
Garden Volunteer - Friends of Yaluk Langa



Position Description

Reports to	Head Gardener David Murphy & Yaluk Langa Project Manager Luke Murchie
Department	Gardens
Term	The induction and training program, including quarterly sessions with Wurundjeri Corporation's Narrap team, will take place during the period 25 th June – 26 th November to recommence in January.
Commitment	Friends of Yaluk Langa - Garden volunteer shifts are scheduled on the last Saturday of each month, 10am – 2pm. An ongoing commitment is required.

About Heide

Heide Museum of Modern Art (Heide) is a public art museum and sculpture park located in Bulleen, Victoria, featuring five gallery spaces, award-winning architecture and a distinctive collection of over 3,600 artworks. Once a significant Wurundjeri Woiwurrung gathering place, the 6.5-hectare site later attracted artists from the Australian Impressionist School before becoming the home of art patrons John and Sunday Reed in 1935. Their cultural and environmental legacy continues to influence the museum's activities today, with Heide's program of exhibitions, educational activities and cultural experiences reaching over 120,000 people each year.

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 LGBTQIA+ 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.

This vacancy is a rare opportunity to join a group of outstanding professionals dedicated to ensuring Heide flourishes.

About Gardens

The gardens at Heide Museum of Modern Art are as integral a part of the visitor experience as the art. This volunteer role will assist with Heide's indigenous garden project along the Birrarung (Yarra River), Yaluk Langa (River's Edge). In collaboration with Wurundjeri Woiwurrung Corporation and Elders, and landscape architecture firm Urban Initiatives, Heide aims to revitalise and revegetate the stretch of the Birrarung on which the museum is located.

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Under direction from Heide Gardener Luke Murchie, Friends of Yaluk Langa volunteer group aims to develop a team of dedicated individuals with an interest in or knowledge of indigenous plants.

Heide will engage Wurundjeri's Narrap land management team to conduct quarterly training with the volunteers on indigenous land management approaches and techniques. These skills will be used to maintain Heide's indigenous garden Yaluk Langa.

Primary focus of the position To assist in the maintenance and development of Yaluk Langa.

Duties

Garden Maintenance

Under direction, assist the Heide garden staff in the care, maintenance and presentation of Heide's indigenous garden project along the Yarra River. These tasks will include:

- Weeding
- Planting
- Dead heading
- Raking
- Pruning
- Soil improvement
- Plant cultivation

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 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

Key selection criteria

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

- Ability to work outdoors and use garden tools
- Demonstrated ability to understand and follow instructions and work under supervision
- An appreciation for indigenous culture and environment, and an ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds
- The capacity to provide an ongoing commitment of one 4 hour shift on the last Saturday of the month from 10:00am - 2.00pm
- Certificate III in Horticulture or higher qualification is desirable

Other relevant information

- Applicants must be willing and capable to undertake a physically demanding role in an outdoor environment. Reasonable physical health
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- Volunteers will work under the supervision of Heide garden staff.
 - Training will be provided through a Heide induction, on the job training, and Wurundjeri's Narrap land management team.
 - Volunteers will not use chemicals or machinery.
 - Volunteers must supply their own hats. Gloves and tools will be supplied.
 - The successful applicants will be required to undergo a Victoria Police Issued National Police check at the expense of the Museum

 - Heide Museum of Modern Art is an equal employment opportunity (EEO) employer and committed to fair and equitable treatment for all employees and potential employees, on the basis of their skills and abilities, whatever their differences in other respects. At Heide we value and respect the diversity of our workforce and we are committed to providing a supportive and healthy working environment that is free of unlawful discrimination, harassment and bullying.
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