

Role Description

Nutrition Volunteer – Food Rescue

Cluster	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
Agency	Taronga Conservation Society Australia
Location	Taronga Zoo, Sydney
Kind of Employment	Volunteer
Time Commitment	1 morning per week or per fortnight (minimum 12 months)
Training Required	Volunteer Induction, eLearning
Date of Approval	Feb 2023
Agency Website	taronga.org.au

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 the role

Assist in the provision of nutritious and fresh food for the animals' onsite in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Zoo Nutritionist. Our Food Rescue Volunteer will assist Nutrition Officers in collection, evaluation, weighing, preparation and distribution of oversupplied food products from local supermarkets.

Key accountabilities

- Assist a staff member travelling to stores to pick up donated food
- Assist with packing and unpacking van at zoo
- Assist with weighing, sorting and managing donated stock

Key challenges

- Storage of food following specific procedures
- Following guidelines to prepare food
- Maintaining accuracy and motivation with repetitive tasks

Key relationships

Who	Why
Internal	
Nutrition Officers, Keepers, Drivers and Purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide support to staff
External	
Suppliers, Couriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support to staff and represent Taronga in a positive light
Taronga Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represent Taronga in a positive light, assist with wayfinding and general enquiries to the best of your ability

Role dimensions

Decision making

This position works under close supervision and all decision making will be by the Supervisor on shift

Reporting line

This position reports to Supervisor of the Nutrition Centre

Direct reports

N/A

Budget/Expenditure

N/A

Essential requirements

- Show commitment, punctuality, reliability, and a professional, friendly manner
- Demonstrated skills in food preparation and a passion for sustainability
- Excellent communication skills and attention to detail
- Be able to maintain accuracy and motivation with repetitive tasks
- Enjoy working with people and the ability to work effectively within a diverse team environment
- **Please note:** this role will have no animal contact