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# **Harvest** your employment opportunities

# Picking season is here!

The Sarina Russo Harvest Services office in Gayndah and Mundubbera, is the link between local fruit growers and workers keen for temporary jobs.

## Gayndah

Gayndah is situated 366 kms North West of Brisbane and 144 kms to the West (inland) of Maryborough. It is located on the Burnett River, and has earned the title of the “Orange Capital of Queensland”.

**Sarina Russo Job Access Harvest Gayndah Office –**  
59 Capper Street, Gayndah, 4625 - ☎ 07 4160 3700

## Mundubbera

Mundubbera is located on the banks of the Burnett River, 390 kms North West of Brisbane and 189 kms North West (inland) of Maryborough and supports a large citrus industry (especially mandarins).

**Sarina Russo Job Access Harvest Mundubbera Office –**  
RSL Memorial Hall - Cnr Bauer & Stuart-Russell Street, Mundubbera, 4626 - ☎ 07 4160 3700

### Pay rates and work conditions

Most pickers are paid on a “*piece rate*”. First time pickers may find it difficult, however picking is like any physical skill – ***you get faster the more you do!*** For fruit packing and shed hand work, payment is usually by wages. The majority of growers pay fortnightly.

### Accommodation, transport and climate

Accommodation is limited, so camping equipment is an advantage. There are a number of hotels and motels located in town; however these will most likely be fully booked during the height of the season. The local caravan parks have excellent facilities including camping grounds – but you’ll need to book well in advance. Some farms have camping areas on site, so it may be appropriate that workers bring their own camping equipment.

Harvest workers must have their own transport as there is no public transport other than taxis. The weather during the harvest season (April - September) can vary and wet weather gear and warm bedding are needed in the colder parts of the season.



## Main Harvest Crops

Mandarins, Oranges, Lemons, Grapefruit & Limes.

## Timing of Season

The citrus harvest comprises of two harvests, with a short break of 3-4 weeks between the first harvest and second harvest. The picking season usually starts late March and continues through until late September, but there can also be seasonal work for grapes, blueberries, mangos for pruning & picking at other times of the year. The availability of work is dependent on climatic conditions, crop size and quality, and the number of seasonal workers in the area.

It is always wise to phone the local harvest office before travelling to the area so the harvest office staff can give you the current work situation and how much work is available at the time of your phone call.

## When should I go there?

- ☀ **March to September** - Citrus (oranges, mandarins, lemons and grapefruit)
- ☀ **November to March** - Citrus pruning and thinning
- ☀ **November to January** - Small Crops
- ☀ **April to September** - Blueberries

## What you will need

- ☑ Passport
- ☑ Current Working Visa (*Visitors to Australia*)
- ☑ Australian Tax File Number
- ☑ Bank Account Details
- ☑ Superannuation Fund Details

- ☑ Sensible covered shoes for climbing ladders
- ☑ Sunglasses, sunscreen, long sleeves & a hat
- ☑ All weather clothing as conditions can change
- ☑ Your own water and lunch
- ☑ Own transport (*Taxis are the only form of local public transport in Gayndah and there is NO taxi service available in Mundubbera*)
- ☑ Some farms will also require you to provide your own fruit picking clippers

## Helpful tips

Tax rates will be determined by your circumstance and the current working arrangements. If you fail to provide an Australian Tax File Number (TFN) you will be taxed at the highest rate. More information and a TFN can be obtained from the Australian Taxation Office.

[www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au) - ☎ 132 861

## Working Visas

If you're visiting Australia and you wish to work, you'll need a current Working Visa. These can be obtained from the Department of Immigration & Border Protection.

[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) - ☎ 131 881

## Transport direct to the area:

North Burnett Transport Service – ☎ 1300 696 272  
[www.northburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au)

## National Harvest Labour Information Service

☎ (*Free call*) 1800 062 332 (weekdays 8am -8pm) or visit the Harvest Trail website at -  
[www.jobsearch.gov.au/harvesttrail](http://www.jobsearch.gov.au/harvesttrail)



## **Harvest Hotline – ☎ 1300 792 622**

For up-to-date information on work in Gayndah & Mundubbera

### **GAYNDAH ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

*Riverview Caravan Park – ☎ 07 4161 1280*

*Riverside Motel and Caravan Park – ☎ 07 4161 1911*

*Burnett Hotel – ☎ 07 4161 1801*

*Golden Orange Hotel Motel – ☎ 07 4161 1999*

*Gayndah Colonial Motor Inn – ☎ 07 4161 1999*

*Gayndah A Motel – ☎ 07 4161 2500*

*Country Roads Motor Inn – ☎ 07 4161 2211*

*Grand Hotel – ☎ 07 4161 1200*

### **MUNDUBBERA ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

*Citrus Country Caravan Park – ☎ 07 4165 4549*

*Three Rivers Tourist Park – ☎ 07 4165 3000*

*Royal Hotel – ☎ 07 4165 4204*

*Mundubbera Hotel – ☎ 07 4165 4214*

*Mundubbera Motel – ☎ 07 4165 4399*

*Billabong Motor Inn – ☎ 07 4165 4533*

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