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*Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing*

*Session D4*



*Volunteers:  
and how to find them*

*Regions*



*3 school examples:*

- *North Melbourne*
- *Mt Eliza*
- *Merino Consolidated*

*Location – Metropolitan  
North Melbourne Primary  
School*



*North Melbourne:*

- *a dynamic area close to the CBD slowly gentrified since the 1980s*
- *popular shopping strips, strong residential base*
- *public housing, diverse migrant community including Somalia and Eritrea*
- *proximity to Queen Vic markets, Melbourne Museum.*

## *Volunteer opportunities*



- *Queen Vic markets – stall holders & local business*
- *large corporates in CBD for employee volunteering and fundraising*
- *Uni of Melbourne – students in kitchen and garden, working bees*
- *diverse ethnic communities – connections with cultural traditions in garden and kitchen*
- *access to Melb Museum and Melb Zoo for event partnerships and promotion.*

*Outer Metropolitan – Mt  
Eliza Primary School*



*Mt Eliza:*

- *located 45kms south of Melbourne on the popular holiday destination of Mornington Peninsula*
- *an affluent beachside area serviced by specialty shops*
- *surrounding area includes vineyards, tourist attractions*
- *only 5% of the population from non-English speaking backgrounds.*

## *Volunteer opportunities*



- *Significant winegrowing area – access to horticultural expertise*
- *Specialty food and lifestyle businesses – “foodies” & opportunities for fundraising and promotion plus in kitchen*
- *Leisure businesses – eg golf clubs for working bees and fundraising events*
- *Service clubs and church communities for volunteers, fundraising, working bees.*

*Location – Rural  
Merino Consolidated School*



*Merino:*

- *in Glenelg Shire, Victoria's south-west corner – a rural area of farming, grazing and timber-getting*
- *Shire is home to Victoria's only two aluminium smelters*
- *Merino itself has a population of approx 450 people, 90% of whom are Australian born*
- *the Shire has many natural attractions including national parks eg the Grampians.*

## *Volunteer opportunities*



- *Local service clubs, voluntary groups eg Country Women's Association*
- *Access to Victorian Farmers' Federation members for expertise and partnership*
- *Local chamber of commerce – promotion and fundraising plus engaging with Tourism Victoria re possible advertising and promotion*
- *Church communities – working bees and fundraising.*