

Aquaculture Gladstone Volunteer Capability Statement



Volunteering is a great way to contribute to the Gladstone community. It provides a variety of benefits, including making new friends, sharing skills and becoming a part of the local community.

At Gladstone Area Water Board, there exists some opportunities to become a volunteer in our world-class Aquaculture Gladstone multi-species fish hatchery.

This would be an ideal opportunity for someone with an interest in fishing and aquaculture and who can speak clearly to share information with a range of community visitors, from all backgrounds and ages.

This is an unpaid role.

About Aquaculture Gladstone (AG)

Aquaculture Gladstone is a part of Gladstone Area Water Board. AG is committed to raising the community's awareness and appreciation of safe and sustainable aquaculture practices. This includes being on the look out for invasive species and understanding how we all contribute to healthy waterways where aquatic animals can thrive.



Volunteers help us educate the public

AG volunteers talk to the public about hatchery operations including the breeding program, release of the fingerlings, the aquatic environment at Lake Awoonga and general information about GAWB. The public can visit the interpretive display during set opening hours, or book group tours online.

Volunteers will be given the information they need, as well as a special volunteer shirt.

General tasks may include:

- sharing information (provided by GAWB) with members of the public or general community tours
- handing out information brochures and educational material
- providing general assistance to the public who visit the hatchery.

Volunteering onsite

AG volunteers will man the display at Aquaculture Gladstone, Lookout 1 – Awoonga Dam Road, Benaraby. Volunteers work in teams of two people, dependent on requirements. Different shifts will be available throughout the week, with the interpretive display to be open 10am to 2pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

We need amazing volunteers!

- Must be 18+
- Fluent in English
- Interested in local fishing and / or aquaculture
- Be willing to speak and share information with the public
- Be willing to give at least two to four hours of your time per day
- Hold a blue card
- Have reliable transport
- Personable manner
- Comfortable reading a script, presenting to groups and answering questions
- Be physically able to work in an isolated environment.



How we will support volunteers

Once accepted into the GAWB Volunteer Program, each volunteer will be:

- given a shirt to wear when working as a volunteer
- inducted into the area so they can safely move around the hatchery interpretive display
- be introduced to the GAWB team at AG and given details of the supervisor they can contact with any queries
- provided with a script and written information about AG activities so they are resourced to carry out basic tours and explanations for visitors.

Additional information

- The volunteer will report to an assigned supervisor at Aquaculture Gladstone
- The volunteer will be required to complete an induction before starting with AG
- The volunteer will need to provide contact details so the supervisor can contact them as needed before their shift, and also the details of an emergency contact