

# Darebin Nature Trust Advisory Committee

## Expression of Interest Form

### Introduction

The Darebin Nature Trust (The Trust) was established in 2018 as a platform for providing advice to Council on protecting and enhancing Darebin's biodiversity and open space with a view to its significant improvement. The Trust recognises Australia's traditional custodians and acknowledges that it comes together on Wurundjeri Woiwurrung land.

The Trust works with council to seek and action opportunities to grow, protect and enhance Darebin's network of open and green spaces for people and for wildlife. The Trust is comprised of experts in biodiversity and natural heritage protection.

### Membership

Nominations are now open for membership of four positions on the Darebin Nature Trust. Membership is open to residents of Darebin. Membership will be up to nine community members, one of which is designated for Traditional Owners and three appointed Councillors being a total of 12 (excluding Council Officers as required).

### Diversity

The committee should reflect the full diversity of Darebin residents in terms of age, ability, Aboriginal background, cultural and linguistic background, income/ employment status etc. This will be a key consideration in the selection and recruitment of members.

### Selection Criteria

Community members will be appointed by Council based on the following criteria:

- Capabilities and expertise in one or more of the following areas: biodiversity, ecology, open space management, urban design, environmental planning, \*cultural heritage, community engagement and advocacy;
- An overall mix of capabilities and expertise to ensure a breadth of expertise;
- Representation of Darebin's diverse community; and
- Capacity to provide advice to Council in a timely and appropriate manner.

\*Expertise with cultural heritage, community engagement and advocacy will be highly regarded.

We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents of Darebin and from the Traditional Owners Wurundjeri Woiwurrung.

**Please read the 2020 Darebin Nature Trust Terms of Reference and Selection Information before completing this form.**

**Contact Details**

Surname:

First name:

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Phone / Mobile:

Email address:

**Please respond to all of the following questions. You may also provide a short CV, listing your qualifications and experience (optional). Your answers will be used in the membership selection process.**

1. Please tell us about your knowledge of and/or connection with Darebin and its diverse community, and your community involvement (in Darebin or elsewhere) generally. (max 200 words)

2. Why do you want to join the Darebin Nature Trust? (max 200 words)

3. Please describe your interest, expertise and involvement in biodiversity, ecology, cultural heritage, open space management and/or urban design. This includes membership in groups, boards or foundations now or past. (200 words)

4. Please tell us about your experience and expertise in community engagement, advocacy and campaigning (max 200 words).

5. What experience have you had in sourcing grants or philanthropic funds?

6. Council aims for the diversity of our community to be reflected in our community reference groups and similar consultative bodies (more about our [commitment to diversity and inclusiveness](#)). If you would like to let us know about anything about your background and ways that you identify yourself, and/or about the experiences, knowledge and networks you would bring to the Darebin Nature Trust, please do so here. (max 100 words)

7. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us in support of your expression of interest?

### **Meeting Times**

The committee meets six times per year at Council's offices (Preston) with the option to be involved in additional working groups. There is the expectation that there will be some work required to be undertaken by Committee members between meeting times and need for flexibility in the case of special or extraordinary meetings.

Please note that due to Covid-19, meetings are currently being held online. Council can provide support for members who do not have access to online platforms.

### **Expression of Interest Closing Date: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**Further Information:** Senior Environment Officer (Biodiversity)

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**Lodgement: by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**By Website:** [Darebin Nature Trust](#)

**By Post:** ATTN Senior Environment Officer (Biodiversity) PO Box 91 Preston, Victoria, 3072

**By Fax:** 8470 8877 – ATTN Senior Environment Officer (Biodiversity)

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