

# PARKS TEAM MEMBER

Parks Team Member plays a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing public parks, gardens, and green spaces for the community. Here's a concise overview of what they typically do

## Key Duties may include:

- conduct various arboricultural tasks such as planting, pruning, maintenance, assessments, and removals to industry standards.
- perform horticultural and parks maintenance tasks including mowing, garden upkeep, weeding, and mulching.
- maintain park assets like furniture, playgrounds, mulch, fences, and paths.
- execute landscape construction according to provided plans.
- operate light and heavy mechanical equipment and ensure basic maintenance.
- record work activities on Activity sheets and report maintenance needs.
- prepare Site Specific Job Safety Analysis documents before tree management work.
- address customer issues courteously and minimize public inconvenience during work.


## Entry to these roles:

To become a Parks team member you typically need a combination of relevant education and practical skills such as:

- **Certificate III in Horticulture (Parks and Gardens):** This qualification provides foundational knowledge and practical skills specific to maintaining parks and gardens. It covers topics such as plant identification, soil management, irrigation, pest and disease control, and machinery operation.
- **Certificate III in Arboriculture:** Alternatively, specializing in arboriculture (tree care and management) can also be beneficial, especially if the role involves significant tree maintenance tasks.
- **Other Relevant Certificates:** Courses in landscape construction, machinery operation (e.g., chainsaws, mowers), and occupational health and safety are valuable additions.

## Study pathways:

- **Box Hill Institute:** Offers Certificate III in Horticulture (Parks and Gardens) which covers skills needed for parks maintenance
- **Holmesglen Institute:** Provides courses in horticulture and landscaping that are relevant to park maintenance
- **Melbourne Polytechnic:** Offers Certificate III in Horticulture (Parks and Gardens) focusing on practical skills in parks maintenance

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- **William Angliss Institute:** Provides courses in horticulture and arboriculture relevant to park management and maintenance
  - **Bendigo TAFE:** Offers horticulture and parks management courses that include practical training in parks maintenance
  - **The University of Melbourne (Burnley Campus):** Offers courses in horticulture and landscape architecture which may have components relevant to parks management
  - **Deakin University:** Offers a Bachelor of Environmental Science with specializations that could include aspects of parks management and maintenance.

### **Local Government Training Providers:**

Some councils and local government associations offer specific training programs or workshops tailored to parks and gardens maintenance, which can complement formal education.