



## Reef Ambassador Program Frequently Asked Questions

### Will it cost me anything?

The workshop itself does not require any financial contribution from volunteers to cover the application or training costs. However you will be required to purchase a t-shirt for \$20. All participants are responsible for making their own way to the training and events. Any additional event costs (such as food etc) will be covered by the participant.

### What does the Reef Ambassador training entail?

The training will help provide you with the relevant background information and skills to talk to the community about reefs, reef conservation and Reef Check Australia programs. It will also provide a framework for managing more logistical considerations like planning for an event, kit materials and reporting on how your event went.

Training includes an at-home study element to prepare you in the background of RCA, reef ecology and environmental education techniques. We will post you these materials in advance. Prior to the workshop, you will need to read the Ambassador Manual and complete the short Knowledge Review section to document key learning points. This will prepare you to actively engage in the one day hands-on workshop and make the most of your experience.

The workshop will be highly hands-on and participatory. It will offer a fun and educational setting to try out some of your new knowledge and skills, as well as learn from others. We expect you to come prepared, with a great attitude, open-mind and sense of adventure.

### What happens once I'm a trained Ambassador?

RCA gets regular invites to community events and we'll let you know as these opportunities present themselves. We also encourage you to actively seek out opportunities and let us know about them, so we can all decide if participation is a good option.

Prior to events, there will be a process to review specific event logistics and ensure you are ready with the details and materials to help you participate effectively and safely.

### Do I need to wear a uniform?

All Reef Ambassadors are required to wear their Reef Check t-shirt to events, along with clothing that is appropriate for the event environment. This may vary a bit depending on the event, but be mindful that as a RCA representative you need to appear tidy and clean. You should wear closed-toe shoes and make sure you have appropriate sun and exposure protection. Check with RCA and event organisers about any additional considerations for each event.



### **What event resources do I have as an Ambassador?**

RCA will provide trained Reef Ambassadors with an Event Kit. This Kit will contain educational materials from RCA and relevant partners to help you talk to and interact with event guests. It will also have display elements so you can easily set up your table at events.

The Kit will also contain an RCA Event Handbook to provide a practical resource for setting up your display, managing risks on site, taking photos at events and event paperwork.

Our team is always available to help you as needed and contact information for RCA staff will be in your Kit materials.

### **Can I just volunteer casually?**

The Reef Ambassador program requires successful participation in a one day training course and a commitment to at least 3 community events during the year. While we really appreciate your dedication and support, the Reef Check Ambassador program is unable to accommodate volunteers who just want to come along and help out for a day. You might like to check out events like community clean-ups.

If you would like to get involved in other ways, please visit our [website](#). Many of our volunteer programs require a commitment of at least 6 months. Occasionally we advertise roles that require a shorter term commitment.

### **Need to get in contact?**

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