

Lord Howe Island Weed Challenge Volunteers Wanted

The Lord Howe Island Weed Eradication Program is moving into its 11th Year. The Lord Howe Island Board is seeking Expressions Of Interest from experienced bush regenerators with high level of plant identification skills and bush fitness to volunteer on the program.

Up to 10 positions are vacant each year depending on funding resources. Individuals or groups of up to 4 people can apply (pending accommodation availability).

A minimum of 3 weeks is required working 5 days per week in return for accommodation, basic food allowance, return airfares (Sydney, Port Macquarie or Brisbane).

This program covers 'all terrain' and persons must be capable to work in exposed situations, on steep uneven ground, at elevation and in dense shrubland. Weed populations are on a downward trend and the challenge is find the target weeds before they mature. The volunteer program provides you the opportunity to help progress the eradication of weeds and to experience LHI off the beaten track.

How To Apply

Please respond to the criteria below & email to administration@lhib.nsw.gov.au
Shortlisted applicants and their referees will be contacted and interviewed by phone. A readiness for physical work form will need to be completed.

LHI Volunteer Weed Program EOI Criteria

- 1. Experience or formal training in bush regeneration or equivalent;
- 2. Experience working on volunteer programs (describe your motivation for applying);
- 3. Sound plant recognition skills with ability to identify target weeds at all life stages including bitou, bridal creeper, cherry guava, climbing asparagus, ground asparagus, cotoneaster and ochna etc;
- 4. Ability to apply a range of weed control techniques including the use of herbicide (e.g. cut and paint);
- 5. Self motivated with a high level of bush fitness, experience in working off the beaten track on steep terrain and in dense bushland. Must be willing to work in wet weather;
- 6. Ability to work as part of a team and with minimal supervision. Capacity to live in shared, bunk style accommodation;
- 7. Please provide 2 referees.

For further information please contact sue.bower@lhib.nsw.gov.au or (02)65632066 ext 26

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