



EcoMarines Alumni Kit

Dear Ambassador / Support crew,

Congratulations on a successful year being part of the 2022 EcoMarines Team.

Thank you for everything that you have done this year. We are blown away by your efforts and the impacts that you have made in protecting our environment!

Many of you have told us about the changes that you have implemented in school and at home and how you've successfully changed other peoples' behaviours. We would love to continue to support you in your journey and to welcome you as an EcoMarines Alumni.

In this booklet you will find ways to stay in touch, tips on how to help and ideas for your future.

We hope you have enjoyed this year with EcoMarines, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

Penny, Dini and Fran

SO, WHERE TO FROM HERE?

There are so many different and exciting things you can still do to save the planet after being an EcoMarines Ambassador or Support Crew.

One example is helping the team at OzFish prepare all these oysters in cages to put back in the water to help regenerate artificial reefs in Moreton Bay to bring back marine life and make the water cleaner. It's so awesome!!



Containers for Change

Remember when you recycle you get ten cents every item as well as help reduce land fill so what a great way to stay on board as an EcoMarine



TAKE OUR BUCKET LIST CHALLENGE

This is a bucket list of 10 things you can do around your school or home. How many have you already completed, and how many are you yet to tackle? We dare you to tick them all off!

IN THE HOME

- Turn your lights and fan off every time you leave an empty room
- Shower to your favourite 3-minute song to save water
- Do Meat Free Monday for 4 weeks (or more!).
- Plan a week worth of meals to help reduce food waste.

IN THE GARDEN

- Plant a fruit, herb or vegetable and watch it grow
- Plant a native plant
- Use a compost bin at home

OUT AND ABOUT

- Encourage someone to recycle right
- Buy produce grown in your country for one week (or more!)
- Take your own produce bags for fruit and vegetables

SHARE YOUR EFFORTS WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA #ecomarines #bucketlistchallenge

KEEP IN TOUCH

Show us all the amazing and creative ways you are staying sustainable through making a video for EcoMarines TV and you could be featured on our very own YouTube Channel (www.ecomarines.org/ecomarines-tv).

Take part in our online training to learn how to create a wave of environmental change. Visit our website to find it!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering is a great way to explore your passions, meet like-minded people and gain experience that will help you later in life! What interests you, and what would you like to see change? We encourage you to consider this, and then get out there and do something about it!

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Here are just a few ideas and examples to get you started... The websites below might help with inspiration!

Tree-planting? You could **plant trees with the Queensland Trust for Nature**: Restore habitat for koalas by planting a mixture of food trees, habitat trees and native species in protected areas.

Litter? Check out **Ocean Crusaders**: Their aim is to reduce the volume of marine debris entering the ocean by cleaning and educating... Or you could organise your own clean-up with **Tangaroa Blue's ReefClean Program** with all equipment provided!

Animals? Volunteer with the **RSPCA**: This could include anything from an animal attendant at the shelters to call centre operators working directly with the community.



HELPFUL WEBSITES

Conservation Volunteers Australia: <https://conservationvolunteers.com.au/>

Go Volunteer: <https://www.govolunteer.com.au/>

Landcare: <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/landcare-get-involved/>

You could even try Google searching opportunities for your area of interest in your local city. E.g. search for “animal volunteering Brisbane”

Volunteer for a conservation project

Search for (eg. wetlands) Choose a region... From date To date

JOBS AND CAREERS

Caring and loving the environment can turn into an amazing career and can take you to incredible places all around the world! You can do anything you set your mind to if you're passionate.

Remember, you don't have to get it right the first time. The average for older generations to change their career was every 7 years. It is predicted that your generation will change every 3 years!

ANIMALS, PLANTS AND ECOSYSTEMS: *Conservation, research and similar fields may be for you!*

VET/VET NURSE: Via university or TAFE

WILDLIFE RESEARCH/ZOOLOGY: Help scientists learn more about wildlife populations and how to protect them

MARINE SCIENCE: Ranging from coastal management to marine ecology (protecting flora and fauna in our oceans)

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE: Learn about plants and soil to support farmers

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: develop ways to manage environmental issues such as land clearing, pollution, climate change and more.

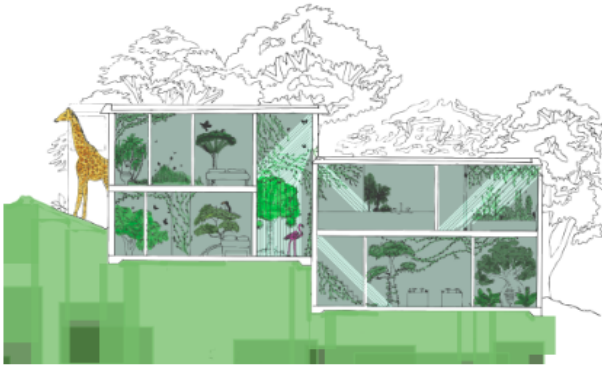


PHOTOGRAPHY/DESIGN: Use your creativity to sustain and document the natural world!

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM: Documentaries and wildlife photography to showcase the beauty of the natural world

GRAPHIC DESIGN: Use this to integrate sustainability into designs for brands and companies to ensure environmentally friendly

ARCHITECTURE: Creating structures that are eco-friendly and generate ecosystem services for the environment



'I loved animals growing up so I started studying Wildlife Science at university without really knowing exactly what I was getting into. After a tough year of study (too much chemistry for me) I decided to change to architecture at Griffith because I also love art and design. Immediately I loved the degree and now I'm creating environmentally sustainable houses for all my assignments! You can add your love for the environment into any degree you do.'

*Kale, 20,
Bachelor of
Architecture:*

Project: David Attenborough's Sanctuary, 2019

COMMUNITY (SOCIAL/PEOPLE): Do you love people and community?

COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM: Giving a voice to those who want to protect the environment and sharing environmental stories from around the world

SOCIAL SCIENCE (global security threats): working in Policy making for the government to prioritise the environment!

PARK RANGER: Part of this role involves educating visitors about protecting the environment, looking after a national park and helping it grow

JUDITH VINK, 35, Former Park Ranger

'I finished high-school and went to do a trade. After that I went to becoming a Ranger with the skills, I had in the trade proving really useful. After 8 years as a Ranger, out in Bunya

National Park I decided to study so I could go beyond Ranger work and into the management side of things.'

WASTE: *Make sure human waste is disposed of properly and that our ecosystems stay clean.*

COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT: Use your passion for recycling and waste to ensure sustainability of cities and to prevent waste from ending up in our waterways

GOVERNMENT POLICY: Companies such as Cleanaway are using recovery, recycling and the reuse of waste to ensure the sustainability of our resources.

RESILIENCE CONSULTANT: Become an expert on a low carbon economy, infrastructure sustainability and new solutions!

MATHS AND SCIENCE: *Good with numbers and/or love scientific experiments?*

ENGINEERING: Bring innovation and passion into a role that helps create sustainable solutions for the future. E.g. environmental engineering or pollution monitoring and control

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE: Geographic Information Systems play a key role in resource mapping, environmental conservation, management, and planning and environmental impact assessment

LAWS/SCIENCE: Fighting for the environment through creating policies and legislation to ensure the best for the planet

MATHEMATICS/ SCIENCE: Using your data and maths skills to determine how different factors are affecting the earth and predicting the outcomes for the future based on evidence from the past e.g. CO² emissions and climate change

