**Position Description:**

**Volunteer Garden Mates**

As a volunteer for the Still Gardening Program and the City of Hobart, you give gardening help, working with older people in their own gardens.

**Purpose of Position:** Garden Mates give help on an on-going basis in the older person’s garden and will help the older person to find ways to make looking after the garden as easy as possible.

**Responsible to:** You report to the Garden Mate program officer and Still Gardening coordinator.

**Workplace Health & Safety** :

You must

* act in a safe manner,
* tell us about health and safety problems,
* take part in safety programs and
* comply with policies.

**Expectations:**

You must

* carry out gardening jobs as a Garden Mate, alongside an older person in their garden.
  + - carry out planting, pruning, hand weeding, mulching and watering tasks as needed, with the older person
    - help the person you work with to find ways to make the garden easy to deal with
    - chat with the person you work with to find jobs that can be done together
    - look out for any need for a garden conversion through the conversions program
    - give a high level of courtesy, respect and consideration when working with older people
    - take on training as needed
    - take part in evaluation of Garden Mate match and the Still Gardening Program as a whole
    - accept supervision and performance appraisal of your work

**Requirements:**

You must

* commit to working with frail older people
  + - be able to safely handle and use unpowered gardening tools
    - be able to work as part of a team
    - like gardening and be open to new ideas
    - be able to work outdoors
    - be willing to keep in regular contact with the person you garden with and staff of the program
    - be willing to have a National Police Check and to allow Still Gardening to receive and record the certificate

**Desirable:** Current Drivers License