



Project Worker Position

"Hope...It Grows" Community Sustainability Garden

Project Length – 2 years

Time Fraction – 1.5 days per week

Project Background

Seeds Bendigo is a small Christian group committed to neighbourhood transformation in Long Gully.

Long Gully is a northern suburb of the City of Greater Bendigo. Parts of Long Gully experience significant socio-economic disadvantage.

In 2009 Seeds was given use of the St Matthew's church building by the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo. In 2009, Seeds Bendigo received funding from the Victorian Government Neighbourhood Renewal Sustainability Fund to establish a community sustainability garden.

Project Description

"Hope...It Grows" (working title!) aims to enable people to learn how to practice sustainability "in their own backyard". A backyard-sized area of St Matthew's Anglican Church (Long Gully) will be developed into a demonstration of sustainable gardening, with local residents involved at every step of the process of construction and maintenance of the garden.

Sustainability education, food workshops & community kitchens will empower people to practice sustainable practices in their own homes & gardens.

A project worker will facilitate this project.

Project Worker Role Description

1. Engaging the Long Gully community in the design, construction & maintenance of garden
2. Providing necessary skills and knowledge to construct & maintain the garden
3. Co-ordinating events & activities attached to garden *eg. sustainability workshops, community kitchens, community events, website maintenance*
4. Promote/Community the garden to the broader Bendigo community

Key Skills, Experience & Knowledge

1. Main Skills, Experience & Knowledge

- Community development principles & processes
- Working knowledge of organic/sustainable gardening
- Experience in engaging community members in collaborative projects

2. Other Skills, Experience & Knowledge

- Project management skills
- Experience in planning & implementing community events
- Excellent relational & communication skills
- Good computer skills.

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Tasks (over 2 years)

- Construction & maintenance of garden, incorporating sustainable principles
- Involve local residents, community groups & businesses in every step of the above process
- Organise 6 sustainability workshops/demonstrations
- Organise 2 larger community festivals showcasing the garden & sustainable practices
- Conduct regular surveys/focus groups over the course of the project, to measure uptake of sustainability practices.
- Keep photographic record of development of garden
- Write quarterly & final reports to the garden reference group
- Maintain basic website.
- Initiate processes for the long-term future of the garden.
- Maintain connections with key community groups & programs eg. *Energetic St Community Garden*

Accountability & Finance

- The Project Worker will report to the Garden Reference Group.
- Project Worker will either be employed by Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre Inc or will be contracted by Saltbush Community Initiatives Inc.

Application Guidelines

The following is needed for a valid application:

- CV
- Address "Key Skills, Experience & Knowledge"
- Detail relevant experience
- 3 Referees: 2 professional; 1 personal

Application Due Date

15th February 2010

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