

## **POSITION VACANT – Permaculturalist required in newly constructed Permaculture Garden in Livingstone (near Wagga Wagga, NSW)**

### **Overview**

Local Wagga Wagga family seeks the services of a Permaculture garden maintenance person to maintain and manage a newly installed Kitchen / Main Crop garden 400 m<sup>2</sup> and diverse food forest orchard 800 m<sup>2</sup>. Keeping in mind the family wants to be involved with its running, the ideal applicant will be someone who can also educate the clients and children about the garden processes.

As this is a very new garden it requires close care and observation in its first season to see what works and what survives a hot Wagga summer. The garden has been designed by 2 experienced garden designers with Permaculture principals.

With the help of Permaculture Research Institute of Australia the chosen applicant must be willing to setup and co-ordinate the establishment of PERMACULTURE WAGGA WAGGA. More details of which will be discussed with chosen applicant.

You will have the full backup and support of the 2 gardens designers for troubleshooting and advice, and Permaculture movement worldwide. This is your chance to establish yourself as a star Permaculture gardener.

### **Tasks will include but not limited to**

- Keeping the Kitchen / Main Crop garden in full seasonal production
- Maintaining, improving and monitoring soil health
- Cycling nutrients back to the soil with composting systems from kitchen, garden and animal waste streams
- Management of small animal systems, such as chickens
- Set up of small seedling nursery for the production of vegetable seedling for garden.
- Developing planting guilds and support companion planting systems for pest and disease control in the Kitchen / Main Crop garden.

### **Essential**

- Completed Permaculture Design Certificate
- Experience in vegetable gardening, preferably in Permaculture systems
- Basic knowledge of composting systems - NO black bin composting
- Basic irrigation knowledge such as fixing small irrigation problems and monitoring system and garden requirements
- Ability to co-ordinate and manage irrigation contractor for major problems with the system and achieve a positive outcome.
- Seed purchasing, collection, saving for all crops

**Preferred (but not essential)**

- Experience in pruning and tree maintenance of diverse food forest orchard and support species. Alternatively applicant will be able to co-ordinate seasonal pruning through the hiring of local contract fruit tree pruning company
- Pest and disease management and treatment
- Management of ornamental trees with in the garden
- Maintenance of bamboo wind breaks

**Note:** This garden is 30min drive south east from Wagga. The family is very community orientated and would like to employ local. Based on the rate of production, the client is prepared so share surplus with the applicant.

**Trial Period:** A trial period of 3 months will be in place.

**Terms of employment:** Applicant will have an ABN and access to reliable transport.

The outcome of the trial period will be based on the productivity of the garden. A highly productive garden will increase the chance of long term employment.

**Equipment:** All equipment / tools / machines will be supplied for the garden to function.

**Pay:** When submitting your CV/Resume please submit a rate per km for travel to and from Wagga and a rate of pay per hour based on your experience. This will be a well paid position for the right person who also has a vision for where these systems can be expanded to and evolved with other Permaculture systems.

**Applications:** Please submit your CV including full Permaculture/gardening experience and references to:

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Please direct all questions to the comments sections below the post. Look forward to hearing from you soon.