

Role Description

Taronga Bushcare Volunteer

Cluster/Agency	Planning & Environment
Department/Agency	Office of Environment and Heritage
Division/Branch/Unit	Taronga Conservation Society Australia
Location	Taronga Zoo
Kind of Employment	Volunteer
Time Commitment	1 day per month (Wednesday or Sunday) Minimum 1 year
Training Required	eLearning & Induction Session
Date of Approval	TBC
Agency Website	taronga.org.au

Department/Agency overview

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) cares for and protects NSW's environment and heritage, which includes the natural environment, Aboriginal country, culture and heritage, and built heritage. Taronga Conservation Society Australia (Taronga) forms part of the OEH. Taronga's vision is to create a shared future for wildlife and people. Through our efforts we protect endangered species, increase understanding of wildlife and inspire community action.

Primary purpose of the Taronga Volunteer Roles

Taronga volunteers support the Taronga Conservation Society to achieve their vision of 'Securing a Shared Future for Wildlife and People'.

Primary purpose of the role

Taronga's Bushcare Volunteers will assist our Horticulture team by utilising the principles of bush regeneration to rehabilitate weed infested or otherwise degraded bushland into a healthy vegetation community composed of endemic Australian plants along Taronga's Sydney harbour foreshore and within the zoo.

The volunteers will be taking part in plant identification, weeding and planting supervised by qualified staff and be assisting to restore our native vegetation. Volunteers will be provided with equipment and will be given onsite training in all aspects of the work including health and safety.

These bushland rehabilitated areas provide a vital ecological wildlife corridor and is home to many animals ensuring that Taronga remains a habitat for our wonderful native animals.

Key accountabilities

- Assist Taronga Zoo's Horticulture team in removing weeds and preserving native vegetation.
- Help work towards returning the zoo's bushland to a sustainable natural ecosystem.
- Be part of a successful Bushcare team working along the Sydney Harbour foreshore.

Key challenges

- Follow instructions closely to perform tasks within WHS requirements
- Performing physically demanding repetitive tasks on a steep site
- Learn to recognise weed species
- Learn different techniques of weed removal
- Identifying the difference between weed species and native species

Essential requirements

- Enjoy working with people and be prepared to be part of a team
- Show commitment, punctuality, reliability and a professional, friendly manner
- Be physically fit and willing to work outdoors in all weather
- Have an interest in issues relating to habitat and the environment
- Interest in learning new skills in plant identification
- Enjoy working in a natural bushland environment
- **Please note:** this volunteer role will have no animal contact

Key relationships

Who	Why
Internal	
Employees, Volunteers and Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Point of contact and ensures that enquiries are appropriately addressed in prompt manner, referring issues to the Bushcare Coordinator or the Horticulture Manager.• To provide Bushcare support to the Horticulture department.
External	
General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Point of contact and ensures that enquiries are appropriately addressed in a prompt manner, referring issues to Bushcare coordinator or the Horticulture department.

Role dimensions

Decision making

This position works under close supervision and direction of the Bushcare Coordinator.

Reporting line

This position reports to the Horticulture Manager.

Direct reports

There are no positions reporting directly to the Taronga Bushcare Volunteer

Budget/Expenditure

Nil