

Personal details

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Date of birth (Day/month/year) _____

Do you have any health issues, disabilities or restrictions that may prevent you from performing particular types of activities? (please circle)? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please specify _____

Emergency contacts

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Hobbies/Interests/Skills

How did you hear about us? _____

Why are you interested in joining the Blue Thumbs? _____

Do you have special skills which would help Mt Penang Parklands? _____

Consent

It is a legal requirement for Blue Thumb volunteers to undergo a national police check. Do you consent to undergo a Volunteer Police Check (please circle)? **Yes** **No**

Signature _____ Date _____

Interests

We would like to know what you enjoy doing. Please rate your level of interest from 1 to 8, with 1 being your preferred choice and 8 being your last choice. Training is provided for all positions.

- Master Gardener**
Garden maintenance, planting, labeller, seed collector
- Tour Guide**
Give scheduled tours to the public about the Garden, historical significance or permanent public artwork
- Corporate Volunteer Assistant**
Assist corporate staff during volunteering activities at Mt Penang Parklands
- Community Ambassador**
Distribute promotional material to selected locations
- Garden Guerrilla**
Maintaining the Garden, monitoring condition of benches/cleaning interpretation panels and sculptures
- Litter Patrol**
Clean up and beautify Mt Penang Parklands
- Special Event Assistant**
Support staff and interact with visitors during events
- Ticketing/Visitor Information**
Welcome visitors and answer questions related the Garden

Availability

- The best days for me to be a Blue Thumb volunteer are:
- Monday** morning
 - Monday** afternoon
 - Tuesday** morning
 - Tuesday** afternoon
 - Wednesday** morning
 - Wednesday** afternoon
 - Thursday** morning
 - Thursday** afternoon
 - Friday** morning
 - Friday** afternoon
 - Saturday** morning
 - Saturday** afternoon
 - Sunday** morning
 - Sunday** afternoon



Our volunteers celebrating 10 years at Mt Penang Parklands.

Join today

To join the Blue Thumbs, please complete the volunteer application form attached. Return completed forms to:
 Post: Central Coast Regional Development Corporation
 16 The Avenue, Mt Penang Parklands, Kariong, 2250 Attn: Blue Thumb Volunteer Program
 Email: info@ccrdc.nsw.gov.au

Site Management

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation owns the land known as Mt Penang Parklands. The Corporation is charged with securing the on-going management of public open spaces and community facilities at Mt Penang, protecting and enhancing the broad Mt Penang Parkland Precinct, including remnant bushland and habitat areas on site.

Your privacy is protected

Protecting your privacy and personal information is of utmost importance to CCRDC. We collect your personal information as part of your enrolment and participation as a Blue Thumb volunteer. All information provided is voluntary; however, we may not be able to process your volunteer application if insufficient information is provided. We store your information at CCRDC, 16 The Avenue, Mt Penang Parklands, Kariong. You can access your personal information and request corrections by contacting CCRDC. CCRDC will use your personal information only for the purposes for which it was collected.

Have questions or want more information?

Call 4340 1002, email info@ccrdc.nsw.gov.au or visit www.ccrdc.nsw.gov.au

Join the *Blue Thumbs* at Mt Penang Parklands



Mt Penang Parklands

Looking for a fulfilling volunteer experience?

The Blue Thumbs Volunteer Program offers many possibilities to show your appreciation for the Mt Penang Parklands and contribute to its enrichment.

Join those who have found volunteering with the Blue Thumbs to be a very enjoyable way of contributing to the quality of life on the Central Coast.



Volunteer recognition

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation is dependent upon the many dedicated volunteers who contribute time, energy and enthusiasm to Mt Penang Parklands.

Each year we recognise a volunteer for their significant contribution. Since 2008, this individual has been the recipient of the Don Crease Award, in memory of a cherished Blue Thumb volunteer, Don Crease.

share your passion



Volunteer Match

Volunteering should suit your personality and interests. You're donating your valuable time, so it's important that you enjoy and benefit from your volunteering.

Are you outgoing? Love interacting with others? Interested in history and heritage? Appreciate contemporary sculpture?

You might enjoy being a tour guide, ticketing/visitor information greeter, community ambassador or special event assistant.

Prefer quiet and solitude? Embrace the little details? Being a master gardener, on litter control or a garden guerrilla might be more to your liking.

Who can join?

Anyone 18 years of age and older, who lives, works or enjoys the Central Coast can join the Blue Thumbs. Passion and positivity are the only requirements!

Serve as long as you feel that your talents are appreciated and that you make a difference. Participation is voluntary and you can withdraw at any time.

be part of the team



Blue Thumbs volunteering as Event Assistants at a VIP event. Pictured with Julie Goodwin, Australian MasterChef winner.

Benefits of being a Blue Thumb

- ✓ Connect with your community
- ✓ Enjoy small tokens of appreciation
- ✓ Gain valuable experience in public speaking and informal education
- ✓ Get a free Blue Thumbs uniform (polo shirt, cap and lanyard)
- ✓ Have access to the Gardens
- ✓ Have fun while maintaining a healthy lifestyle
- ✓ Meet new like-minded people
- ✓ Obtain invitations to special events
- ✓ Receive regular newsletters

*learn new skills
gain new experiences*

What skills do I need?

The most valuable skills you can bring to the Blue Thumbs are reliability, an open mind, a willingness to do whatever is needed and a positive attitude.

We are looking for individuals who want to share their passion for the Parklands - its unique history, permanent public artwork and natural beauty.

How much time is involved?

Expectation is for all Blue Thumb members to contribute at least 100 volunteer-hours per year. That's less than two hours per week!

