



# GROWING AUSTRALIA'S GARDENING FUTURE

*All great lives start with  
one step... where will  
yours lead you?*



The  
Australian Garden  
Council

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## PLANT A SEED



Do you enjoy gardens and being outdoors?

Would you enjoy discovering and contributing to positive solutions for our planet, and making the world a better place?

Then study Horticulture and learn about, create and care for beautiful environments.

This is a time to heal the planet, cool our cities, nurture our environment, and thrive.

***“Garden as though you will live forever”***

**WILLIAM KENT**



# EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES



Horticulture focuses on the cultivation of plants.

This includes flowers, trees, turfgrass, fruit and vegetables and cacti.

Some horticulturists grow and maintain plants in nurseries, parks and gardens.

Others might be involved in the retail side of plant life, research and development, discovering new varieties of plants, and their uses or work with the community.



# LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY

Would you like to look after other people's gardens, work in a botanic garden, a sporting stadium, park or a zoo?

Then you could be an arborist, a tree surgeon, a teacher, a landscape designer, run a business or become a researcher or government adviser for greening cities or biophilic design in workplaces.

Or you can work in the media, travel, communicating indigenous plant knowledge on unique tourism experiences or leading garden tours across the globe.

**Check out our website for further details and links to our professional partners for further study options.**



## KEEP EXPLORING



From building native habitats or wildlife corridors, to regenerative gardening or conservation; with Horticulture you can work indoors or outdoors, in the city or in the countryside, in a laboratory, a green house, an office, on the turf of a sports stadium, or even from a crane building green walls.

No matter if you dream of being an artist, a gardener, a scientist or a business leader, there is a pathway that suits you in the garden.

You have the opportunity to change the world, and it's right under your feet!

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## STUDY THE RIGHT SUBJECTS



If you love working with your hands or being outdoors, you are already on your way.

Ask if your school offers horticulture or landscaping subjects, or maybe even has a garden club. If it doesn't, start one!

Practice horticulture in your own garden, experiment with growing and developing different types of plants, fruits and vegetables, or volunteer with a local community garden.



# LET YOUR PARENTS AND TEACHERS KNOW

It's also possible to start your apprenticeship or traineeship while you're still at school with a school-based apprenticeship.

This could save time off your full qualification, and you'll still be able to finish high school.

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## For more information:

- **Talk to career advisers in your school**
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# HOW TO GET AHEAD

For lots of exciting leads, check out our website for:

- projects to start today
- video journeys
- our blog
- Facebook
- Instagram
- scholarships to aim for
- links to our professional partners

***“You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”***

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR**



## VOLUNTEERING



Volunteering can connect you with established professionals and real life experiences immediately.

Contact your local council and school for established programs running in your area now.

## CARE FOR YOURSELF ON THE JOURNEY

- Hug a tree
- Lie on the grass
- Picnic in a park
- Wander the wilderness
- Visit your local garden centre

Find people that you can share your journey with.



# NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE?

## **Kids Helpline**

(Services up to 25 years old)

1800 55 1800

[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

## **Lifeline**

13 11 14

[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

## **Headspace**

[www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

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in gardening.*



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