

Job description

Volunteer Beekeeper

Qualifications and Experience:

Ideally the post requires knowledge and working experience of gardening specifically related skill to produce (fruit and vegetables). Previous experience of working with bees would be desirable. However, training on both these aspects will be given relevant to volunteer experience.

Accountability and Responsibilities:

The Volunteer Beekeeper will be responsible to Deputy Horticulturist, or a delegated person, nominated and agreed by the Fyne Futures Board. The Volunteer Beekeeper will provide support to Deputy Horticulturist and may deputise as required. Volunteer Beekeeper will provide support for the effective and efficient use of all resources required to maintain a healthy hive(s). Volunteer Beekeeper will act as ambassador for Fyne Futures and will at all times be respectful and helpful to the community we serve.

Main Objectives of Post

- To support staff including activities relating to health & wellbeing, personnel development and efficient provision of market garden services
- To implement and provide effective support for the various activities undertaken to ensure the health of the bee colony
- To support production of honey
- To ensure compliance of Fyne Futures policies and processes

The main job activities are as follows:

- To provide holiday cover for Deputy Horticulturist
- To identify food stores, and feed as needed
- To identify queen cells and work with Deputy Horticulturist as directed
- To identify larvae and maturing bees to monitor and maintain healthy colony
- To identify pest disease and support treatment for health of bee colony
- To check hive(s) stability and security and report any issues to Deputy Horticulturist
- To support extraction of honey when directed
- To develop all year round natural food supplies through horticultural activities around the hive(s)
- Capturing and monitoring 'Arnia' readings which are connected to understanding hive health

Person Specification

Essential skills and experience:

- Commitment to development of horticulture skills following organic principles for the purpose of production of local produce, seed saving, creating compost and a healthy bio-diverse environment
- Able to build and sustain rapport with key stakeholders

Desirable skills:

- Have a full, current and clean driving licence
- IT literate

Personal qualities:

- Be committed to the social and community objectives of Fyne Futures Ltd
- Be a good communicator and get on well with others
- Be able to deal with the public in a sensitive manner
- Possess the ability to work unsupervised and use own initiative
- Possess good organisational skills
- Be capable of working in a team situation
- Possess a positive attitude to disadvantaged and vulnerable members of society
- Possess a desire and have the ability to promote environmental awareness with respect to low carbon living
- Possess a friendly and enthusiastic disposition

Hours:

Up to 7 hours per week within Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5pm operating hours

Salary:

This post is on a voluntary basis

Holiday:

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