

# DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

WHY NOT LOOK AT A CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?



## HORTICULTURE

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There are a wide range of Horticulture related jobs available in Local Government.

Councils are responsible for maintaining a variety of parks and reserves, from golf courses, to playing fields and bush regeneration.

A wide range of people are involved in the planning and management of open spaces including landscape architects and arborists.

Some of the activities you are likely to be involved with include:

- Preparing and maintaining garden sites and beds, lawn areas and playing fields
- Pruning trees and other plants
- Planting seeds, bulbs, flowers, shrubs, trees and lawns
- Reading landscape plans and construct under supervision
- Correcting soil deficiencies
- Treating pests and diseases on plants

If you start as a gardener, you could later advance to horticulture or arborist positions.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are a number of pathways into horticulture roles in councils. Some options include:

- Applying for an apprenticeship or traineeship position with a council and studying while you work
- Moving into a horticultural role from another area within council
- Completing a university or vocational qualification prior to working in council

Many jobs in horticulture do not require a university degree. There are vocational education and training courses offered by TAFE and other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) which will articulate into degrees, if you choose to take your education further.

Examples of qualifications you might consider are:

- Bachelor of Horticulture
- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
- Certificate IV or Diploma in Horticulture (Parks and Gardens) – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate III in Horticulture (Parks and Gardens) (available as an apprenticeship) – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate II, III, IV or Diploma of Horticulture (Arboriculture) - TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate II in Horticulture (Parks and Gardens) ( available as a school based traineeship) – TAFE or private RTO

## FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT...

- [www.lgsa-plus.net.au](http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au) and [www.careergov.com.au](http://www.careergov.com.au) to learn more about careers in local government
- [www.counciljobs.com](http://www.counciljobs.com) to look at jobs currently available in local government
- [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) to see the range of university courses available
- [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au) to find out more about TAFE courses in NSW
- [www.counciljobs.com](http://www.counciljobs.com) to look at the jobs currently available in local government
- [www.sbatinnsw.info](http://www.sbatinnsw.info) to find out more about school-based traineeships in NSW
- [www.lgsa.org.au](http://www.lgsa.org.au) to locate all councils across NSW

Remember, council job opportunities are advertised in local and national newspapers.