

Sydney Science Trail 2026: Volunteer Application Information

The Australian Museum and the Botanic Gardens of Sydney, two of Australia's oldest and esteemed science institutions, are partnering to celebrate National Science Week with Sydney Science Trail (SST) events from **15 – 22 August 2026**.

SST includes two key components: a five-day school education program and two Community Days. The events for the Monday - Friday school program take place at the Australian Museum (AM) and Royal Botanic Garden Sydney (RBG). One of the Community Days is held at the AM on **Saturday 15 August** and the other occurs at Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan (ABG) on **Saturday 22 August**.

Please note that volunteers are not required for the ABG Community Day (Saturday 22 August).

For more information, please visit the [SST website](#).

We are recruiting the help of around 100 volunteers to help run these special educational events. If you are interested in joining our SST events volunteer team, please carefully read the information below **before** completing [the application form](#). Applications to volunteer will close at **midnight Wednesday 22 July 2026** unless our team is filled earlier, so please apply now to ensure you don't miss out.

Volunteer Tasks

Monday to Friday: School Education Programs

Event volunteers will be greeting school groups and attendees, wayfinding, accompanying school groups and walking them from the AM to RBG or vice versa, answering questions from school groups about the events, helping with setting up and packing down exhibits or demonstrations and being a welcoming presence at all events. Please note that event volunteers will be on their feet for most of their shift and walking between venues and exhibits. Volunteers on Monday – Friday will walk between the AM and RBG, an easy flat walk of about 1.2km.

Saturday: Community Day

Community Day volunteers will be greeting attendees, wayfinding, answering questions from the public about the events, helping with setting up and packing down exhibits or demonstrations and being a welcoming presence at all events. Please note that event volunteers will be on their feet for most of their shift, but there will be less walking required for Community Day than School Education Programs. Community Day volunteers are required at the AM on **Saturday 15 August**.

Working with Children Checks (WWCC)

All volunteers must hold a valid WWCC to volunteer at the SST. These are obtained free for volunteers through Service NSW. They can take up to four weeks to be processed, so it is essential that you already hold a valid WWCC when applying to join our team or have an Application Number (APP) to show that your WWCC is being processed. **Anyone who does not have a valid WWCC at the time of the SST will be unable to volunteer at the event.** [A link to apply is found here.](#)

Shift Times and Locations

Saturday 15 August	9:30am – 1:30pm; 1:00pm – 5:30pm; or 9:30am – 5:30pm	Australian Museum
Monday 17 – Friday 21 August	8:30am – 3pm	Royal Botanic Garden Sydney and Australian Museum

On the application form you will be asked to provide your availability over the course of the event and your preferred number of shifts. **Please note that preference will be given to volunteers who are able to accept more than one shift over the duration of SST.**

Briefing Sessions

It is compulsory for all volunteers to attend a short briefing session before coming onsite for your first volunteer shift. You will be asked on the application form to nominate one of the following two sessions to attend.

When: Thursday 30 July: 2pm – 4pm **OR** Friday 31 July: 2pm – 4pm

Where: Australian Museum, 1 William St, Darlinghurst.

What: During these briefing sessions we will explain your role, responsibilities and tasks as a volunteer, familiarise you with the venues and walk together from the AM to the RBG. We will provide you with an SST volunteer t-shirt and an information sheet with everything that you need to know to confidently help with the SST events. The briefings will begin at the AM and end at the RBG.

Your commitment

We expect that you will attend one of our compulsory training sessions listed above, arrive on time for your allocated shifts and read the SST information provided. Ideally volunteers will accept two shifts over the course of SST and preference will be given to applicants offering to take more than one shift. A positive attitude, effective communication skills and a willingness to help others will be greatly appreciated.

Our commitment

We will provide you with a roster that suits your availability, a briefing session to be sure that you are able to complete your given tasks confidently, clear and prompt communications and lunch on each day that you volunteer. We will email a certificate of thanks after the event that may be used as a record of your time volunteering with us.

Thanks so much for considering joining our team of event volunteers. If you have any further questions, please email the volunteer coordinator at sst.volunteer@australian.museum

Please apply now through the [Volunteer Application form.](#)