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Volunteers Being Called to the Wild

The Territory Wildlife Park is calling on members of the public who are interested in the outdoors, wildlife and community involvement to come along and lend a hand.

Territory Wildlife Park Manager Gae Mackay said volunteers make an extraordinary contribution to the Park and are a valuable asset.

“Volunteering helps people build new skills, meet new people, add variety to their lives and diversifies their work experience,” Ms Mackay said.

“Many volunteers feel they are taking care of the extension of their backyard because the Territory Wildlife Park is an iconic part of the Northern Territory.”

The first volunteer activity is scheduled for Saturday 26 April between 9am – 12pm and will involve a ‘preparation for the dry season’ spring clean.

“We need help with weeding, path clearing and other general outdoor duties,” Ms Mackay said.

“Volunteers need to bring gloves, wear suitable closed-in shoes and make sure they protect themselves from the sun with sunscreen, hat, t-shirt and sunglasses.

“After the clean-up a free sausage sizzle lunch will be provided which gives volunteers a chance to mingle and meet new people.”

Members of the public are also invited to become a *Friend of the Park*, the Territory Wildlife Park’s partners in conservation, research and community education.

“As a *Friend of the Park* we add your name to our list of special supporters and keep you informed of exclusive events such as volunteer days, guided walks and talks, behind the scenes activities, camps and sleepovers,” Ms Mackay said.

“To become a *Friend of the Park* people need to have their Territorian Pass and donate \$25 to Territory Ark, a special fund for the care and management of our wildlife and their habitats.”

Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a *Friend of the Park* can contact the Territory Wildlife Park on 8988 7200 or visit www.territorywildlifepark.com.au.

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Media Note – for more information contact Gae Mackay on 8988 7200

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