

Information for MIPC volunteers

Volunteers collect rubbish, hand weed, propagate plants at North Point nursery, and plant out in erosion prone areas and campsites.

Goal is for each volunteer to complete 9 hours of work over 3 days.

Costs

- The first trip costs \$100 and then subsequent trips cost \$80 for following 12 months. This is paid 10 days before the trip and confirms your place. MIPC arranges your MiCat ferry fares, camping accommodation, 4WD transport on Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) and support vehicle fare on the MICat. All funded by volunteers and donations.

In recognition of MIPC volunteers' contribution to Mulgumpin

- MICat provides a significant reduction in the fares for MIPC volunteers and support vehicle.
- Mulgumpin Camping supports volunteers by providing a shed for our camp kitchen and space for our accommodation tents..
- Port of Brisbane provides free covered parking for volunteers cars a 6 min drive from MICat.
- Camp equipment has been donated by members.

Bookings

- **Book online** obtain the on line booking link, by email mipc@moretonisland.org.au
- **Email your booking** to mipc@moretonisland.org.au

Once booked, make your payment at least 10 days prior to departure to confirm your booking. No refunds, but we can provide 100% credit for a later trip. Cancellations within 10 days of departure 50% credit is available. Vehicle bookings on the MICat are altered 10 days before to efficiently support the volunteers booked. Note; No refund is available for vehicle cancellations later than 10 days before departure.

Payments BSB: 633 000 (Bendigo Bank)

Account no: 141368456.

Account name: Moreton Island Protection Committee

Reference: Your first name & Trip date

Cancellations Use online booking sheet to cancel by deleting your booking. Late cancellation within 24 hours of departure please also notify Alan by text 0428783781.

Departure MICat Terminal, 14 Howard Smith Drive, Port of Brisbane. Please confirm ferry times on booking sheet and MICat website as occasionally late changes.. Usually 8 am or 12.30

Return From The Wrecks, usually 3 pm.

The MICat ferry has an open sided roofed top deck and a carpeted lounge level with café. Good selection of on the go food, toasties, pies, sandwiches etc. The café is licensed, so only alcoholic drinks purchased on the boat can be consumed on board. BYO thermos and food is OK. The ferry trip takes about 90 minutes.

Arrival on the Island:

After arriving at The Wrecks on Mulgumpin, volunteers are transferred by 4WD vehicle to the camp site. This trip takes roughly an hour if tides are suitable and no one gets bogged on the track. Be prepared for delays of up to an hour.

Camp location North Point campground or Blue Lagoon camp area. National Parks toilets and cold showers are located within easy walking from camp. An in-camp hot bush shower is available and a composting toilet is available at night.

NB Swimming

The Ocean beach at Blue Lagoon is **unsafe** as there are no life savers, no shark nets offshore, and the beach is notorious for rips. For Blue Lagoon camps, the freshwater Blue Lagoon provides safe swimming a 5 min walk from camp.

Swimming near North Point is mostly more protected from heavy surf, but care must be exercised as again there are no shark nets and no lifesavers.

Packing for trip

A pop-up stand up in screened tent is provided for each volunteer. Stretchers (as in MASH, TV series) with thermarest are provided. Plates, cutlery, cups are available or BYO if preferred. A 316 litre fridge/freezer is provided to share with all fellow volunteers. Camp cooking facilities can handle most things so don't limit yourself to a packet of noodles for dinner. Tables and chairs for under cover dining are on site. Tea, coffee, milk, butter and, olive oil for cooking, are provided. . BYO 240 volt charger for phones etc. Power is provided by solar.

NB Phone receptions is limited at Blue Lagoon and even more limited at North Point though there is enough signal for intermittent texting.

