

## 1,550 Volunteering hours clocked up

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Since the launch of its Volunteering Program 18 months ago, South East Water employees have contributed more than 1,550 hours to community activities.

South East Water Acting Chief Executive Officer, Kate Vinot said community engagement is an integral part of the company's strategy.

"We strive to deliver improved social, economic and environmental outcomes from our activities and community involvement is a terrific way to achieve this.

"Transferring the diverse range of skill sets that our staff members possess helps us to build strong relationships with many local organisations at the grass roots level.

"Over the past 18 months our staff have participated in some fantastic volunteering programs that have been significant for personal and community development," she added.

More than 200 staff have participated in the program since its inception and 20 community organisations have benefited from the program.

South East Water has engaged in volunteering activities with the following organisations:

- § Ronald Mc Donald House – implemented a system to ensure the computer network works at full capacity.
- § Street Beat Youth Festival – assisted emergency service groups with activities for over 3000 school children.
- § Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation – assisted with completion of furnishings for five schools' kitchens.

Most recently, nearly 50 staff participated in Clean Up Australia Day festivities, collecting approximately 40 bags of rubbish which was recycled or disposed of at transfer stations.

"It was great to see so many staff members get involved with Clean Up Australia Day and help make a real difference to our local environment.

"We are committed to building meaningful, beneficial relationships with our local community and we are always looking for volunteering opportunities," said Ms Vinot.

For further information on Volunteering at South East Water, contact Bernice Mahoney 9552 3262 or [volunteering@sewl.com.au](mailto:volunteering@sewl.com.au)

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