



Australian Government

Australian National Botanic Gardens

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Duties

- Conduct at least two Guided Walks per month
- Provide visitors to the Gardens with information on the Gardens function and role
- Promote the Gardens' activities in a positive manner to the community
- Prepare Guided Walks and research on an ongoing basis.

Commitment

Length: at least one year from completion of training

Must attend all training sessions and complete all assignments within the training period

Estimated total hours

Eight hours per month (more if desired). This includes:

- Minimum of two guided walks per month
- Attendance at the monthly guides meeting (third Tuesday each month 1:00pm)
- Time for individual research and continued learning.

Schedule:

Guides sign up for times on the monthly Guides Roster

Monthly guides meeting (third Tuesday each month 1:00pm)

Venue:

Australian National Botanic Gardens, Clunies Ross Street, Canberra.

Qualifications:

No formal qualifications necessary.

An interest in the gardens, gardening and a passion for Australian plants

Excellent communication skills.

Good organizational skills.

Training:

All guides must complete a training course conducted by the Gardens. The course aims to familiarize guides with the Gardens, its design and layout, scientific, conservation and educational functions. The course will also include basic botany, group dynamics and communication and planning skills. Dates and times for the training will be confirmed by 30 August.

Assessment:

During the course, and at its conclusion, new guides will be assessed on their guiding techniques.

Benefits

An enhanced understanding and appreciation of the importance of Australian plants.

Practical experience in dealing with people in diverse groups.