



# Brush with Kindness

Corporate Volunteering Program  
Victoria, Australia



*Building communities together.*

Through our Corporate Volunteering Program, everyone can help people build a better tomorrow, today.

“We have been fortunate enough to have had the HFHV’s Brush with Kindness teams visit Benwerren for a number years.

We are so pleased to have beautiful, restful and nurturing spaces to support families going through difficult times. We thank HFHV for their generosity and care taken to improve and transform our facilities, which in turn provides life changing support to women and children in need.”

- Nichole, Manager at Benwerren





## Who is Habitat for Humanity?

(03) 8720 9200

We believe that everyone should have access to housing.

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort. The housing organisation has since grown to become a leading global not-for-profit working in more than 70 countries.

Worldwide, Habitat has helped more than **62 million people** obtain safe and decent housing, along with the strength, stability and independence to **build better lives**.

Without decent housing, people become vulnerable to a range of issues, including increased health risks, reduced security and social isolation.

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In Australia, where Habitat for Humanity has been working for over 30 years, there is a great need to support disadvantaged people in our own community.

**Through shelter, we empower.**

## Why volunteer?

Whether you're looking for a team building experience or an opportunity for staff volunteering to meet your organisation's CSR goals, Habitat for Humanity's Brush with Kindness (BWK) program is the perfect way for your staff to get their hands dirty while making a difference in the community.



## Response from volunteers

98% of volunteers who completed our survey rated Habitat's BWK corporate volunteer experience as Excellent or Very Good.

*"This was an extremely humbling and life-changing day. I'm so incredibly grateful for the experience."*

*I felt really enlightened and inspired after this day, with a new appreciation of the perspective of issues like this. Keen to get involved with Habitat for Humanity in future events!"*

- Arup employee

## How we support communities

The Brush with Kindness program mobilises teams of volunteers to undertake:

- Repair and maintenance
- Landscaping, gardening & clean-ups
- Painting
- Minor building projects

## Who we assist

We assist people who are disadvantaged including:

- Vulnerable families
- Women & children escaping domestic violence
- People with disabilities
- Indigenous people

## How to Book a Brush With Kindness Team Activity

- 1) Register your interest on our corporate volunteering webpage in participating in a corporate volunteer day by submitting an expression of interest form.
- 2) Our team will reach out to you with options for upcoming corporate volunteer opportunities.
- 3) Habitat will confirm options and liaise with you regarding registration. Participants will be invited to complete online WHS training.

Following your corporate volunteer day, Habitat will send a link to team photos with a thank you and an opportunity to provide feedback.



## What is provided on the day?

- Habitat T-shirt (depending on availability)
- Sunscreen
- Pre-project Activity Report outlining project details, type of volunteer work involved and location.
- Joint social media posts are available.
- Please let us know if you are interested.

## What should participant's bring?

- Enclosed leather shoes or boots.
- Long sleeved pants and long sleeved shirts suggested.
- Gardening gloves (optional)
- Enthusiasm and a willingness to learn new skills!

## Equipment

- Habitat will provide the tools and other equipment necessary for the activity.

## Safety

- A Habitat appointed Site Supervisor will be on hand at all times and volunteers will be given a safety briefing. Supervisors have first aid training and specialised safety equipment is provided.
- All volunteers will need to complete an on-line Work, Health and Safety Induction course prior to the activity.

## Contact us to book!

Email: [partnershipsvc@habitat.org.au](mailto:partnershipsvc@habitat.org.au)

## Team sizes and financial contribution

We generally host teams of up to 10 people and the contribution to the program is \$5,000+ GST per activity. Habitat for Humanity will also provide a Site Supervisor trained in health, safety and first aid requirements, Habitat branded T-shirts/ caps, pre and for volunteers.

*Please note that your contribution goes beyond the associated costs of the activity and helps to ensure the continued operation of our Australian Home Build Program, which seeks to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to families in need.*

## Activity Locations

The activity locations are generally within a 60 minute drive of the Melbourne CBD. Many of our partners choose to meet at their workplace and travel together to site.

## Cancellation process

**By us:** From time to time we may have to postpone or cancel an activity for reasons beyond our control. If this occurs we will notify you in advance and will refund your contribution, or offer an alternative activ-

**By you:** The financial contribution for the volunteer activity needs to be paid 4 weeks prior to the activity. The contribution includes a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500. If an activity is cancelled by your organisation within four weeks before the scheduled activity, we will retain \$1,500 to cover program costs already incurred. If cancellation occurs within 48 hours of the commencement time of the activity we will retain 50% of the contribution due to the resourcing in preparation for the activity.

We look forward to planning a Brush with Kindness activity for your organisation soon!