



Merri-bek
City Council

Merri-Bek Waste Champions

Position Description

Are you passionate about reducing waste and supporting your community as Merri-bek moves to a 4-bin waste service in 2023? We are looking for enthusiastic community members to become Merri-bek Waste Champions.

What is a Merri-bek Waste Champion?

This is a volunteer role that is supported by Council to communicate and work with your community to help them adapt to the new 4-bin waste service.

You will help your community engage with Council to identify any issues and opportunities during the roll out of the new waste service, from March – July 2023.

Council will also support you to provide general education and advice to the community to reduce and manage household waste.

What would I have to do?

There are many ways you can be involved in the volunteer Merri-bek Waste Champions program. From simply promoting the project to your friends and family, to hosting workshops with your community networks.

You can do as much or as little as you are able. There is something for everyone!

Examples of how you can get involved as a champion include:

- Sharing a Council social media post (directing people to information on how and when their bins and waste service will be changing)
- Talking to your friends and neighbours to help them understand how their waste service is changing
- Sharing information and resources relating to the new 4-bin waste service at a community gathering, meeting or event

What is happening to our waste service?

The Victorian Government is standardising household waste and recycling services across the state. They have announced that all Victorian council waste kerbside services will move to a 4-bin system for garbage, recycling, food and garden organics and glass. There will be changes to how often bins are collected, their size and cost.

The 4-bin service will help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and improve the quality of recyclables in Victoria. We have set ambitious targets to act together to achieve zero waste to landfill by 2030 and zero carbon emissions by 2040. Our new 4-bin waste service is a significant step in working towards these goals.

The new bins will be coming in stages between March and June 2023.

What are the 4 bins?

From July 2023, Merri-Bek households with a Council waste service, will need to sort their waste into 4 different bins:

- **Food and garden organics bin** - for food scraps and garden waste (lime green lid)
- **Mixed recycling bin** – for plastic bottles and containers, paper and cardboard, and metal tins, cans and foil (yellow lid)
- **Glass recycling bin** – for glass bottle and jars (purple lid)
- **General rubbish bin** (red or dark green lid).

Why should I consider becoming part of Merri-bek's Waste Champions group?

There are many reasons why you should be a part of the project champions group! The champions group provides you with the opportunity to:

- Provide helpful feedback to Council on ways to support the community to adapt to the new 4-bin waste service
- Help us to reach your communities and ensure they are supported to transition to the new 4-bin waste service
- Connect with other Merri-bek residents who are passionate about reducing and managing waste
- Build community engagement and leaderships skills

We are here to help!

Council will work with Waste Champions and support you by

- Inviting you to a Waste Champions Forum where you will meet other waste champions and have the opportunity to talk with waste management industry experts
- Providing you with resources, tools and information to support your engagement with the community on the new 4-bin waste service

- Providing access to an online portal to collaborate with other champions
- Providing technical support to participate in or setup online meetings or tools
- Offering translation services as required.

Online computer skills or access to a computer, device, mobile phone, are not mandatory. If required, we will chat with you to understand how you can most easily participate.

Conditions

This is a volunteer position. Most activities are flexible and can be worked around other commitments you or your networks may have. Some dates are fixed, such as the Waste Champions Forum and other training or information sessions that may be scheduled. We will endeavour to make the information and resources shared at these events available to people who cannot attend.

We are seeking diverse representatives from across Merri-bek to be part of our Champions program. We want to make this program work for you and your community.

The project runs from February to November 2023. There is potential for ongoing program opportunities, as we monitor and evaluate the implementation of the 4-bin kerbside waste service and share the learnings and results with the community.

How to apply

Visit conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/waste/become-waste-champion

More information

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