackay Region Festival of Arts
- Natural Environment activities
- Orchid House
- Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group
- Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association
- Sarina Sugar Shed

What can I do?

The following is a brief summary of the type of activities undertaken at each facility:

Artspace Mackay

The Artspace Mackay volunteers provide an invaluable service to the gallery by staffing our front desk, and keeping visitors informed about the exhibitions, workshops, events and other exciting opportunities and services offered by Artspace Mackay. They also provide valuable assistance at exhibition openings and help with preparation and facilitation of public programs and special events.



Greenmount Homestead

Volunteers at the Greenmount Homestead could be talking with visitors from across the globe while showing them around the grounds explaining the history of the Cook family, or they may be involved in conservation and preservation activities and the maintenance of the historic collection. No matter how you wish to lend a helping hand at Greenmount Homestead, you will most certainly have one of the best 'offices' in the region overlooking sweeping mountain views and stunning landscapes.



Historical Centres/Museums

Council maintains three museums in the region; Mackay, Pioneer Valley and Sarina. People choose to become museum volunteers for a number of reasons, including sharing their talents with museum visitors and staff, helping preserve and promote the region's cultural and natural heritage, gaining further experience for a future career in museums or another relevant area, pursuing a specific interest in an area of the Museum's research and collections, developing new skills, experiencing new things or simply to meet interesting people. Find yourself in a museum today!

Library Services

Friends of the Mackay libraries are invaluable to Mackay Regional Council's Library Services providing assistance with many facets of the day-to-day operations of the region's local libraries. From encouraging community awareness by representing the library in your community, to helping with library programs and special events that promote libraries and learning, our friends group are a diverse collection of volunteers who are strong advocates for our library.

Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

If you enjoy being in the outdoors and getting your hands dirty, the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens has a variety of roles that volunteers can help out with including gardening, herbarium, information desk and walking guides. Benefits of becoming a Gardens Friend include taking part in exclusive excursions and the opportunity to learn something new on many guided walks through the Gardens and on trips to scenic natural areas around the Mackay Region. The Garden Friends are the secret ingredient to the ongoing success of the picturesque Botanic Gardens.

Mackay Region Festival of Arts

The Festival of Arts is a great opportunity for people in the community that have an interest in the festival, events or hospitality fields and would like some hands on experience or for people that simply love the arts. There is a range of fantastic events volunteers can be a part of each year and can help by getting involved in stage operations, information services, being an artist host, photography and much more. For more information log onto www.mackayecc.com.au.

Friends of the MECC

The Friends of the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre provide ushering services at performances, banquets and expos, and act as ambassadors at conferences and conventions providing local advice to visitors to our region. As a Friend of the MECC you will get to work on some of the most exciting events in Mackay, meeting many new friends along the way. Many of the Friends have been associated with the venue for over 20 years, and the value of the work they have done exceeds the one million dollar mark.



Natural Environment Activities

Several of the Mackay region's natural parks and reserves have dedicated Friend's Groups that hold working bees on a regular basis, undertaking weed control, maintenance and revegetation activities. A regular program of working bees is also offered as part of the Mackay Coasts and Communities Project to provide opportunities for people to get involved in the sustainable management of coastal areas. The Mackay Natural Environment Centre in North Mackay is open to volunteers and offers a range of activities including the propagation of local native plants for revegetation projects and field trips to natural areas.

“ I love volunteering at Artspace because I love art appreciation and need to have contact with the wonderful and interesting public. I also feel very at home in this gallery as the staff make everyone feel as though they belong, very generously. ”

Kay Fagan - Artspace Volunteer

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