

Position Description

Organisation:	Green Connect
Vision:	A connected community that values people and planet.
Mission:	Reduce waste, grow fair food and provide fair employment for young people and former refugees.
Values:	Earth care. People care. Fair share.
Strategic objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce waste to landfill 2. Grow and distribute fair food 3. Create good jobs and employment pathways 4. Engage and connect our community 5. Be a sustainable business
Parent company:	Green Connect is a social enterprise owned and managed by Community Resources Ltd, a national not-for-profit organisation.

Position title:	Sustainable Food Systems Intern
Purpose:	To coordinate and undertake the activities required to manage the vegetation and animal infrastructure of Green Connect's 'food forest', and assist in the continual development of the food forest management plan in line with the Green Connect farm site strategy.
Background:	<p>The Green Connect farm is a source of fair food – food that is good for the people who grow it (fair wages and good jobs), good for the people who eat it (healthy and pesticide-free) and good for the planet (using permaculture and organic principles). We have been growing fair food for over four years and the 11-acre site is flourishing. To continue to do great things, we need a bit of help.</p> <p>We are recruiting 2 volunteer interns to coordinate and undertake the activities required to manage the vegetation and animal infrastructure of Green Connect's 'food forest', and assist in the continual development of the food forest management plan in line with the Green Connect farm site strategy. The food forest consists of fruit trees that are not yet at maturity and other vegetation that contributes to them flourishing. This is not a commercial area of the farm as yet.</p> <p>Interns will gain valuable, hands-on experience in regenerative agriculture, permaculture, horticulture, volunteer coordination and project management in an engaging and supportive workplace environment.</p> <p>This is also an opportunity to contribute to the Illawarra's Social Enterprise of the Year 2018 – a business that employs young people and former refugees to do environmental work. For more about us, visit www.green-connect.com.au.</p>

Reports to:	Farm Manager
Award level:	Volunteer
Hours:	6 hours per week each Friday (negotiable)
Contract duration:	8-month commitment (March to November 2019)

Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and undertake the activities required to manage the vegetation and animal infrastructure of Green Connect’s ‘food forest’, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planting polyculture food species ○ Maintaining and establishing fencing and animal infrastructure ○ Systematic weeding and brush cutting ○ Pruning and ensuring plant health • Coordinate and supervise volunteers to carry out the above activities. • Monitor vegetation health • Assist in the continual development of the food forest management plan. • Catalogue vegetation species in the food forest and develop maintenance plans for each species • Liaise with Farm Manager, Senior Farm Hands and other staff and volunteers to ensure clear communication, shared goals and a safe work environment for everyone • Represent Green Connect in a friendly and professional manner • Work collaboratively with other Green Connect and Community Resources staff • Practice good Work Health and Safety including following Safe Work Methods, identifying and mitigating risks, and working safely
Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passion for regenerative agriculture, permaculture, and/or sustainable land management • Physical capacity including good fitness and ability to bend, carry and move heavy items • Ability to value, respect and work with people from diverse backgrounds • Understanding of and experience in working with plants. • Experience working physically in outdoor environments. • Ability to manage and coordinate volunteers from diverse backgrounds • Ability to coordinate volunteers • Understanding of and/or experience in permaculture • Qualifications in permaculture or horticulture (desired)

PPE Requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steel toe work boots <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long pants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain jacket <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hat
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