

## **Organic gardener / Landscaper / Herbalist**

Job title: Organic gardener / Landscaper / Herbalist

Area of work: Organic garden and lawns around main lodge

Departmental head: General Manager

Takaro Peace Resort is a unique luxury Lodge offering an international clientele the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate. Our organic vegetable and herb gardens are a key part of the Takaro experience providing fresh and healthy produce for our restaurant and herbal teas. Our Organic gardener must sow, grow and harvest high quality organic produce and act as a host for guests interested in working and learning organic farming techniques in the garden. Our gardener must also take responsibility for Takaro's flower gardens and shrubberies to ensure a beautiful environment is maintained for guests.

Takaro's organic gardener will perform the following tasks:

- grow, harvest and blend a variety of herbs and herbal teas. Applicant must have knowledge of medicinal herbs and plants. Applicant must know which plants can grow in Takaro's Southland climate.
- grow and harvest vegetables for the lodge restaurant
- identify and correct soil deficiencies
- identify and organically treat pests and diseases on plants
- prepare fields, garden beds or lawn areas by cultivating soil and adding natural fertilisers and compost
- read landscape plans and construct rockeries, paths or ponds
- plant and transplant flowers, shrubs, trees and lawns
- maintain gardens by naturally fertilising, trimming and making sure that plants are receiving adequate water
- prune trees and hedges in ways that help the plants' health, are safe and look good
- thin out, hoe, irrigate and naturally fertilise crops
- maintain lawn and grass areas using machinery, natural fertilisers but no chemicals
- service equipment such as tools, lawn mowers and heavy machinery
- operate and install irrigation and drainage systems
- plan and supervise other workers' daily activities
- develop long-term plans, set budgets and manage the financial aspects of the organization or business.
- never use growth regulators and other chemicals

Takaro's organic gardener usually works outdoors and in all kinds of weather. Some of the work is physically demanding as it involves bending, lifting and handling machinery such as tractors, rollers and edging machines.

### **Personal Requirements:**

- good interpersonal skills (foreign languages a benefit)
- enjoy working with people
- flexible, with a sense of humor
- enjoy practical and mechanical work
- able to undertake manual and heavy work
- able to work for long hours
- able to work outdoors in all sorts of weather conditions
- positive view and good spirit all times
- non smoker
- interested in complimentary and alternative health
- a genuine interest in helping clients

- a metaphysical or spiritual perspective

**Conditions**

- Fulltime residential position
- Salary: TBA
- Accommodation and food deductible from salary