

Careers Newsletter

Career as an Arborist



According to [SEEK](#), Arborists provide professional advice on trees and tree care. They plant, prune, shape and remove plants, trees, hedges and bushes to ensure their health, safety and attractiveness. Arborists may also treat trees with fertilisers and insecticides.

Their tasks and duties include -

- Planting trees, taking into consideration the appropriate location, the right tree species, and the care and maintenance that is required for a tree to thrive.
- Investigating the health and condition of trees and assessing necessary treatment.
- Pruning trees by removing branches or reducing the size of trees using handsaws and chainsaws. Pruning may be necessary due to disease, decay, storm damage, safety or aesthetics.
- Removing trees when they have sustained damage, become too big or present a risk to people or property.
- Removing stumps so that the remaining root systems do not cause damage or look unsightly.
- Advising on appropriate use of insecticides and fertilisers.

In a recent article on [7news.com.au](https://www.7news.com.au) written by Rachael Ward, attention is brought to the fact that there is a dire shortage of arborists, and the number of arborists must double within five years to keep pace with the growth in demand for green spaces across the country. Furthermore, this profession is on the federal government's skills priority list and is listed as in strong demand across every state and territory.

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“Resilience – ‘The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness’

– Oxford Dictionary





As announced in August, the Australian Government and Australian tech sector have a shared commitment of 1.2million Australians in tech jobs by 2030.

Year 13 and the Digital Skills Organisation have teamed up to bring you the Tech Expo, paving the way for young Australians to learn about opportunities in tech.

Live from 24th October - 4th November, [jump on https://year13.com.au/expo/tech-expo](https://year13.com.au/expo/tech-expo) to read about vacant roles in various tech companies, including internships and graduate programs.

There's also plenty of content to assist you in discovering the skills and training required - you don't always need a university degree to get a job in tech!

A Taste of University

Have you ever wondered what university is actually like?

Well now you can try before you buy!

A range of institutions now offer programs to give senior students a taste of a real university unit. If you are successful in passing, there are many benefits. Some give you entry to a course of your choice, some give you credit toward your degree. Some of them even count as units toward your senior secondary certificate of education.

Enquire to your local institution or ask your careers adviser what is offered locally. Here's a couple of examples we've found.

- [Griffith GUESTS](#)
- [UTAS University Connections Program](#)
- [University of Sunshine Coast Headstart](#)
- [University of Adelaide Headstart](#)
- [University of Queensland Enhanced Studies Program](#)



Women in Trades

The Productivity Commission White Paper identified that the lack of women in trades is a serious economic issue and that women are vital in addressing skill shortages in Australia. Currently, women only make up 2% of qualified tradespeople showing that perceptions still exist about suitable roles for women contributing to male dominance in trades.

A trade career offers job stability and economic security. With an average salary of \$80,000 and over 60 trades listed as having shortage, this pathway is worth exploring.

There's never been a better time with state governments funding all kinds of training and programs to increase women in trades and fill in demand roles.

Tradeswomen Australia has an abundance of podcasts with women from all different trades telling their story (see below).

Girls looking to a trade can utilise a couple of resources:

- Australian Apprenticeship Pathways 'Steps to an Apprenticeship'

AATIS Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Service

STEPS TO AN AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP

- 1. Research**
 - Discover what apprenticeships and traineeships are all about
 - Find out which industry is right for you by checking out the Career Interest Explorer and Think Type Explorer
 - Learn more about apprenticeship and traineeship occupations by checking out Job & Training Descriptions
- 2. Preparation**
 - Put your knowledge to the test by trying a Literacy & Numeracy Quiz
 - Learn about pre-apprenticeships and whether they would be right for you
 - Learn about the organisations that are involved throughout an apprenticeship and traineeship, and how the training works
 - Find out what wages and entitlements you will get as an apprentice or trainee
 - If you are an unemployed job seeker, you should contact your jobactive provider or find a provider who can support you
- 3. Job Hunting**
 - Check out the MyGain YouTube channel and talk to family and friends to find out how other people got their apprenticeship or traineeship
 - Find out how to research and approach employers to increase your chance of success
 - Contact Group Training Organisations and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network providers to see if they have any positions
 - Visit job search sites to find advertised vacancies
 - Tailor your resume and cover letter for the job you want before you apply
- 4. Sign Up**
 - Once you have found an employer who is interested in taking you on as an apprentice or trainee, they will need to contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider to organise the sign up
 - Once you are signed up, you will start your work as an apprentice or trainee, and your off the job training with a registered training provider

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways | real skills for real careers | aapathways.com.au/steps

- The Lady Tradies Australia is a great place to look for job vacancies and support from other lady tradies. You can be confident when employers advertise here - it demonstrates inclusion and diversity, and you will be welcomed and treated fairly in the workplace.



Stefanie – Carpenter
3 December 2021

Stefanie is a multi-skilled tradeswomen advocate. Setting up a network called Tradie Lady Club on Facebook, she is a role model for many tradeswomen throughout

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Alisha – Painter
3 December 2021

Alisha is a focused, hands on painting pro, who was inspired to start her own business. Read about her trade, passions and advice below: Why

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Teneille – Electrician
3 December 2021

Teneille is a multi-talented electrician and business owner of Tradette Electrical. She is a passionate advocate for women who want to get into trades. Watch

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Meredith – Landscaper
3 December 2021

Meredith (Merit) Fermino is a strong, positive and compassionate advocate for increasing female representation in male dominated trades, enjoyed working in landscaping internationally and in

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Be Successful at University or TAFE

What do I need to remember to be successful in my first year of Uni or TAFE?

- I should attend orientation and transition activities – that way I can find out about support and advisory services available to me!
- I need to seek assistance to learn expectations of my lecturers – I will have to learn about tertiary essay writing, using sources, avoiding plagiarism, and managing my time, etc.
- I must remember to ask for help – no-one will necessarily be offering any!
- I will need to be an independent learner – my lecturers and tutors will not be reminding me about deadlines!
- I will need to take charge of my own learning – no-one will be checking up on me to see if I am keeping up with work or assignments!
- I will need to organise my time effectively – there are no bells to remind me where to be!
- I must remember that my classes may be much larger than what I have been used to at school – I will receive less individual attention!
- I must make friends – building new friendship groups will help me cope and help me stay motivated!



Low Income Healthcare Card



Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a Low Income Health Care Card.

This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.

In particular, some TAFE and other short courses may offer discounts for cardholders.

You may also be eligible for public transport concessions.

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on YOUR income over the previous 8 weeks before applying. As long as your income is less than \$5,248 over that period (or \$656 per week) you are eligible to apply. You will be eligible to keep the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$6,560 (or \$820 per week) in any 8 week period.

It is highly recommended that all eligible school leavers consider applying for this card once you sign out of school.

Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and find out more about all the benefits, and how to apply.



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