



Who is a Reef Ambassador?

Volunteer Role Description: Speaking up for oceans

Reef Ambassadors are trained volunteers who deliver inspiring and engaging reef education experiences at community events. As a Reef Check Australia (RCA) representative you will share your knowledge about reef ecology, key findings from RCA volunteer reef survey teams and marine conservation. As a Reef Ambassador you will inspire others to understand, appreciate and protect ocean resources. You will be a role model for the community too, helping to spread the word about how people can get involved in our programs and other relevant initiatives.

Key tasks:

- Represent RCA at community events to engage people in reef education, RCA programs and ocean conservation activities
- Actively seek out new opportunities to share RCA messages and inspire your community
- Be a model for reef education and conservation to foster a population of marine stewards
- Safely carry out your activities and help others do the same
- Develop your communication and presentation skills

Ambassador Criteria

Reef Ambassadors will meet and understand the following criteria. You must:

- Be 18 years or over.
- Be social by nature, enjoy interacting with people and feel comfortable in new settings.
- Be able to communicate well verbally.
- Be passionate about marine ecology and conservation.
- Be excited to learn and share your knowledge with others!
- Read the Role Description and fully understand what the opportunity entails.
- Complete the one day workshop training session.
- Demonstrate your capacity to undertake key Ambassador activities.
- Have a Working with Children Blue Card to participate in any activities with children. If you don't have a Blue Card, then you can apply through Reef Check Australia for FREE!
- Have a valid email address for communication.
- Have a form of transport. This may be public transport or private transport, but please keep in mind that you will be required to make your own way to most events/outings.

Hours & Terms

- Training consists of a two-day hands-on workshop, supplemented by 8-10 hours of home reading and study prior to course commencement.
- If accepted, the workshop is free although there is a \$20 charge to cover the cost of a t-shirt.
- You must commit to participate in at least 3 events per year.
- You must be accepted to the program and successfully demonstrate your Ambassador skills to participate in events. Volunteers will be reviewed annually (start of each year).
- Reef Check Australia will let you know about opportunities to participate in local events. We encourage you to actively seek opportunities and let us know about events you discover.
- The position is unpaid. Out-of-pocket expenses for specific relevant activities may be reimbursed, if approved by the General Manager.

Value to the successful applicant

- You will have opportunities to attend a range of community events and network with environmental professionals.
- The interactive workshop and ongoing program participation offer you a unique opportunity to learn more about your local reef ecosystems and community outreach approaches.
- Donating your time can help increase your communities capacity to understand, appreciate and protect local reefs.
- As part of the Reef Check network, you can meet other like-minded individuals.
- You can inspire positive change in your community through leading by example. Be a role model for reef conservation and demonstrate your commitment by inspiring others.

Value to Reef Check Australia

- There are many opportunities to engage the community in better understanding, appreciating and protecting our reefs and oceans! We need your help in order to carry out our mission of “Empowering people to save our reefs and oceans”.
- Reef Check Australia relies heavily on volunteers in the field, at events and in the office. We have a small team of dedicated part-time staff to support YOUR work. We could not accomplish our mission without volunteer support.
- You know your community. Help us reach out to inspire knowledge and action.
- Each volunteer brings a fresh perspective to our projects.

How do I become an Ambassador?

- 1) Read the Reef Ambassador Position Description to understand what the role entails and if you are comfortable meeting the requirements. Let us know if you have questions.
- 2) Complete the application form and email relevant documents to ambassadors@reefcheckaustralia.org
- 3) We will confirm your enrolment and send materials to you.
- 4) Confirm your registration for the required workshop dates scheduled.
- 5) Complete your volunteer Blue Card application to turn in at the workshop.
- 6) Read Starter Pack, complete knowledge reviews and be ready for a fun workshop!
- 7) Successfully complete the Reef Ambassador workshop and demonstrate your skills.
- 8) Sign up for community events! (And be proud of the great work you are doing!)