

Vision

To have a strong active network of community groups managing, enhancing and enjoying the local environment and open spaces in the City of Maribyrnong.

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Community Leadership Program 2017

Taking your passion for the environment to the next level

Applications close 5th February 2017





“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Growing Our Community

Applications are now open for the *Growing Our Community* leadership program. This program is ideally suited to those with an interest in environmental leadership.

This 12 week accredited training program will support participants to develop the operations, capacity, effectiveness and long term sustainability of local environmental groups, including Friends of Groups and community gardens in the City of Maribyrnong. The program seeks to build on the existing skills and aspirations of the current and future members of these groups to work towards a more integrated and structured network of organisations operating across the municipality. The training program is part of the *Seedlings to Orchard – Growing Our Community* project initiative run by Maribyrnong City Council and funded by The Mver Foundation.

The training program will be delivered by Victoria Polytechnic and will cover the following topics:

- ✓ Governance and leadership
- ✓ Strategic planning processes
- ✓ Operational and resource development
- ✓ Succession planning
- ✓ Program planning and delivery
- ✓ Volunteer management
- ✓ Networking and resource sharing
- ✓ Applying for grants
- ✓ Engaging with diverse communities
- ✓ Engaging with Council
- ✓ Creative thinking

The program will support participants to design, develop and deliver a group project consolidating new skills and responding to a local issue at the completion of the training program.

All learning materials and refreshments will be provided FREE

Venue & Session Times

Monday evenings 6pm-9pm

Maribyrnong City Council

Cnr Napier & Hyde Streets, Footscray

Key Considerations

The program is a 12 week course requiring a commitment to attend 3 hours of training per week, in addition to time for a group work project

Priority will be given to people who:

- ✓ Live, work, study or volunteer in the City of Maribyrnong
- ✓ Have a demonstrated commitment to the local community
- ✓ Have an interest in the environment and its management.
- ✓ Have not previously participated in formal leadership training

Basic English proficiency is required.

Transport will not be provided.

Key Dates

Information Evening: Monday 16th January

Applications Close: Sunday 5th February 2017

Induction Session: Monday 20th February 2017

Program Sessions: Commence weekly Monday 27th February (public holidays excluded)