There are no shops where we camp and work, so anything needed for the trip needs to be packed (and able to be carried). Essentials –

- ALL food you'll need
- Weather and work appropriate clothing and hat. Remember sleeping in a tent is different from sleeping in an insulated house.
- Raincoat
- Torch – Kitchen area is lit but there is no lighting in the sleeping tents.
- Water bottle (volunteer work is often quite distant from camp)
- Swimming gear
- Esky. Pre freeze any food that can be frozen. Space in fridge is limited so some choose to keep less perishable foods in their esky to ease congestion in the fridge. There is some capacity to refreeze ice bricks from the camp fridge for your esky. Having some pre-prepared meals frozen keeps esky cold, and saves congestion in the kitchen at dinner-time.
- Sleeping bag or alternative plus pillow if you want one.
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Money for any purchases on MiCat.
- **Please BYO garden gloves**

Transport options to get to the MiCat terminal 14 Howard Smith Drive.

Please remember to note your preferred option on the online booking sheet. Transfers by support vehicle to MiCat are limited and must be noted 10 days before.

- **Get dropped off** at MiCat terminal, tell the roving MiCat ticket attendant that you are travelling with the MIPC volunteer group. Your luggage will be loaded onto the support vehicle before boarding the MiCat at the terminal.
- **Parking at the MiCat terminal** -There is a charge of \$20 per day paid directly to MiCat (eg. total of \$60 for the usual 3 day trip). This parking is limited especially at Easter, school holidays and long week-ends, and cannot be pre-booked. **Parking is no longer permitted anywhere on the streets near the terminal.**
- **Off street parking at a St Lucia residence.** When the support vehicle is travelling on the MiCat limited places are available to transfer from St Lucia where off street parking is available.
- **Public transport** There is an option for some volunteers to be transferred from a railway station on the Cleveland line eg. Murarrie to the MiCat.

- **Free Parking at Port of Brisbane visitor centre carpark.** - The Port of Brisbane has authorised MIPC volunteers to park their vehicles at the Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre at no cost. Car park is covered (hail protection). Car park is 6 minutes drive from MICat. Port Security is 24 hours and so cars will be safe. A support vehicle is needed to transfer from car park to MICat terminal.

Free Parking for volunteers at Port of Brisbane Visitor Centre

It is essential to register your intention to park at the Port of Brisbane Visitor Centre car park on the on line booking spreadsheet.

On arrival at the Port Visitors Centre car park your luggage will be transferred into the support vehicle (usually White Defender). Luggage and volunteers will then be transferred to MICat terminal a 6 minute drive away. Please arrive **at least** 45 mins prior to scheduled Ferry departure. The Defender has to be ready to load onto the MICat 30 mins before departure. (If late you will have to make your own arrangements, eg, park at the MICat terminal at \$20 per day. If a park is available.

If no support vehicle is listed on the booking spreadsheet, then other ways will have to be found to get from car park to the MICat eg, one option is for a volunteer parking at the terminal to provide the transfer and then park their car at the terminal.

Port of Brisbane advises that Port Security can be contacted on **3258 4601** and can assist when the unexpected happens. They are there to help, with Ed Harwood providing this invitation.



Directions to Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre.

Google maps - Search "Port of Brisbane visitors centre" or "3 Port Central Ave".

Directions - follow all road signs to Port of Brisbane and then turn left into Port Central Avenue. Turn into the main driveway for Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre, where much covered parking is to the right. There is no gate to 'our' parking area. Park as far away from the Port of Brisbane offices as is possible.

Access to Port Central Ave can be via Lucinda Drive, then Sandpiper Ave OR Whimbrel St.

Conditions to qualify for free parking

Parking is conditional on displaying on the vehicles dashboard

- Volunteer MIPC',
- Vehicle Owner's phone number,
- Port Of Brisbane Ed Harwood's phone number
- MIPC Contact on Island's number to text. Best to use MIPC organiser number, usually Alan 0428783781

Print your own dashboard volunteer label or collect one from the support vehicle.



Moreton Island Protection Committee Inc.

VOLUNTEER

Vehicle Owner's Phone Number:

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Port of Brisbane contact: Mr Edward Harwood
0401 690 242

Emergency contact on Mulgumpin (Moreton Is):
Alan - Text is best 0428 783 781