

Information Sheet – The Growing Friends

The primary purpose of the group is to propagate and raise unusual plants, plants from the Royal Botanic Gardens and plants not readily available in commercial nurseries, and to sell these to the general public in support of the RGB. Linked to this main purpose is a desire to promote gardening, and the RGB in particular.

We are a small group of about 35 members, our number limited by the space in which we work. We welcome new members but because of the cap in numbers, there is a waiting list.

Joining the Growing Friends is a significant commitment. There is an expectation that volunteers work in the nursery each Friday morning for at least 4 hours, and also commit to work at the two major public plant sales which occur over a weekend in both autumn and spring. Regular attendance (subject to holidays, illness) and a commitment to the group are important. The nature of the work in the nursery requires a moderate level of fitness and agility as much of the activity is manual.

Please complete the form below and return it to growingfriends@frbgmelb.org.au as a scanned copy or photo by email as soon as possible.

In selecting new volunteers, we are looking for interest and experience in plants and gardening; horticultural training; eagerness to learn and share knowledge & experience as well as a willingness to share in the administrative and operational aspects of the nursery.

On return of the completed form, you may be contacted by a Growing Friends volunteer to discuss your application for consideration in future vacancies.

A current financial membership of the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is required for all volunteer roles. Following the offer of a place in the Growing Friends group, a Working with Children Check will also be required. For volunteers this is free.