

Garden Volunteer

Position Description

Reports to	Head Gardener
Department	Gardens
Term	Ongoing
Commitment	Garden volunteer shifts are scheduled on the first and third Thursday of each month, 10am – 1pm with a 30min tea break. An ongoing commitment of 1-2 shifts per month is required.

About Heide

Heide Museum of Modern Art (Heide) is a public art museum and sculpture park located in Bulleen, Victoria. Heide offers an inspiring, educational and thought-provoking experience of modern and contemporary art, architecture, social history and gardens.

About Gardens

The gardens at Heide are an integral part of the visitor experience. The six and a half hectares of gardens are an ever-varying, tranquil environment of majestic trees, shrubs, flowering plants and paddocks that extend down over the river flats to the banks of the Birrarung/Yarra River. Planting types include native and introduced species, herbaceous beds and vegetable gardens.

Under the guidance of the Head Gardener, the museum's Garden Volunteer Program aims to develop a team of dedicated individuals with a broad, general understanding of the maintenance of a heritage garden.

Heide's Garden Volunteer Program brings together a team of passionate, dedicated gardeners in a fun and social environment. Volunteers will help Heide's heritage gardens flourish into the future.

Duties

Garden Maintenance

Volunteers will assist the Heide garden staff in the care, maintenance and presentation of the gardens and public spaces at Heide to the highest standards, including:

- Weeding
- Dead heading
- Raking
- Pruning
- Mulching/composting
- Planting

Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

- Take reasonable care to maintain your own health and safety and that of other volunteers, staff, visitors and contractors.

- Comply with directions given by Heide Garden staff and all safe work practices and procedures that are adopted, developed, designed or otherwise implemented at the workplace and not interfere with or damage safety related equipment.
- Report all hazards, incidents, accidents and near misses directly to your supervisor or through the hazard and incident reporting system.

About you

To achieve the purpose of the position, the following attributes are required:

- A passion for gardening.
- Ability to work outdoors and use garden tools.
- Demonstrated ability to understand and follow instructions and work under supervision.
- An appreciation for cultural diversity and an ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds.
- The capacity to provide an ongoing commitment of one 3 hour shift per fortnight. Shifts are first and third Thursday of each month: 10:00am - 1.00pm with a 30min tea break.

Other relevant information

- Reasonable physical health and mobility is essential as Heide is a hilly site with limited access for those with impaired mobility.
- Volunteers will work under the supervision of Heide garden staff.
- Training will be provided via induction and on the job.
- Volunteers will not use chemicals or machinery.
- Volunteers must supply their own hats and gloves.
- The successful applicants will be required to undergo a Victoria Police Issued National Police check at the expense of the Museum Heide is an equal opportunity employer, committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace that is respectful and supports creativity and innovation. We encourage applications from First Nations people, people of culturally diverse backgrounds, people with disabilities, and people from the LGBTIQA+ community, and provide a working environment that prioritises Cultural Safety. If you need assistance with this application due to a disability, please contact us at employment@heide.com.au or 03 9850 1500.