



Buckaringa Volunteer Ranger Program

Join the Bucka Rangers Team!

Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is dynamic non-profit organisation delivering a new model for conservation in Australia. Our core business is protecting endangered native species.

We are seeking volunteers at Buckaringa Wildlife Sanctuary in the beautiful Southern Flinders Ranges. Buckaringa Sanctuary conserves 2,000 hectares of rugged quartzite ranges and broad valley floors in the southern central Flinders Ranges of South Australia. The property offers spectacular scenery featuring steep cliffs and dramatic gorges, dissected by Red Gum-lined creeks. Buckaringa Sanctuary protects one of the largest wild populations of the nationally threatened Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby and is an important secure refuge for the species.

Our Buckaringa Rangers work closely with Sanctuary Manager, Keith Bellchambers, caretaking during any absences and performing routine tasks including general land management activities, building maintenance and repairs, maintenance and repairs to roads, tracks and fences, weed management, providing information to visitors, revegetation (tree planting), and record keeping of rainfall and temperature.

Volunteers stay in a comfortable two-bedroom stone cottage on site where they will wake up to the sounds of bird song every morning (you may occasionally have to share the accommodation with visiting AWC staff for short periods). The cottage is furnished and has a fridge, gas hot water system, gas stove, basic cooking utensils and first aid kit. There is an outside toilet and the power is supplied via a diesel generator. All you need to supply is your own food and bed linen. AWC provide a weekly contribution towards living expenses and a 4WD vehicle for use by appropriately skilled and licensed volunteers whilst at Buckaringa. Fuel for this vehicle and all required tools and equipment are also provided.

We are currently seeking volunteers who for 2 - 4 weeks during:

- February 2017
- March 2017
- June 2017
- July 2017
- October 2017

Key requirements:

- Remote living and travel experience
- 4WD'ing off-road in a range of conditions and own transport capable of reaching Buckaringa (i.e. remote off-road tracks)
- Medium/high level of fitness
- An interest in and understanding of AWC and conservation issues in Australia including a genuine interest in and care of the environment and the ability to foster a culture of ecological awareness
- Good communication and people skills
- Follow safety instructions and report any incidents or hazards. Coordinate a check-in system with the Sanctuary Manager.

Inherent requirements of the role:

The execution of tasks associated with the Buckaringa Ranger position will involve working outdoors and this can be in extremes of weather, with temperatures from 3 degrees overnight to 40+ degrees during the day. Tasks can be physically demanding involving repetitive activities, this position therefore requires a moderate to high level of fitness. The successful volunteer applicants must be physically capable of performing these activities in order to carry out the inherent role requirements.

Volunteers should carefully consider the fitness requirements and remoteness of the property and seek any additional information (including medical advice where relevant) before deciding on whether to apply. Buckaringa is a remote property, with unpredictable weather, therefore your travel plans should include a contingency for extra days travel/staying on at Buckaringa.

This is a fantastic opportunity to become part of the Buckaringa Ranger Team and develop a long-term relationship with the Australian Wildlife Conservancy.

Registering your interest:

Please contact **Keith Bellchambers, Buckaringa Sanctuary Manager** (Keith.bellchambers@australianwildlife.org) for further information about this volunteering opportunity.

To be considered for a place, please register through our online portal:

<http://support.australianwildlife.org/volunteering-opportunities>

Once registered, you will see a list of all currently available volunteering opportunities. Please select “**Buckaringa Volunteer Ranger Program**” and follow the steps to register your interest in this opportunity.

Please note: volunteer opportunities with AWC are limited and may require a specific skill-set. For this reason, registering does not guarantee placement. We will contact you when you have been successfully matched to a volunteering opportunity.

We thank you for your interest in and support of Australian Wildlife Conservancy.