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Landcare NSW and Greater Sydney Landcare are planting 200,000 trees as part of the Greening our City program to help reduce temperature and mitigate urban heat in Greater Sydney. Proudly funded by the NSW Government.

About Greater Sydney Landcare

Greater Sydney Landcare (GSL) is a community organisation that supports individuals, groups or organisations who are working to protect, restore and improve the natural environment of Greater Sydney.

GSL believes that corporate engagement can help us deliver on-ground environmental activities, provided those activities are in the interest of GSL, biodiversity, water quality and Landcare.



About Creating Canopies

Landcare NSW and Greater Sydney Landcare have partnered with DPE to deliver the planting of 200,000 trees as part of the NSW Sydney Canopies Project – mitigating urban heat by increasing tree canopy and green cover across Greater Sydney

The Creating Canopies in Greater Sydney Project allows landholders to provide habitat and shade on their land, helping cool Sydney down.

The project includes a range of planting sites on both public and private land for 100 tree plantings, to over 1,000. Small plantings of less than 200 are not normally suitable for corporate events unless they include other activities such as weeding. Planting sites of 300+ plants are suitable for having corporate events on site to conduct tree planting.

Permission from the landholders is required for corporate events and activities.

Corporate engagement with Creating Canopies

Corporate volunteers will be involved in planting seedlings in heat-affected areas to help cool these urban areas down. Volunteers leave their planting day with a better understanding of biodiversity, Sydney's flora and fauna, and how tree planting can help keep Sydney cool.

The fresh air and peaceful setting, allows for meaningful conversations between colleagues and helps form stronger bonds through the shared, unique experience of revegetating our urban areas.

Planting days are also a great way for us to raise funds, utilise extra people power, attract new volunteers and educate the public about local environmental issues.



Cost

Greater Sydney Landcare can host Corporate Engagement events with a small fee per person to cover all expenses on the day of **\$100 per person**.

These expenses help us cover:

- Seedlings
- Tree guards
- Stakes
- Protective equipment – gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent
- Tools - mattocks, mallets shovels, and trowels
- Administrative costs
- Additional supervision
- Contractors for site prep and maintenance
- Catering – lunch (BBQ or sandwiches and cakes/muffins), morning tea (tea and coffee and biscuits), cold drinks
- For groups of 20 or more – environmental education experience such as a bush tucker walk and talk, reptiles and insects up close or other environmental experiences
- Other Landcare environmental initiatives



What to expect

Each planting day is unique – a new location with new plants and new faces.

1. Final attendee numbers need to be confirmed at least 1 week before the day.
2. The day usually starts between 9am and ends around 1pm. These times are very flexible and can be changed to suit your needs however this may depend on sites available around your preferred date.
3. We ask that all participants register before the day, via the Eventbrite link we provide, to ensure we can properly cater and staff the event.
4. In the morning, attendees check off their names on our list and will then be inducted to the site by our experienced staff to ensure appropriate WHS and be shown the correct methods of tool use and the process for tree planting
5. Morning tea and lunch are provided. For groups of 20 or more we can also offer an environmental education experience.
6. The day ends once all the plants are in the ground or at the desired time.
7. The invoice will be sent after the final numbers are confirmed a week before the planting day and is due after the event.

Work Health & Safety

It is important to us that all corporate volunteers are provided with a safe and supportive environment while tree planting.

All staff and contractors are fully insured including holding public liability cover of at least \$20 million.

All GSL staff hold current First Aid Certificates. First aid kits are provided at every planting day.

Staff complete a site risk assessment form for each planting site and a full safety induction is carried out at the beginning of every event.

Projects are supervised on a 1:10 or 1:15 supervisor to volunteer ratio - subject to site conditions.

Organise your day

We're here to help organise a great day for you and your team to get out of the office and back to nature.

Reach out to our Communications and Engagement Officer, Felicity Moody to see what dates and locations would suit you best:

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