



Perth City Farm  
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**POSITION:**  
**REPORTS TO:**

**City Greening Volunteer**  
**Horticultural Supervisor**

**HOURS:**

Ideally volunteers commit to at least a three hour time slot and there are currently a range of time slots available on the following days:

Tuesday 9am to 5pm

Wednesday 9am to 3pm

Thursday 9am to 5pm

**POSITION CONTEXT:**

Perth City Farm Incorporated is a self-supporting, not for profit volunteer organisation. Our vision is that Perth is a community of people living connected, sustainable lives. We see Perth City Farm's role in achieving that is to provide space and opportunities to build community connections, and educate and enable people to live sustainably. We are Perth's original sustainability hub.

On the site we have a community run ethical garden and nursery, managed by a team of dedicated and inspirational workers and volunteers. We sell our plants and produce to the public and local restaurants, and every Saturday morning we host a Farmer's Market and sell a number of certified organic products from our 'Farm Door' stall. We host a wide variety of community events, festivals and conferences; including our eco-friendly twilight series that runs October – April.

Off site we support and provide services to other gardens as part of our 'City Greening' program. We bring our philosophy and vision to these gardens and maintain them organically. We currently care for the Urban Orchard at the Perth Cultural Centre and the QV1 Community Garden which is on top of the QV1 carpark.

Educational activities play an important role in the services we deliver including programs for adults and children, teaching a range of skills including permaculture gardening, horticulture, food preservation, landscaping, minor building maintenance, recycled crafts and animal husbandry.

Our buildings and grounds are used for many corporate, private and wedding functions and are a main source of our revenue.

We host many individuals with physical and mental disabilities on site through our volunteer program and have a firm partnership with Nulsen Disability Services. Since 1998, we have participated in the Work For The Dole program, providing hands-on education alongside real time work experience to hundreds of unemployed people.

A Board manages Perth City Farm Incorporated.

## **PURPOSE AND FUNCTION**

This volunteer position is for working as part of our City Greening team at 2 sites; the Urban Orchard and the adjacent Urban Wetland located at the Perth Cultural Centre and the QV1 Community Garden located on the rooftop of the QV1 carpark on Murray Street.

This position requires good motor skills, attention to detail and the ability to pick up new tasks easily. It is suited to someone who is able to complete medium manual handling and who is able to self-manage and work within a team.

## **MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **General duties:**

- Planting plants and seedlings.
- Pruning plants and fruit trees.
- Managing pests and diseases organically in the Orchard.
- Fertilising plants and improving soils.
- Weeding and general garden and site maintenance.

## **PHYSICAL DEMANDS & WORK ENVIRONMENT**

This role requires a person with reasonable physical strength, good dexterity and attention to detail. You will be working outside in a range of weather conditions. You will always be expected to demonstrate the values of respect, non-judgment, compassion and kindness in all interactions with volunteers and staff of Perth City Farm, other contractors working on site and members of the public.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **Essential**

- Good oral communication skills.
- Good fine motor ability and attention to detail.
- Good organisational skills.
- A willingness to learn
- An interest in learning about plants
- A minimum time commitment of one month.

### **Desirable**

- An interest in working with members of the public and assisting those who have questions around plants.
- Senior First Aid certificate.
- Experience working or volunteering in the not-for-profit sector.
- Understanding of Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace.