

# Role Description

## Horticulture Volunteer

Cluster	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
Agency	Taronga Conservation Society Australia
Location	Taronga Zoo, Sydney
Kind of Employment	Volunteer
Time Commitment	
Training Required	eLearning & Induction
Date of Approval	July 2021
Agency Website	<a href="http://www.taronga.org.au">www.taronga.org.au</a>

### Agency overview

**Taronga Conservation Society Australia (Taronga)** forms part of the **Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)** Cluster and the Energy, Environment and Science Group. It is established under NSW Government legislation and is governed by a Board appointed by the NSW Minister for Energy and Environment. Taronga's vision is to create a shared future for wildlife and people. Through its efforts Taronga protects endangered species, increases understanding of wildlife and inspires 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 this 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

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

### Role dimensions

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##### 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