

Employer: Gould League www.gould.org.au

Work Type/s: Casual Environmental Educator

Location: Toolangi State Forest and Kinglake – the traditional land of the Taungurung people.

Applications close: 20 June, 2022

Reports to: General Manager

Rate of Pay: \$32.50 p/hr plus super (Training is conducted at \$26 an hour)

Background: Gould League is an independent not-for-profit organisation who have pioneered and influenced environmental education in Australia for over 110 years. We run incursion and excursion programs for schools, early learning centres and community groups and produce environmental education resources such as curriculum guides, educational books and posters. Although Gould League was initially devoted to bird protection and education, we moved into broader sustainability issues in the 1960s and 70s. Our programs now address land and water management, waste minimisation and energy, biodiversity, ecology, climate change and more. Our excursion programs are delivered at Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary, Toolangi State Forest and our Cheltenham Sustainability Centre with incursion programs delivered to schools across Melbourne. We currently deliver 35 different programs for children from K to Year 12, providing engaging opportunities for students of all ages to learn in, about and for the environment which included indigenous culture and land use.

Position Goals: Sessional Educators are responsible for the delivery of high quality and engaging environmental education programs. Flexible, knowledgeable and dynamic staff in this role will ensure high satisfaction from visiting teachers and strong levels of engagement from visiting students.

Location: We are currently recruiting for two Sessional Educators for Toolangi State Forest. Not essential, but **roles would be ideal for suitably qualified local Taungurung people as traditional owners of the Kulin nation.**

Gould League Sessional Environmental Educators should be:

- Appropriately qualified and/or experienced i.e. Tertiary qualification in Science/Environment /Conservation/ Education or with equivalent work experience
- Highly effective and confident educators who utilise a variety of strategies to engage students and address visiting teacher needs
- Knowledgeable and positive about the environment and sustainable practices
- Respectful and attentive team players
- Quick learners who demonstrate flexibility and adaptability when plans change
- Excellent time managers who can prioritise and meet deadlines
- Able to demonstrate exceptional verbal and written communication skills
- Proficient at building effective relationships with a diverse range of people
- Self-motivated, autonomous and active learners who are committed to ongoing personal development
- Competent in basic use of Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point, and the use of internet, emails and online calendars and a range of phone apps.
- Happy to perform a variety of preparational tasks and cleaning/maintenance of educational materials
- Aware of safe work practices and able to actively seek to minimise risks

Educators must hold a current Working with Children Card and First Aid Certificate.

Appointment to start Term 3, 2022 subject to:

Passing Working With Children Check (unless holds a current VET or WWC Card)

Interview with the General Manager and Bookings Manager initially via Skype, with a final meeting / presentation (If required) on site at Discovery Tree, Toolangi.

On the job training provided. Also provided workbooks, training manuals and program guides.

Hours based on school bookings and can vary from 5 to 20 hours a week.

How to apply for this job: Please forward your cover letter (explaining how you fit with GL desired attributes/skills as outlined above) and your resume with at least 2 references to gould@gould.org.au using the subject line: **Toolangi Sessional Educator application.**

Our programs cover a wide variety of programs see <https://gould.org.au/locations/toolangi/> Please specify which year levels you are most comfortable teaching and key local knowledge.

For more information phone **0431107 389** or contact gould@gould.org.au Please note references may be contacted upon receipt of application. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.