



Fishing Volunteer

Fishing with
young people

-  **Time commitment:** Approx 3 hrs per week
-  **Location:** Geelong and Bellarine
-  **Induction/Training:** Approx 8 hours

About the program

In Geelong and the Bellarine we work with children, young people and families to address unstable home environments and empower them to create safe, nurturing homes where all family members are empowered to reach their full potential.

Children and young people who are temporarily unable to live at home are supported through our out of home care services. Our approach is therapeutic, culturally safe and family-centred..

Through offering young people activities they enjoy, we hope to foster

- increased social inclusion
- enhanced peer relationships
- development of skills
- increased self-esteem and self-confidence; and
- increased capacity to engage in relevant activities
- Increased independence

Your role

You will be spending time with young people, who are within the out of home care system. Offering an open ear and guidance, while you go fishing together.

This volunteer mentor role has been created, to enrich the lives of young people living in residential care. This position reports to the Case Worker responsible for the young person.

Possible tasks

Volunteer responsibilities may include but are not limited to the following:

- taking the young person fishing
- assisting young people in setting up their fishing equipment
- patiently explaining and instructing young people how to fish and how to gut and clean a fish
- Creating a safe environment for the young person
- Listening to and chatting with the young person while fishing

You will be required to

- Sign and actively abide by MacKillop's Code of Conduct
- Observe and actively support MacKillop's P.8 People and Workplace Policy
- Attend mandatory and other training as required
- Participate in and promote continuous quality improvement processes
- Promote an environment that is culturally safe and strengths focussed
- Abide by principles and commitments of the Sanctuary Framework

Key selection criteria

The Fishing Volunteer will need:

- the ability to build positive relationships with young people;
- have a non-judgmental approach;
- have an affinity for fishing and be comfortable spending time outdoors;

- a commitment to supporting young people in difficult circumstances;
- demonstrate patience, empathy and listening skills;
- adopt a flexible approach; and
- teamworking skills

Our main goals

- fostering self-worth in the young people through engagement in an activity where they can succeed
- Teaching skills
- promoting teamwork and peer relationships
- offering a safe space for vulnerable young people to learn and enjoy some leisure time
- creating meaningful relationships
- encouraging respect for wildlife and responsible fishing practises

About MacKillop Family Services

MacKillop Family Services continues our founders' passionate commitment to social justice - to work for the rights of children, young people and families to be safe, to learn, feel nurtured and connected to culture. We provide high quality services to promote healing from trauma and loss, and to enable hopeful futures. MacKillop Family Services will care compassionately, respond large-heartedly and advocate courageously.



MacKillop Family Services acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Elders in each of the Communities where we work.



MacKillop celebrates and draws strength from diversity and respects the dignity of all people. We value an inclusive culture where lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, gender diverse, intersex and asexual people (LGBTIQ+) have the right to be safe.



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