



Land for Wildlife Central Australia Coordinator Position Description

Job Title: Land for Wildlife Central Australia Coordinator

Job Type: Full time

Location: Land for Wildlife Central Australia, Lot 1858 Isotoma Rd, Alice Springs, Northern Territory

Supervisor / Manager: Bill Low, Director of Low Ecological Services

The Program

Land for Wildlife (LFW) is a voluntary conservation program which began in Alice Springs in 2002. Land for Wildlife in Alice Springs helps private landholders on peri-urban and rural blocks to maintain and improve native habitat and manage key biodiversity threatening processes on their properties, thus contributing to regional biodiversity conservation. Land for Wildlife supports the contribution of individuals and groups to maintain our native plants and animals so that they continue to characterise our unique Central Australian environment.

Garden for Wildlife (GFW) is an extension of the Land for Wildlife scheme which enables property owners living on town blocks to join a voluntary conservation program aimed at raising awareness about and improving biodiversity conservation within the municipality of Alice Springs.

The program is hosted by the ecological consulting company Low Ecological Services P/L, with over 40 years of experience in ecological consulting in central Australia.

The program aims to:

- Provide support and encouragement to private land owners regarding the maintenance and enhancement of native flora and fauna on private (or community owned) land, through co-operative agreements
- Build capacity, provide advisory services, and engage with the wider community via newsletters, workshops and on-site advice with property assessments. Provide technical information related to retention, enhancement or re-establishment of native vegetation, fauna and threatened species, ecological niches and appropriate habitat management for their retention; soil and erosion management, invasive species control and fire management
- Encourage landholders to integrate nature conservation with other land management activities
- Link private land to protected reserves increasing wildlife corridors and biological and genetic enhancement of plants and animal species within the MacDonnell Ranges bioregion
- Provide networks of like-minded landholders to share skills and experiences

The Role

Land for Wildlife (LFW) is looking for a coordinator to run the program on a full time basis, managing membership and growing the capacity of the program.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- Work closely with the Low Ecological Services Director to advance the Land for Wildlife program.

- Promote the Land for Wildlife scheme and conservation on private lands to the wider community through attendance at markets and other community events, conducting radio interviews and other media opportunities
- Assist in the production of monthly newsletters for members
- Engage and support the local NRM community (Arid Lands Environment Centre, Australian Plants Society Inc. Alice Springs, Alice Springs Field Naturalists Club, Olive Pink Botanic Gardens, Alice Springs Desert Park, Alice Springs Landcare Inc.) and the national Land for Wildlife network
- Maintain ongoing communications with landholders, Land for Wildlife / Garden for Wildlife registration applicants, community groups and stakeholders
- Undertake or assist with property assessments for Land for Wildlife registrations
- Produce technical reports following property assessments for landholders
- Conduct biodiversity surveys of member properties to increase member knowledge in self-assessment techniques
- Coordinate and facilitate regular workshops and field days for members to attend, raising awareness in biodiversity conservation of the local region
- Conduct workshops and education programs for schools
- Coordinate the Feral Spotted Turtle-dove eradication program
- Liaise with the community regarding feral Cat trap loans and manage a trapping program
- Maintain the member database and carry out day to day administration duties
- Manage the Land for Wildlife and the Garden for Wildlife budgets, including management of funds incoming and outgoing, and complete regular financial reports for funding agencies
- Submit grant applications & acquittals, and report to funding bodies to continue with the development of capacity building activities for members and the community
- Manage the NT Register of Significant Trees, including processing new nominations, updating the database and managing the online presence.
- Maintain the information on the Land for Wildlife / Garden for Wildlife website in consultation with the web master
- Assist in the development of framework to expand the Land for Wildlife scheme to adjacent pastoral and Aboriginal properties, surrounding shires and schools

Essential Selection Criteria

Qualifications

- Northern Territory drivers licence
- Working with Children (Ochre) card or the ability to obtain one

Knowledge and Experience

- Background knowledge and experience in biodiversity conservation and natural resource management

Skills

- Cooperative, imaginative, versatile and easy to get along with, willing to work in a small team environment, ability to work with a wide range of people with no prejudice (landholders, NRM staff and funding agencies, community members)
- Excellent communication and organisation skills
- Ability to manage projects and deal with competing priorities
- Ability to write technical reports and newsletters
- Computing skills including the use of standard Microsoft software and general database management
- Ability to manage budgets, ability to apply for and acquit grants

Desirable Attributes

Qualifications

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in natural resource management

- Working in the Construction Industry (White) card or ability to obtain one

Knowledge and Experience

- Knowledge of the local flora and fauna, as well as plant identification skills
- Experience in media promotions
- Experience in working with children in an education capacity
- Experience in undertaking biodiversity surveys, knowledge of appropriate animal handling techniques, possess animal ethics training through CDU

Skills

- Computing skills including the creation of maps using GIS (Geographical Information Software), the management of websites and newsletters using online platforms such as Wordpress and Mailchimp

Opportunities

Opportunities will be provided to work in the natural resource consultancy field with skilled professionals, which enable you to pass information on to Land for Wildlife and Garden for Wildlife members and the public in general with a view to enhancing habitat for wildlife.

Salary and Position Attributes

- Salary rate by negotiation with regular increment pay rises
- 4 weeks holiday, sick leave, work health insurance, 9% superannuation
- Flexible working hours
- The coordination of the program will be undertaken by the applicant at a full time rate, with a part time assistant one day a week
- Interesting environmental consultancy work will more than likely arise within Low Ecological Services at regular intervals

Applications

Please send a one to two page cover letter addressing the essential selection criteria and desirable attributes, as well as your current resume, to lfw@lowecol.com.au .

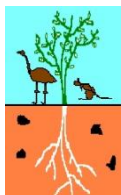
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