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Role Description: Volunteer Garden Mates

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

Purpose of Role: Garden Mates volunteer on an on-going basis in the senior person's garden and will help them 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 a senior person in their garden.
- carry out planting, pruning, hand weeding, mulching and watering tasks as needed, with your senior 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 working bee through the 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



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- accept supervision and performance appraisal of your work
- Provide contact hours reporting to Still Gardening staff

Requirements:

You must

- commit to working with senior 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
- 18 years or over
- be willing to have a National Police Check and to allow Still Gardening to receive and record the certificate
- be willing to complete First Aid training

Desirable: Current Drivers License