

Post: Horticulturist
Department: Logan Botanic Garden
Division: Horticulture & Learning

Job Description

Key Responsibilities

- General horticultural activities including grass cutting, brush cutting and strimming, hedge cutting, fertiliser application, chipping. In addition, there may be opportunities for tractor work, chainsaw operations and pesticide application with the relevant certification
- Development and maintenance of plants within the living collection, including removal of dead plants, planting new material, installing plant protection, and mulching to suppress weeds and encourage plant establishment
- Assist and have an interaction with garden visitors and garden guides, passing on information about the garden and its plants
- Operate best working practices and ensure all tasks undertaken are carried out safely and in accordance with the health and safety policy statements for the Horticulture & Learning division
- Carry out operations with awareness that fungal pathogens are present in the garden and take appropriate steps to minimise the risk of spread
- Work with students and assist with the schools education programme
- Instruct student interns in safe machinery operation and maintenance
- General horticultural machinery operation
- Any other appropriate duties as requested by your line management team

Person Specification

Skills/Aptitude	Essential	Desirable
Horticultural practice, machinery operations and maintenance skills	*	
Able to work effectively as part of a small team	*	
Good communication skills both verbal and written	*	
Flexible approach to working practices	*	
ICT literate	*	

Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
Plant knowledge including pests and diseases	*	
Plant database recording		*
Good understanding of health and safety practices	*	
Machinery maintenance	*	

Professional Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Recognised horticultural qualification		*
PA1 & PA6 spraying certification		*
Chainsaw certification – CS30/CS31		*
Professional Tree Inspection certification		*
Driving licence		*
Current first aid at work certificate		*