

Park Ministry Coordinator

Parramatta Baptist Church is committed to being a community who join in with the transforming work that God does by His Spirit. A key expression of this is through our weekly Park Ministry to those experiencing homelessness, poverty or hard times in our city. Currently, a well-established team of about 40 volunteers are involved in serving lunch every Sunday in Prince Alfred Park to anywhere from 40 to 60 people. Complementing our weekly Park Ministry is the provision of food hampers, clothing and other items in emergency situations.

To ensure the continued smooth running and ongoing fruitfulness of this important ministry, we are seeking a Park Team Ministry Coordinator to support, oversee and lead the program and team.

The heart of the role is leading the ministry to be a tangible expression of God's love to those on the margins in our community. To do so by being a loving, non-judgmental presence among the homeless community - meeting practical needs in the name of Jesus and looking for opportunities to be part of God's transforming work in their lives.

The Role Involves

1. Overseeing and leading the Park ministry team in a way that is consistent with the vision and values of the church and our heart for the ministry
2. Providing leadership, support and pastoral care as needed to the Park ministry team members and key leaders (including Bruce Redding) involved with the provision of food and other items
3. Facilitating team meetings and avenues of feedback for key volunteers
4. Regular communication and liaison with our partner church (Pathways Community Church)
5. Communicating with the pastoral team and broader church to highlight the ongoing importance of this work within the life of PBC
6. Recruitment of new team members and ensuring they receive appropriate induction and training
7. Coordinating, maintaining and administrating the park roster
8. Ensuring compliance with all WHS, Insurance and Food Safety policy and procedures
9. Coordinating major events beyond the Sunday lunch throughout the year (such as: Homeless Person's Week and Christmas Lunch in the park)
10. Being the liaison representative with Parramatta Council to navigate Council run events that conflict with Sunday lunches in Prince Alfred Park

Essential Requirements

1. A living and active relationship with Jesus and an alignment with PBC's vision and values
2. The Christ-like character required of those who seek to serve as leaders in the church
3. A passion and heart for those homeless and marginalised in our community
4. Practical experience and an understanding of the issues involved in ministry to the homeless and marginalised
5. Organisational and leadership skills
6. The ability to be collaborative, work well in a team environment and be accountable to others
7. Due to the requirement at times to transport food and equipment, a current driver's licence and an appropriate level of physical health

This role is a paid position, 1 day per week (7.6 hours).

Remuneration will reflect the experience and qualifications of the successful applicant.

To enquire or for more information please speak to Ken Eastwood, Kathy Bates or Steve Bates.