

VOLUNTEER POLICY



PREAMBLE

The Parks and Wildlife Commission recognises the benefits of having volunteers to assist in Commission activities.

The participation of volunteers also supports the Commission's functional statement on promoting community awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of the environment.

POLICY

Local residents and interstate or international visitors can apply for volunteer work. They can be individuals or groups either registered directly with the Commission or through approved organisations or institutions.

All applications will be considered subject to the Conservation Volunteer Guidelines and Volunteer safety documents contained in the Parks and Wildlife Commission's Administration Manual.

Volunteers may be included in work activities in Parks, Conservation Management, Bioregional Assessment, Administration, Bushfires Council, Territory Wildlife Park, Alice Springs Desert Park, Darwin Botanic Gardens or Herbarium.

Duties will be broad-based dependent on individual aspirations, supervisory requirements, and current project programming. Included in these duties will be park related maintenance, interpretation, field assistance, crowd control, liaison, wildlife care, research assistance and administrative duties.

The application by each volunteer will be entered onto a register of volunteers shared on the network by regional contacts and maintained in the northern region. The register will have corporate confidentiality unless otherwise expressed by the volunteer.

Promotion of the scheme and current events including available projects will be addressed in a regular "Volunteer Newsletter" distributed on a Territory-wide basis.

Specific training programs for volunteers will be developed.

Volunteer attendance will be recorded by the volunteer, checked by the project officer and maintained within the database by the regional coordinator.

Uniforms and/or name badges will be available to long term volunteers.

The period of tenure is variable up to twelve months with an option of renewal.

The register and newsletter schemes will be managed initially by Commission officers in each region, but this task might be undertaken by volunteers in the longer term.

Acknowledgement of volunteer work will be made as appropriate.

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