

# GREEN ARMY PARTICIPANTS



## WHAT IS THE GREEN ARMY?

The Green Army is a six-month programme for 17-24 year olds to train and work in the environment.

Green Army projects include restoring native vegetation, heritage restoration, protecting animal habitats and regenerating wetlands in urban, rural and remote areas.

## WHO CAN JOIN?

The Green Army is for young Australians aged 17-24 years who want to participate in environmental projects in their local communities. It is open to school leavers, gap year students, graduates, and job seekers.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

The Green Army is an exciting opportunity for young people to work on local environment projects, whilst gaining practical skills and training. Many young people have gone on to jobs in the environment after completing a Green Army project.

### You will be paid an allowance

- ✓ You will be paid an allowance during your placement in the Green Army which ranges from \$10.24 to \$16.61 an hour.
- ✓ You will be involved in a project for up to 30 hours a week for a period of 20-26 weeks.

### You will gain practical skills, training and contacts

- ✓ You will be trained in first aid and work health and safety before starting a project.

- ✓ You have the opportunity to do accredited training modules to help you prepare for the workforce or improve your career opportunities.
- ✓ You can meet people who are as interested in helping the environment as you are.

### You will help deliver real benefits for the environment

- ✓ You will help a nationwide effort to clean up and protect Australia's environment and lend a hand to your local community.
- ✓ Activities include restoring native vegetation, rejuvenating wetlands and rivers, protecting animal habitats and conserving Indigenous heritage places.

### You will be supported in a safe environment

- ✓ You will be given appropriate clothing and safety gear, including boots, trousers, hat, gloves and shirts. Wet weather gear and jumpers or jackets for cold climates will be provided.
- ✓ You will be transported from a selected pick up point to get you to and from site and training activities.



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## WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Project activities could include:

- ✓ planting and growing native seedlings
- ✓ weed control
- ✓ revegetating and restoring local parks
- ✓ protecting and creating habitat
- ✓ cleaning up waterways
- ✓ revegetating sand dunes and mangroves
- ✓ regenerating creek banks
- ✓ restoring foreshores and beaches
- ✓ constructing boardwalks and walking tracks to protect local wildlife.

## AM I COVERED FOR WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY?

You are protected under relevant state and territory legislation, any applicable Commonwealth laws and Australian anti-discrimination laws.

Service Providers hold relevant insurances. The Australian Government has also taken out personal accident, public and products liability insurance on behalf of all participants.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- 📍 [www.australia.gov.au/greenarmy](http://www.australia.gov.au/greenarmy)
- ☎ 1800 780 730
- @ [greenarmy@environment.gov.au](mailto:greenarmy@environment.gov.au)

## I ALREADY GET INCOME SUPPORT. CAN I STILL JOIN?

If you are participating in the Green Army Programme full-time, you will receive an allowance directly from your Green Army Service Provider instead of your income support from Centrelink.

If you are participating in the Green Army programme part-time, you can receive the Green Army allowance or continue to receive income support.

**You should contact Centrelink to find out how your payments might be affected. For more information, visit [www.humanservices.gov.au/greenarmy](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/greenarmy)**

## HOW DO I APPLY?

If you want to be part of the Green Army, register your interest online at [www.australia.gov.au/greenarmy](http://www.australia.gov.au/greenarmy) and your contact details will be sent to a Service Provider in your state or territory who will let you know about local projects in your area.

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