



# VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

## Purpose of the program

To create opportunities for members of the community to help enhance and nurture our reservoir reserves, working alongside SA Water in a rewarding, safe and supportive environment that allows connection to nature.

## About the role

As a volunteer at our reservoir reserves, you'll work in small groups under the supervision of an SA Water Reservoir Ranger. Your role will be assisting with a range of activities supporting conservation and recreation within South Australia's reservoir reserves that are open to the public for recreational access.

Your support as part of our volunteering community will help protect and preserve these special places, ensuring a thriving natural environment for South Australians and the continued supply of safe, clean drinking water. Through the diversity of volunteering activities, you will gain valuable knowledge and skills in land and recreation management.

## Key responsibilities and tasks

You'll have opportunities to be involved in a range of volunteering activities throughout the year, which support ongoing preservation of South Australia's reservoir reserves. Types of activities will likely include:

- Habitat improvement and restoration
  - seed collection and propagation
  - amenity planting and revegetation
- Pest plant control programs
  - monitoring the extent of declared plant species
  - controlling declared plant species
- Citizen science and monitoring programs
  - biodiversity identification and surveying (e.g. birds, mammals, plants)
- Assisting with community events and activities
  - helping host ad hoc events, providing a great visitor experience and being a point of information and knowledge to members of the public
  - assisting in fish stocking activities

## Role requirements

Our volunteers are required to:

1. demonstrate your passion for conservation and the sustained preservation of our natural environment
2. champion recreational access at reservoir reserves, always being focused on visitor experience and promoting these special places
3. recognise and support SA Water's responsibility to provide safe, clean drinking water while enabling recreational access that balances environmental protection and visitor experience
4. work collaboratively with SA Water and other volunteers when performing your volunteer activities
5. follow the instruction, direction and advice of SA Water team members
6. possess a level of health and physical fitness that enables you to safely undertake volunteering activities, and declare any issue or concern that may impact your ability to perform a specific task
7. talk with SA Water if you are unsure of a task, and never place yourself or others at risk
8. demonstrate professional behaviour towards SA Water team members, other volunteers and members of the public at all times
9. provide constructive feedback about the program, including ideas that may help improve the program, and
10. possess good communication and interpersonal skills.

## Our reservoir reserves' natural environment

It's important you understand the range of activities will:

- be outdoors, and subject to weather conditions
- vary in levels of physical activity, ranging from walking and observing to manual handling such as bending, lifting, digging and pulling
- be on natural terrain, often with uneven ground and rocky or steep slopes, and
- be in the presence of local wildlife, which could include snakes, bees, and wasps.

If you have any questions or concerns about any activity, you must discuss them with the SA Water Recreation Liaison Advisor or an SA Water team member before participating.

## Special conditions

As our volunteer, you must:

- hold a valid Working with Children Check and National Police Clearance
- have had two primary doses of the COVID-19 vaccination and provide proof of vaccination or a medical exemption before beginning your volunteer work
- if we require it, obtain a medical clearance certificate from your General Practitioner and provide to SA Water
- be able to make your own way to and from a reservoir reserve
- have a working mobile phone
- complete relevant orientation and site-specific inductions before starting volunteer activities
- work according to the guidelines set out in the Volunteer Handbook and this Role Description while carrying out your duties
- follow all safety instructions, including the use of personal protective equipment, as directed by an SA Water Reservoir Ranger or team member, and
- retain and reuse personal protective equipment supplied to you by SA Water, for example gloves or a broad-brimmed hat.

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