



JOIN AN INDUSTRY GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Horticulture in Australia is booming. Gardening, sustainability, wellbeing and food production have all captured the public imagination, leading to unparalleled growth of our industry.



The Victorian industry is worth over \$1.6 billion



Employs over 11,000 people



Produces over 1/3 of all plants in Australia

YOU'LL BE ENTERING AUSTRALIA'S HORTICULTURAL POWERHOUSE.

LEARN TO GROW TODAY

Horticulture industry education and training is hands-on and practical. You'll be learning from the best every day. And once you start learning you can keep adding to your qualifications as you work. Once you're up to speed in one field you can start digging a little deeper and become a specialist in other areas.

There are two main pathways to enter the horticulture industry: applying for a role within a business or gaining a formal qualification from an educational institute.

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

Horticulture businesses prefer to hire apprentices/workers into general roles and upskill them internally. Workers will gain experience across the business before moving into skilled roles in a specific stream of work.

Explore existing NGIV member employment opportunities at:
www.ngiv.com.au/employment

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY

There are a host of hands-on horticultural courses delivered across Victoria, supporting you to learn the theoretical and practical foundations to succeed in our industry.

Search "horticulture" courses at:
www.skills.vic.gov.au/victorianskillsgateway to find the right course for you.

Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria (NGIV) is the peak industry body for the state's horticultural sector.

We choose to invest in the future leaders of our industry to bring you:

- the best jobs
- industry events
- networking opportunities
- learning experiences

And we'll never stop advocating for the employees and businesses that make up this wonderful industry.

VISIT NGIV.COM.AU TO DISCOVER HOW WE CAN HELP YOU TO BRING YOUR CAREER TO LIFE.



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WE'RE GROWING A BETTER TOMORROW
AND NEED YOUR HELP

BRING YOUR CAREER TO LIFE: CHOOSE HORTICULTURE

A career in horticulture is more than a job. It’s your chance to play a part in caring for the health of our planet when it needs it most. Your work will contribute towards a healthier, happier society for all of us. You’ll be entering an industry that is full of opportunity and variety; once you start learning you’ll never stop.

CHOOSE A CAREER FOR LIFE

You will enter an exciting and diverse industry full of opportunity; one that allows you to move through different fields, learning as you go, enjoying a career for life. The only question is where to start?

FOR THE OUTDOORS ENTHUSIASTS

Horticulturist, Horticultural Consultant, Horticultural Manager, Horticultural Technician, Nursery Assistant, Nursery Grower, Arborist, Bushland Officer, Floriculturist, Forestry Worker, Gardener, Green Wall/Roof Specialist, Groundskeeper, Irrigation Technician, Landscape Gardener, Parks Officer, Plant Breeder, Plant Propagator, Retail Nursery Worker, Sports Turf Curator, Tissue Culture Specialist, Turf Grower



FOR THE SCIENTISTS

Horticultural Researcher, Horticultural Scientist, Agronomist, Biosecurity Officer, Botanist, Educator Entomologist, Environmental Scientist, Extension Officer, Plant Pathologist

FOR THE TECH LOVERS

Engineer, IT Engineer, Machinery Operator, Mechanic, Precision Agriculture Consultant, Research & Development, Robotics Technician, Spray Technician, Tractor/Forklift Operator, Welder

FOR THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS

Horticultural Therapist, Horticultural Consultant, Arborist, Biologist, Botanist, Forestry Worker, Landscape Architect, Landscape Designer, Natural Landscape Manager, Urban Forester

FOR THE CREATIVES

Horticultural Journalist, Brand Specialist, Graphic Designer, Landscape Architect, Landscape Designer, Marketer, Plant Blogger, Radio Broadcaster, Social Media Strategist



FOR THE LEADERS

Business Manager, Business Owner, Grower Integration Manager, Human Resources Manager, Open Space Manager, Pest Health Manager, Plant Production Manager, Product Development Manager, Purchasing Officer, Retail Manager, Supply Chain Manager, Urban Forest Manager

FOR THE NUMBER CRUNCHERS

Accountant, Agricultural Economist, Contract Manager, Logistics Scheduler, Occupational Health and Safety Representatives, Payroll Officer, Quality Assurance

ENJOY ALL THE BENEFITS

Choosing horticulture will provide you with so much more than just a job:

- Work in incredible outdoor spaces
- Enjoy a closer connection to nature
- Learn from the best and never stop learning
- Create and nurture new life
- Work with like-minded individuals
- Enjoy the physical and mental benefits of working with greenlife
- Be at the cutting edge of technology
- Enjoy flexible work practices

Not to mention providing for others:

- Be part of the solution to eliminate climate change
- Play your part in the essential food supply chain
- Help to protect native habitats, flora and fauna
- Bring imagined landscapes to life
- Push the boundaries of science and technology
- Contribute to the wellbeing and joy of others

LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS

You’ll be joining a proud and passionate workforce. Victoria’s horticulturalists are skilled, innovative and experts in their field. Don’t take our word for it. Here’s what some of the characters from our industry had to say about choosing horticulture.



MANI SWIFT
Apprentice Grower,
Ball Australia

Beginning my career in horticulture was a great decision. I am coming towards the end of my apprenticeship and have loved every second of it. I’ve learnt so much from my passionate and knowledgeable colleagues.

Being able to do what you enjoy as a job makes you look forward to work every day and the opportunities that have risen in this field of work so far have been amazing.



BONNIE-MARIE HIBBS
Horticulturist, TV Presenter,
Nursery Ambassador at
Gardenworld

Aged 15, I took a leap of faith to begin a career in horticulture and have never looked back. Horticulture is an industry full of variety and opportunity.

A combination of hard work and a willingness to ‘have a go’ has led me to become a published writer, television presenter, nursery ambassador and a magazine editor; and there’s so much more to look forward to.



BEN SCOBLE
General Manager,
Speciality Trees

A keen interest in plants led me into the nursery industry from landscape gardening and 20 years later that interest hasn’t wavered. It has sent me all over the world and introduced me to amazing technologies, people and places.

Now I work amongst 60 acres of trees in a picturesque location. My job satisfaction is always at a high knowing the trees we produce can significantly impact us and the environment we live in.