



Horticulture Volunteer Role

We are looking for an enthusiastic gardening volunteer to help maintain the indoor tropical house and outdoor pollinator gardens.

The role has a minimum term of 2 days per month, Monday-Thursday. Previous experience is non-essential as full training will be provided.

Essential attributes:

- Enthusiasm for gardening and growing plants
- Basic understanding of plant care and garden maintenance
- Keen intuition for problem solving and the ability to make informed decisions
- Able to work alone following specific instructions and as an active team member
- Must be proficient at speaking and informing the general public
- Physically capable of carrying out light manual jobs
- Adaptability to work inside or outside in any weather

Desired attributes (these are non-essential but may increase the chances of success of a suitable applicant):

- Previous experience growing plants or maintaining a garden
- An educational background in horticulture at any level
- Advanced knowledge of plant identification, techniques or landscaping
- Goals to pursue horticulture as a career
- Basic understanding of why plants are essential to pollinators and to ecosystems

Typical tasks

- Pruning, weeding, raking, dead-heading and digging
- The use of tools, including secateurs, scissors, lawn mower, rake pruners, spade, fork, trowel, dibber etc.
- Spraying plants with pesticides or fertilisers
- Re-potting plants, propagating cuttings and seeds, digging up or re-locating existing plants
- Helping to create effective floral displays
- Working to keep the indoor and outdoor gardens tidy and presentable

Successful volunteers will be subject to interview and trial session. Once enrolled as a volunteer provided with uniform, be entitled to a 20% staff discount in the gift shop and complimentary entrance to the Butterfly Farm for immediate family members.