



Christ Church Community Centre

Corner Acland St. & Eildon Rd St Kilda

Operated by **Christ Church Mission Inc.** ABN 48 967 756 651

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Garden Nomads Program Guidelines

Garden Nomads are individual volunteers who work with elderly, frail or disabled local residents who are unable to care for their garden alone, but are still living independently.

The aim of the program is:

To assist in the garden of the frail, elderly or disabled individual who is unable to maintain their garden without help

To help the resident maintain control over their environment by working with them to achieve the outcome they would like, always remembering that it is their garden

To give residents the opportunity for social interaction with the volunteer

To encourage and support sustainable living by composting refuse where possible

Requirements of the volunteer position:

A commitment of a minimum of 2 hours per week or fortnightly by arrangement

Some knowledge and experience of gardening

A police check is mandatory and will be arranged by the Centre.

Travel expenses can be partly reimbursed if a log book is kept.

Guidelines for volunteers and residents:

Residents will be assessed by the Centre staff and matched to available volunteers.

Timing and regularity of the gardening sessions should be negotiated by the volunteer and the resident.

Messages can either be relayed through the Centre or phone numbers exchanged where people are comfortable with this arrangement.

Any plants or materials required must be paid for by the resident.

Rubbish removal is the responsibility of the resident if it cannot be composted or binned.

It would be expected that most residents would have some basic gardening equipment which could be utilized by the volunteer.

Where tools are not available, some tools may be borrowed from the Centre.

In case of breakage, only new tools would be replaced.

Volunteers may decline any requests for assistance other than the gardening support arranged by the Centre.

In case of any concerns or enquiries, staff can be contacted at the Centre during opening hours on 9534 9250 or a mobile number will be provided for the volunteer where the work occurs outside these times.